

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS
to take place during the
SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON

“Rule of Law in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
11-12 July 2013

Vienna, Hofburg

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

The side events below have been organized and scheduled exclusively at the request of participants of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. The descriptions have been provided by the organizers. They have been lightly edited by ODIHR for language but not for content. Responsibility for the content remains with the organizers. Neither the text below nor the events themselves necessarily reflect the views of the OSCE.

Thursday, 11 July	Friday, 12 July
<p><i>Title: Violations of the right of NGOs to funding: from harassment to criminalization: case studies in the Russian Federation, Belarus, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p><i>Convenor: International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the World Organisation against Torture (OMCT), within the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders</i></p> <p><i>Time: 13.00 – 15.00</i> <i>Venue: Ratsaal</i> <i>Language: English, Russian</i></p>	<p><i>Title: Developing OSCE/ODIHR Recommendations on Human Rights Defenders</i></p> <p><i>Convenor: ODIHR Human Rights Department</i></p> <p><i>Time: 12.00 – 14.00</i> <i>Venue: Segmentgalerie I</i> <i>Language: English, Russian</i></p>

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS
As submitted by the organizers
Hofburg, Vienna

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Summary: The Annual Report 2013 of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders provides a global review of the violations of the right of NGOs to funding via various forms of restrictions imposed by States. This picture is illustrated by concrete cases in 35 countries. While recalling the legal framework of this right, as well as its organic relationship with the right to freedom of association and the embryonic jurisprudence on this subject, the report stimulates deep reflection on the negative impacts of these restrictive measures and makes concrete recommendations to all relevant stakeholders (beneficiaries, donors, governments and intergovernmental organisations).

Panelists are the following:

Tolekan Ismailova, Citizens Against Corruption, Kyrgyzstan
Kirill Koroteev, Human Rights Centre Memorial, Russia
Eldar Zeynalov, Human Rights Centre of Azerbaijan
Hugo Gabbero, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

Refreshments will be provided

Friday, 12 July

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Language: English, Russian

Summary: Since the Helsinki Final Act, OSCE participating States have repeatedly reaffirmed the right of individuals to know and act upon their rights and duties. In Budapest (1994) participating States emphasized the need for protection of human rights defenders.

This side event will present ODIHR's project to develop Recommendations on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in order to assist participating States to fulfill their commitments. The recommendations, due to be published in 2014, will be based on consultations and will be accompanied by a detailed explanatory report.

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