



Launching Seminar - South Programme III

Ensuring Sustainable Democratic Governance and Human Rights in the Southern Mediterranean

Programme

Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 18 September 2018
(Room 9)

2 pm

Registration of participants

2.30 pm - 3 pm

Opening session

Moderator:

Verena Taylor, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Ambassador Katrin Kivi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Committee of Ministers

Ambassador Meglena Kuneva, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe

Khalid Afkir, General Consul of the Kingdom of Morocco in Strasbourg

Mohamed Trabelsi, Consul of the Tunisian Republic in Strasbourg

3 pm - 4 pm

Round table: Europe and the Southern Mediterranean: common values, common standards?

Moderator:

Jan Kleijssen, Director of Information Society and Action Against Crime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

Ambassador Manuel Montobbio, Permanent Representative of Spain to the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Executive Committee of North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Larbi Tabit, Secretary General, Ministry of family, solidarity, equality and social development, Morocco

Ambassador Sémia Zouari Gorgi, Director in charge of Council of Europe, OSCE and NATO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia

Exchange of views

4 - 4.30 pm

Coffee break & family photograph

4.30 - 6.15 pm

Working sessions: Regional action to combat common challenges

- **Efficient democratic instances for good governance and improved legislative frameworks**

Moderator:

Ardita Abdiu, Head of Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Ingrid Schwaiger, Head of Unit a.i., DG NEAR, European Commission

Chawki Tabib, President, National Instance for the Fight Against Corruption, Tunisia

Peter Wardle, Election Expert for the Venice Commission, former Chief Executive of the UK Electoral Commission

Exchange of views

- **Combating violence against women**

Moderator:

William Massolin, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunisia

Speakers:

Gülsün Bilgehan, PACE General Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

Daniele Cangemi, Head of Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department,
Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Silvia Grundmann, Head of Division, Media and Internet Governance,
Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Exchange of views

6.15 pm **Closing session - Programme perspectives**

Verena Taylor, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes,
Council of Europe

Ingrid Schwaiger, Head of Unit a.i., DG NEAR, European Commission

6.30 pm **Reception: cocktail/dinner**