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Protecting human rights, rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean **South Programme V**

LAUNCHING EVENT

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LISBON (PORTUGAL)



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PROGRAMME – LAUNCHING CONFERENCE

Venue: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Avenida de Berna, 45A, Lisbon

Monday 13 March 2023

8:30 Registration of participants

9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS

- H.E. Mr João GOMES CRAVINHO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal
- Mr Bjorn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe
- Ambassador Lorenzo VELLA, President of the North-South Centre Executive Committee, Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe
- Ms Ingrid SCHWAIGER, Deputy Head of Unit - Regional Cooperation Neighbourhood South, Economic Investment Plan, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

Video Presentation of the South Programme V

Introductory remarks by the representatives of the countries benefiting from a bilateral Neighbourhood Partnership with the Council of Europe

- H.E. Mr Abdellatif OUAHBI, Minister of Justice, Morocco
- H.E. Ms Leïla JAFFEL, Minister of Justice, Tunisia, or her representative (TBC)

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10:30 *Coffee break, media corner*

11:00 PROGRESSING TOWARDS A COMMON LEGAL SPACE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

The first session will allow for discussions on the relevance of Council of Europe flagship conventions in the region. Featuring presentations by partner authorities in the region on their experience on accession processes, exchanges will focus on the added value of the progressive establishment of a common legal space for better protection of human rights, the rule of law and the implementation of democratic governance standards.

- **KEYNOTE SPEECH** by Mr Haizam AMIRAH FERNANDEZ, Senior expert, Real Instituto Elcano
- **ROUNDTABLE**

Moderation: Ms Pilar MORALES, Coordinator of the Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean

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- Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal
- Ms Hanne JUNCHER, Head of Action against Economic Crime Department and Executive Secretary of the Group of States against Corruption GRECO, Council of Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Nadia BERNOUSSI, Constitutionalist, Mohamed V University, Member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, Member of the Human Rights Committee Geneva

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 ENSURING IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARED STANDARDS

The second session will present the mechanisms and networks of the South Programme in response to common challenges. Presentations by representatives of partner authorities will be followed by exchanges on the added value and effective implementation of these tools for the protection of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

- **ROUNDTABLE**

Moderation: Mr Mehdi REMILI, Head of Unit, Capacity Building and Cooperation Projects – South-Med Region, Council of Europe

- Mr Moncef BEDAIRA, Deputy Director of Cooperation and External Relations, Directorate General of Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Algeria, National Coordinator, University for Democracy for the Southern Mediterranean (UniDem Med) of the Venice Commission
- Ms Imene KHALIFA, Programme Manager, Council of Europe
- Ms Eva PASTRANA, Head of Division, Justice, and Human Rights training (HELP), Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- Mr Iyad ALJABER, General Director of The Daring Hub for Training and Development

Rapporteur: Ms Salwa HAMROUNI, Professor at the University of Carthage, Tunisia

18:00-20:00 WELCOMING RECEPTION OFFERED BY THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AND THE NORTH SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Venue: State Protocol – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Tuesday 14 March 2023

9:30 PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS ON SOUTH PROGRAMME KEY INTERVENTION AREAS

- WORKSHOP I: Anti-corruption; anti-money laundering and financing of terrorism

The workshop will focus on the importance of the fight against economic crime including measures against corruption, money laundering and financing of terrorism. The participants will discuss the Council of Europe's standards, Criminal and Civil Law Conventions on Corruption, Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism (CETS n° 198), as well as soft law instruments such as recommendations from the Committee of Ministers. This will be supplemented with a discussion on the work of the monitoring mechanisms such as the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL).

Moderation: Mr Mustafa FERATI, Head of Division, Economic crime & Cooperation, Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Rapporteur: TBC

- WORKSHOP II: Combatting trafficking in human beings

The focus on the protection of victims of human trafficking is the key added value of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The convention recognises a series of rights for victims of human trafficking, in particular the right to be identified as a victim, the right to protection and assistance. To improve the victim identification, referral, and protection processes, it is important to establish a multidisciplinary cooperation, in which all anti-trafficking actors fulfil their obligations towards the presumed victims. The workshop will discuss processes and tools for detection, identification, and referral of victims, while highlighting country experiences in this field.

Moderation: Mr Manuel ALBANO, National Rapporteur - Trafficking in Human Beings, Portugal

Rapporteur: TBC

- WORKSHOP III: Sport and Human Rights and the European Human Rights Training Programme for Legal Professionals (HELP)

The workshop will address: Anti-Doping Convention; Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions, (Macolin Convention); Convention on an integrated approach to safety, security and services at football matches and other sporting events (Saint Denis Convention); HELP programme with focus on its module on human rights in sports.

Moderation: Mr Mounir El Fassi, Director of the Human Rights Department, League of Arab States

Rapporteur: TBC

12:30 Lunch

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14:00 PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS ON SOUTH PROGRAMME KEY INTERVENTION AREAS (continuation)

- **WORKSHOP IV: Personal data as a target for cybercrime, with a focus on public health**

The workshop will address Convention on Cybercrime, (Budapest Convention); Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data (Convention 108/108+); Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME Convention). In particular, it will highlight the points of convergence of these open instruments and the relevance of setting up networks at regional and inter-regional level, of common actions and frameworks, in view of dialogue and co-operation between the various stakeholders to enhance the fight against cybercrime and the counterfeiting and trafficking of medical products, while ensuring the protection of individuals and of their personal data. The workshop will give States parties and those States having been invited to join to these conventions the opportunity to share their experience and to lay down the first basis for regional thematic co-operation extended to all countries beneficiaries of the South Programme.

Moderation: TBC

Rapporteur: TBC

- **WORKSHOP V: Freedom of Expression, Pluralistic Media and Access to Information**

This workshop aims to take stock of the current set up and existing mechanisms as well as challenges in the region with regard to the sector. Moreover, it will aim at sharing the institutional set up and networks for the purpose of engaging regional participation, cooperation and dialogue among media professionals, audio-visual regulatory authorities, journalists and self-regulatory bodies. Furthermore, it will allow to introduce possible tools and mechanisms that may be regionally developed / made available in enabling law enforcement and policy reformers at the national level to address common challenges and handle on going trends in the media and information society sector.

Moderation: Ms Arditia ABDIU, Head of Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Roberta BATTISTA, Project Manager, Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression Information Society Department, Council of Europe

- **WORKSHOP VI: Combating violence against women and children**

The Conventions on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul) and on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote) have one essential point in common: they are built upon a rights-based approach. To ensure that the rights of women and children who are victims of violence are fully respected, it is essential that the institutions and professionals involved in their care put in place principles and mechanisms for multi-sectoral cooperation throughout the intervention chain. This multisectoral

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cooperation is intended to ensure the coherence of the judicial, medical, psychological, and social care of victims by avoiding the risks of re-traumatisation. The workshop will detail the fundamental principles of this multisectoral cooperation and will illustrate them through concrete examples.

Moderation: Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal

Rapporteur: TBC

16:30 *Coffee break*

17:00 CLOSING- Presentation of the conclusions