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Seminar with national specialised bodies to combat racism and racial discrimination

The relationship between integration and the fight against racism and racial discrimination

28 – 29 February 2008
Strasbourg, G Building – Room G03

PROGRAMME

Moderator: Ms Winnie SORGDRAGER member of ECRI

SESSION 1: Setting the scene	
9:00	Welcome by Professor Eva SMITH ASMUSSEN, Chair of ECRI
9:05 – 9:25	Integration – concepts and main challenges with regard to the fight against racism and racial discrimination, by Ms Isil GACHET, Executive Secretary to ECRI
9:25 – 10:15	Discussion
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break

Moderator: Mr Niall CROWLEY, Chief Executive Officer of the Equality Authority (Ireland)

SESSION 2: Integration: General trends in practice in Europe	
10:30 – 10:45	The practical framework for integration in Europe - Presentation by Mr Jan NIESSEN, Director of the Migration Policy Group (MPG)
10:45 – 11:30	The practical framework for integration in a selected number of countries - <u>France</u> : Professor Patrick WEIL, historian and political scientist, research director at the <i>Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS)</i> - <u>Denmark</u> : Ms Helle STENUM, migration researcher, Academy for Migration Studies, Aalborg University - <u>Romania</u> : Mr Adrian BUNOAICA, Chief of Staff, National Council for Combating Discrimination
11:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

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Moderator: Mr Claude-Valentin MARIE, Vice-President of the *Haute autorité de lutte contre les discriminations et pour l'égalité* (France)

SESSION 3: Integration and non-discrimination in specific policy areas – Part I	
14:00 – 14:30	<u>Employment</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Integration and non-discrimination in employment – state of play: Mr Patrick TARAN, Senior Migration Specialist, International Labour Organisation (ILO)- Good practice: the anti-racist workplace week: Mr Niall CROWLEY, Chief Executive Officer of the Equality Authority (Ireland)
14:30 – 15:30	Discussion
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break

Moderator: Mr Michael HEAD, member of ECRI

SESSION 4: Integration and non-discrimination in specific policy areas- Part II	
15:45 – 16:15	<u>Education</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Integration and non-discrimination in education – state of play: Ms Vera EGENBERGER, Director of the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC)- Good practice: Promoting diversity and combating segregation at school, Mr Michel VANDERKAM, <i>Centre pour l'égalité des chances et la lutte contre le racisme</i> (Belgium)
16:15 – 16:45	Discussion
16:45 – 17:15	<u>Participation in public life</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community cohesion: a tool or a goal? Assessing ideas, policies and outcomes after 2001, Mr Marc VERLOT, Director of Foresight and Head of Policy, Equality and Human Rights Commission (UK)- Good practice: practical initiatives for the integration of immigrants and ethnic minorities at the local level, Mr Duarte MIRANDA MENDES, Office of the High Commissioner for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue (Portugal)
17:15 – 17:45	Discussion

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Moderator: Professor Gün KUT, member of ECRI

SESSION 5: Integration and naturalisation tests and non-discrimination in access to rights	
9:30 – 10:00	Integration and naturalisation tests and non-discrimination in access to rights - The Dutch experience: Ms Joëlle De POORTE, Institute for Multicultural Development – FORUM - The Latvian experience: Ms Ilze BRANDS-KEHRIS, Director of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies
10:00 – 11:15	Discussion
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break

Moderator: Mr Michael HEAD, member of ECRI

CLOSING SESSION	
11:45 – 12:00	Presentation of the main findings of the Seminar by the Rapporteur
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30	Closing of the Seminar