

**Seminar with national Specialised Bodies
to combat racism and racial discrimination¹**

“Challenges faced in the current institutional and budgetary environment”

**30-31 May 2013
Strasbourg, AGORA Building – Room G02**

Programme

Thursday, 30 May 2013

9:30 - 9:45	OPENING OF THE SEMINAR by ECRI's Vice-Chair Ms Barbara JOHN
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9:45 - 11:00	SESSION I ON INDEPENDENCE Chair: Ms Barbara JOHN
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9:45 - 10:00	General introduction by Mr Jean-Paul LEHNERS, ECRI member
10:00 - 10:15	Mr Vasco MALTA, Legal Adviser, High Commissioner for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue (Portugal)
10:15 - 10:30	Ms Ingrid NIKOLAY-LEITNER, Director of the Office of the Ombud for Equal Treatment (Austria)
10:30 - 11:00	Discussion with contributions from the floor

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30	FIRST PART OF SESSION II ON EFFECTIVENESS Chair: Mr Michael FARRELL, ECRI member
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11:15 - 11:30	General introduction by Mr Jozef DE WITTE, Chair of the Equinet Executive Board and Director of the Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism (Belgium)
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11:30 – 12:00	Sub-Session IIa on budget and legal powers
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11:30 - 11:45	Mr Miroslaw WROBLEWSKI, Head of Department of Constitutional and International Law, Human Rights Defender of Poland
11:45 - 12:00	Mr Csaba Ferenc ASZTALOS, President, National Council for Combating Discrimination (Romania)
12:00 - 12:30	Discussion with contributions from the floor

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

¹ ECRI understands “racial discrimination” as discrimination on grounds of ethnic origin, colour, citizenship, religion and language.

14:30 - 15:30	SECOND PART OF SESSION II ON EFFECTIVENESS Sub-Session IIb on maintaining core expertise Chair: Mr Jean-Paul LEHNERS
14:30 - 14:45	Mr Paul Aarre LAPPALAINEN, Senior Advisor, Office of the Swedish Equality Ombudsman
14:45 - 15:00	Mr Chris OSWALD, Head of Policy & Communications, Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland (United Kingdom)
15:00 - 15:30	Discussion with contributions from the floor

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00	SESSION III ON DIVISION OF LABOUR Chair: Mr Jean-Paul LEHNERS
16:00 - 16:15	Mr Ignacio SOLA BARLEYCORN, Secretary General, Council for the Promotion of Equal Treatment and Non-Discrimination on the Grounds of Racial or Ethnic Origin (Spain)
16:15 - 16:30	Ms Carmen COMAS-MATA MIRA, Director of Cabinet, Defensor del Pueblo (Spain)
16:30 - 17:00	Discussion with contributions from the floor

17:00 - 18:00 Reception

Friday, 31 May 2013

9:30 - 11:15	SESSION IV ON ACCESSIBILITY AND RELATIONS WITH NGOS Chair: Mr Stefano VALENTI, ECRI's Secretariat
9:30 - 9:45	Mr Serhiy PONOMARYOV, Deputy Head of Department at the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights
9:45 - 10:00	Ms Kalliopi SPANOU, Ombudsman (Greece)
10:00 - 10:15	Mr Vladimir LUKIN, Federal Ombudsman (Russian Federation)
10:15 - 10:30	Ms Olga ABRAMENKO, Director, ADC Memorial
10:30 - 10:45	Mr Simon PAPUASHVILI, International Partnership for Human Rights
10:45 - 11:15	Discussion with contributions from the floor

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00	SEMINAR CONCLUSIONS AND TOPIC OF ECRI'S 2014 SEMINAR WITH SPECIALISED BODIES Chair: Ms Barbara JOHN
11:30 - 11:45	Seminar conclusions by Mr Michael FARRELL
11:45 - 13:00	Proposal for ECRI'S 2014 seminar with specialised bodies by Stephanos STAVROS, Executive Secretary to ECRI followed by discussion