



MIGRATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INCLUSION: Assessing the Role of Civil Society in the OSCE region

27-28 June 2022

ODIHR premises, 10 Miodowa Str., 00-215 Warsaw, Poland

This conference aims to enhance dialogue between civil society organizations (CSOs) working on migration and refugee issues and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The purpose is to assess the current situation from the perspective of civil society actors, and identify key opportunities and ways to address existing and future challenges related to migration and human rights in the OSCE area.

CSOs have been at the forefront of responding to emergencies linked to rapid increases in migration and refugee flows and play an essential role in monitoring human rights violations at international borders, including trafficking in human beings. CSOs are facilitating social inclusion and long-term integration of migrants and refugees and try to shape narratives about migration towards a more balanced and constructive discourse. Other challenges in the focus of civil society include national migration management systems' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic that restricted human mobility and the increased intolerance towards migrants and refugees that has become more salient during the COVID-19 pandemic. CSOs stand up for the most vulnerable groups, such as migrant women, or when calling out hostility towards specific groups of migrants, such as certain religious groups or Roma refugees, who are frequently left without access to basic rights and services in many countries. At the same time, increasing criminalization of humanitarian assistance to migrants has made the work of many CSOs more challenging and even dangerous.

This conference will allow for sharing experiences, good practices, innovations and synergies in response to these and other challenges among CSOs and other human rights actors, including national human rights institutions, international organizations and governmental representatives from OSCE countries. The event will provide a space to discuss ways of improving cooperation and coordination between CSOs, ODIHR and the other stakeholders. Based on these discussions, a brief report with key messages and recommendations will be prepared by ODIHR identifying ways to facilitate collaboration on migration issues, including responses to emergency situations.

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Opening and registration	14:00-14:15
Welcoming remarks Matteo Mecacci , Director of OSCE ODIHR	14:15-14:30
1. Opening roundtable debate Civil society at the forefront of emergency response to rapidly increased migration flows: Lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnieszka Kosowicz, President of the Board, Polish Migration Forum/Grupa Granica, Poland 	14:30-15:45

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buket Bahar Divrak, Deputy General Coordinator, Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (SGDD-ASAM), Turkey • András Kováts, Director, Menedék, Hungarian Association for Migrants, Hungary <p>Discussant: Tatiana Ciumas, Head of Integration and Accommodation Unit, Bureau of Migration and Asylum under the Ministry of Interior, Moldova</p> <p>Moderator: Kateryna Ryabiko, ODIHR First Deputy Director</p> <p>Rapporteur: Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR Adviser on Migration and Freedom of Movement</p>	
<p>Coffee Break</p>	<p>15:45-16:00</p>
<p>2. Parallel Sessions</p> <p>Protecting and monitoring the rights of migrants and refugees at borders and beyond: Experiences, strategies and challenges</p> <p>2.1 Advances in monitoring and reporting on human rights violations at borders and beyond: Advocacy strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eva Tzavala, Legal Advisor, National Commission for Human Rights, Greece • Kathryn Hampton, Deputy Director of the Asylum Program, Physicians for Human Rights, USA • Ivana Stojanova, Lawyer, Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI), Italy <p>Moderator: Sofia Botzios, ODIHR Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser</p> <p>Rapporteur: Joanna Fomina, ODIHR Migration Consultant</p> <p>2.2 Trafficking in human beings: Supporting authorities and civil society in identifying risks at borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shandra Woworuntu, Chair of the OSCE/ODIHR International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Board (ISTAC) and Executive Director, Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Programme, USA • Zita Cabais, Founder and President of l'Association Sangunian Filipino (ASF) and Member of ISTAC, France • Mariaam Bhatti, Member of ISTAC and of Expert Group on Migration, Asylum and Integration at European Commission, Ireland <p>Moderator: Tatiana Kotlyarenko, ODIHR Adviser on Anti-Human Trafficking Issues</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mafalda Matias, ODIHR Intern, Human Rights Department</p>	<p>16:00-17:30</p>
<p>Networking reception</p>	<p>18:00</p>

<p>3. Parallel sessions</p> <p>Addressing racism, xenophobia and hate crime against migrants and refugees, including Roma</p> <p>3.1 Securing an inclusive and non-discriminatory response to people on the move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Udo C. Enwereuzor, Senior Policy Adviser/Analyst on Migration Minorities & Rights of Citizenship, Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries (COSPE), Italy • Garyfallia Anastasopoulou, Coordinator, Racist Violence Recording Network (RVRN), Greece • Marine Kapanadze, Director of Civil and Political Rights Program, Georgian Democracy Initiative, Georgia <p>Moderator: Tatjana Perić, ODIHR Adviser on Combating Racism and Xenophobia</p> <p>Rapporteur: Sabrina Saoudi, ODIHR Adviser on Combating Intolerance against Muslims</p> <p>3.2 Crises-related measures to address racism, hostility and intolerance against Roma and Sinti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernadett Varga, Expert on Public Health and Migration, Belgium • Bernard Rorke, Advocacy & Policy Manager, European Roma Rights Centre, Belgium • Zola Zemfira Kondur, Project Coordinator, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine <p>Moderator: Cristi Mihalache, ODIHR Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues</p> <p>Rapporteur: Natalia Duminica, ODIHR Associate Programme Officer on Roma and Sinti Issues</p>	<p>09:30-11:00</p>
<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>4. Parallel sessions</p> <p>Migrant integration and inclusive communities</p> <p>4.1 Shaping discourse around migration and the importance of public dialogue on migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasmijn Sloopjes, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute, Europe Office, Belgium • Anna Alboth, Co-ordinator of the "Media, Minorities and Migration" Project, Minority Rights Group International, United Kingdom 	<p>11:00-11:15</p> <p>11:15-12:45</p>

<p>Moderator: Teresa Albano, Economic Affairs Officer, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Elena Cherniavska, Senior Adviser, the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media</p> <p>4.2 Working with national and local authorities in supporting migrant and refugee integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myroslava Keryk, President of the Board, Our Choice Foundation, Poland • Daniela Montes Arenas, North Office Coordinator, the Municipal Office of Information, Guidance and Support for the Social Integration of the Immigrant Population in Madrid, Spain • Ivana D’Alessandro, Head of the Intercultural Cities Unit and Secretary to the Committee of Experts on the Intercultural Integration of Migrants (ADI-INT), Council of Europe <p>Moderator: Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser</p> <p>Rapporteur: Joanna Fomina, ODIHR Consultant on Migration</p>	
Lunch	12:45-13:45
<p>5. Closing plenary debate</p> <p>From emergency assistance to long-term integration: Future challenges and needs</p> <p>Brief presentations by rapporteurs of highlights from the parallel sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Svitlana Voitsekhovska, Founder of the Ukrainian Women’s Congress • Maciej Grześkowiak, Chief Coordinator for Scientific Co-operation, Human Rights Commissioner Office, Poland • UNHCR Poland, speaker tbc <p>Moderator: Konstantine Vardzelashvili, Head of Democratization Department, ODIHR</p> <p>Rapporteur: Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser</p>	13:45-15:00