



2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Warsaw, 11-22 September 2017

INFORMATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

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 OSCE 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 encourages participation by civil society organizations at the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) that will take place in Warsaw from 11 to 22 September 2017 at the Warsaw National Stadium (PGE Narodowy), Aleja Poniatowskiego 1, GATE 1.

Additional information concerning the modalities of the HDIM and further documents related to the meeting are available on the HDIM website at http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim_2017.

Participants wishing to attend the meeting are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> as soon as possible, but not later than **12:00 p.m. (CET), Monday, 4 September 2017. Important note: online registration will be closed after this deadline.**

ODIHR has introduced the following enhancements to the online registration system to facilitate the effective, meaningful, orderly and respectful participation of different stakeholders at the HDIM:

- a) Upon completing the online registration process, representatives will see a screen informing them that a response on registration will be received within two working days;
- b) Participants' badges will continue to be issued in different colours, depending on the type of entity (Delegation, civil society, media etc.) the participant represents;
- c) Representatives who do not already possess a valid OSCE photo ID will be requested as part of the registration process to provide an electronic passport-format photo via e-mail to ODIHR at photobadges@odihr.pl by 12:00 p.m. (CET), Monday, 4 September 2017;
- d) To ensure the broadest possible civil society participation during the opening, closing and working sessions, and due to space constraints, access to the plenary hall will be permitted for up to five representatives at any one time from each individual civil society organization. Civil society organizations registering five or more participants will receive five transferrable special plenary access badges;



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- e) An additional field has been introduced in the online registration form for civil society representatives, asking for information on their “relevant human dimension experience”, as per relevant OSCE documents.

Please also note that prior registration to the meeting is a condition to book a side event online. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges at the meeting venue from 8:00 a.m., Monday 11 September. The welcome desk will be open during the meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to contact Ms. Anna Sierant at Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl.

Participation in the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is **free of charge, while all travel and accommodation costs should be covered by participants**. Booking forms for reservations, as well as a list of chosen hotels in Warsaw, are available on the website.

Civil society organizations are also encouraged to **organize side events**. Participants wishing to organize a side event are requested to register first, and then proceed with an online booking at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> at their earliest convenience, as the system is based on the “first come, first served” principle. **The booking period will open at 12:00 p.m. (CET), on Wednesday, 16 August, and close at 23:59 p.m. (CET), on Friday, 1 September 2017.** All bookings should be submitted during this period, and no bookings will be accepted after the final deadline. Additional information on the online booking system, including the terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to book side events, is available in the *Side Events Information* and *Side Events Booking Instructions* documents.

For organizational modalities, please refer to *General Information* document available on the HDIM webpage.

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