

# ECRI

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance  
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## Seminar with national specialised bodies to combat racism and racial discrimination

13-14 November 2003  
Strasbourg, Human Rights Building  
Salle de la Direction

### PROGRAMME

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Moderator: Mr Jenö KALTENBACH, Vice-Chair of ECRI

9:00	Welcome by Mr Michael HEAD, Chair of ECRI
9:15 – 9:30	Introduction to ECRI's work, by Ms Isil GACHET, Executive Secretary to ECRI
9:30 – 10:00	Presentation of ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No.7, by Professor Joseph VOYAME, member of ECRI
10:00 – 10:45	Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Definition of racism and racial discrimination</b>  Presentation by Ms Nina VAJIĆ, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights  Discussion
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Criminal law</b>  The application of ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No.7 in Belgium, by Mr François SANT'ANGELO, deputy member of ECRI, <i>Animateur du Service « Lutte contre le racisme » du Centre pour l'égalité des chances et la lutte contre le racisme</i>  Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

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14:00 – 16:15	<b>Civil and administrative law</b>
	<p>The application of the civil law aspects of ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No.7 in the United Kingdom, by Ms Sarah SPENCER, Vice-Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The application of the administrative law aspects of ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No.7 in Portugal, by Mr João FIGUEIREDO, Legal Advisor of the High Commissioner for Immigration and Ethnic Minorities</p> <p>Discussion</p>
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Common provisions</b>
	<p>Legal assistance and legal representation of victims of racism and racial discrimination, by Mr Alan ANSTEAD, European Roma Rights Centre</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Conclusions</b> of the first day by the Moderator

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day - Moderator: Ms Winnie SORGDRAGER, Chair of ECRI's Working Group on relations with civil society**

9:00 – 9:05	<b>OPENING</b>
9:05 – 9:20	<p>Presentation of ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No.2 and the relevant provisions of General Policy Recommendation no.7 on the setting up of a national specialised body to combat racism and racial discrimination, by Mr Giancarlo CARDINALE, member of ECRI's Secretariat</p>

9:20 – 9:50	“Implementing ECRI’s General Policy Recommendation No.2: observations and practical examples”, by Mr Steffen WESTERGARD, author of the report on “The role, structure and functioning of specialised bodies to promote equality and/or combat discrimination”
9:50 – 10:15	Discussion
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Mandate and status of national specialised bodies</b>  Introductory statement by Mr Michail IVANOV, Secretary General of the Bulgarian National Council for Ethnic and Demographic Issues  Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Structure and internal organisation of national specialised bodies</b>  Introductory statement by Ms Aušrinė BURNEIKIENĖ, Lithuanian Ombudsman for Equal Opportunities  Discussion
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Functions and responsibilities of national specialised bodies</b>  a) <b>Information:</b> (Monitoring, Documentation, Awareness raising, Training)  Introductory statement by Ms Doris ANGST YILMAZ, deputy member of ECRI, Head of the Secretariat of the Swiss Federal Commission against Racism  Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:45	b) <b>Advice:</b> (for victims of discrimination, for government and public authorities, for other interested parties (employers, other social partners etc.))  Introductory statement by Mr Jenő KALTENBACH, Vice-Chair of ECRI, Hungarian Parliamentary

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	Discussion
14:45 – 15:30	c) Legal assistance: (Legal assistance, mediation, legal representation)
	Introductory statement by Ms Anna Theodora GUNNARSDOTTIR, Swedish Deputy Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination
	Discussion
15:30 – 16:15	d) Investigation and Decision making: (investigation, acting as a formal decision-making body)
	Introductory statement by Ms Jenny GOLDSCHMIDT, former Chair of the Dutch Equal Treatment Commission
	Discussion
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Cooperation with other organisations, institutions and civil society</b>
	Introductory statement by Mr Christian JURA, President of the Romanian National Council for Combating Discrimination
	Discussion
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Conclusions</b> of the Seminar by the Moderator