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PROGRAMME

Hotel Centre Ville, Podgorica, Montenegro

14 – 15 November 2018

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2018

09:00 – 10:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10:00 – 10:30 OFFICIAL OPENING

MODERATOR: Ambassador **Drahošlav Štefánek**, Head of Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo

OPENING REMARKS:

- Ambassador **Zoran Janković**, State Secretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
- Ambassador **Aivo Orav**, Head of the European Union Delegation to Montenegro
- **Christian Ahlund**, Member of the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

10:30 – 11:00 WHY A REGIONAL CONFERENCE: BACKGROUND AND AIMS

MODERATOR: **Tobias Flessenkemper**, Head of Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

- **Hallvard Gorseth**, Head of Department, Anti-discrimination Department, Directorate General of Democracy (DGII), Council of Europe
- **Goran Svilanović**, Secretary General, Regional Co-operation Council

DISCUSSION

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11:00 – 11:30 PRESS STATEMENTS AND COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 LINKS BETWEEN STANDARD SETTING, MONITORING AND CO-OPERATION IN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

MODERATOR: **Isabelle Servoz – Gallucci**, Head of Council of Europe Office in Pristina

- **Stefano Valenti**, Head of Unit, No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit, Anti-discrimination Department, Directorate General of Democracy (DGII), Council of Europe
- **Siniša Bjeković**, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- **Tatjana Perić**, Adviser on Combating Racism and Xenophobia, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

DISCUSSION

13:00 – 14:15 LUNCH BREAK

14:15 – 15:30 SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES ON MINORITY PROTECTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

MODERATOR: **Olsi Dekovi**, Acting Head of Council of Europe Office in Tirana

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

Brunilda Minarolli – Head of Section on Human Rights, Minorities and Reporting, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania; **Tihomir Knežiček** – Chair, Council of National Minorities, Bosnia and Herzegovina; **Hilmi Jashari** – Ombudsman, Kosovo*; **Zdenka Perović**, Deputy Ombudsman, Montenegro; **Anamarija Viček** - State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia; **Naser Muaremi**, Deputy Head of the Department for Regional Development, Ministry of Local Self-Government, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

DISCUSSION

15:30 – 16:30 THE LINK BETWEEN COMBATING HATE SPEECH AND PROTECTING MINORITY RIGHTS

MODERATOR: **Katarina Golubović**, President of the Programme Board, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM) Serbia

- **Milica Novaković**, Expert, former lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
- **Prof. Rainer Hofmann**, former Chairperson, Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM)

DISCUSSION

16:30 – 17:00 PRESENTATION OF WORKING GROUPS AND METHODOLOGY

- **Prof. Rainer Hofmann**, former Chairperson, Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM) - Moderator, Working Group I on legislative framework relating to anti-discrimination, with a special focus on the protection of national minorities
- **Robert Gajda**, Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, Albania – Moderator Working group II on the role of Equality Bodies/Ombudspersons and Civil Society Organisations in combating discrimination and promoting tolerance and inclusiveness
- **Marija Andreeva**, Project Coordinator, OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs – Moderator, Working Group III on the promotion of diversity in local communities and combating hate speech

NOTE: BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUPS BY MODERATORS

19:30 OFFICIAL DINNER AT THE RESTAURANT “IMANJE KNJAZ”

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2018

09:30 – 11:00 WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Working Group I on legislative framework relating to anti-discrimination, with a special focus on the protection of national minorities (Hall 2)

Working Group II on the role of Equality Bodies/Ombudspersons and Civil Society Organisations in combating discrimination and promoting tolerance and inclusiveness (Hall 3)

Working Group III on promotion of diversity in local communities and combating hate speech (Hall 4)

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

NOTE: AFTER THE COFFEE BREAK, PARTICIPANTS ARE FREE TO CHANGE THE WORKING GROUP

11:30 – 12:30 WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUATION)

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30 PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUPS' FINDINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE REGION, COMMON CHALLENGES AND STRENGTHS

- **Prof. Rainer Hofmann** – Moderator, Working Group I on legislative framework relating to anti-discrimination, with a special focus on the protection national minorities
- **Robert Gajda** – Moderator, Working group II on the role of Equality Bodies/Ombudspersons and Civil Society Organisations in combating discrimination and promoting tolerance and inclusiveness
- **Marija Andreeva** – Moderator, Working Group III on promotion of diversity in local communities and combating hate speech

15:30 – 16:00 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS

MODERATOR: **Angela Longo**, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica

- **Ivan Ivanišević**, Director General for Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
- **Hallvard Gorseth**, Head of Department, Anti-discrimination Department, Directorate General of Democracy (DGII), Council of Europe