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COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSAIRE AUX
DROITS DE L'HOMME



25th Anniversary of the Institution of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights:

**FACING THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE,
BUILDING ON A QUARTER CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE**

**21 November 2024, 09:30-12:40
Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle
Strasbourg**

PROGRAMME

08:00-9:15 REGISTRATION

- Welcome coffee

09:30-10:05 OPENING

Moderator's welcome: Imogen Foulkes

Screening of a video introducing the former and current Commissioners and their field activities

Addresses:

- Yuriko Backes, Minister for Gender Equality and Diversity, Minister of Defence, and Minister for Mobility and Public Works, Luxembourg, on behalf of the Presidency of Luxembourg of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Pierre-Alain Fridez, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

10:05-10:25 KEYNOTE SPEECH

- His Royal Highness Henri, Grand Duke of Luxembourg

- 10:25-10:35 OPENING (continued)
- Marc Cools, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
 - Marko Bošnjak, President of the European Court of Human Rights
- 10:35-10:45 RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
- Michael O’Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 10:45-11:25 HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT 1: 25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP: REFLECTIONS FROM FORMER COMMISSIONERS ON IMPACT AND RELEVANCE OF THE INSTITUTION
- Moderated panel discussion followed by Q&A with former Commissioners present in the room:
 Álvaro Gil-Robles, Nils Muižnieks and Dunja Mijatović.
 Message by former Commissioner Thomas Hammarberg
- 11:25-12:30 HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT 2: STANDING UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHALLENGING TIMES
- Moderated panel discussion followed by Q&A with
 Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Right to Development Division, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
 Sirpa Rautio, Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency
 Olof Skoog, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
 Tea Jaliashvili, Director Alternate, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
- 12:30-12:40 CONCLUDING REMARKS
- Michael O’Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 12:40-13:30 RECEPTION (Lobby of the Hemicycle)