



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

**16-17 November 2017
Hofburg, Vienna**

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE RULE OF LAW

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The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increased openness in OSCE activities and for expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV, the participating States agreed to facilitate informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and NGOs during OSCE meetings.

In line with these agreements, the OSCE invites civil society organizations to the second 2017 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) to be held on the subject of *Access to Justice as a Key Element of the Rule of Law*. The meeting will take place on 16 - 17 November 2017, in Vienna, at the Hofburg Conference Centre.

Participants wishing to attend the meeting are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> latest by the deadline of **Wednesday, 8 November 23:59 (CET)**. Important note: **registration after this date will be closed and registration on-site will not be available.**

Civil society organizations may organize side events. The booking system will be open from Wednesday, 25 October at 12:00 (CET) until Monday, 30 October 23:59 (CET) at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> and it is done on a 'first come, first served' basis so participants are advised to enter the booking system immediately after the opening. If you do not manage to secure a slot, please contact ODIHR at ireneusz.stepinski@odihr.pl to inquire about potential availability as some cancellations of pre-booked events might occur. More information is available in the "Side events information" document.

Participation in the meeting is free of charge, although all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants. Civil society organizations are kindly requested to make their own travel and hotel arrangements. You can find a list of selected hotels in Vienna on the ODIHR website.

Additional information on the meeting such as agenda, annotated agenda and general information concerning the modalities and logistics (incl. registration, venue, schedule, seating, interpretation, guidelines for debate, interpretation and distribution of documents)

will be made available in the “General Information” document, on the OSCE website at: www.osce.org/odihr/shdm_3_2017.

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