



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

PROMOTION OF PLURALISM IN NEW MEDIA

**7-8 July, 2011
Hofburg, Vienna**

General Guidelines

The modalities of the meeting are set out in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002)

1. Aim of the Meeting

The Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Promotion of Pluralism in New Media will provide an opportunity to exchange views and experiences of participating States, media and civil society actors, and review the opportunities and challenges faced by new media in enhancing pluralism and protecting the freedom of expression.

The meeting will address the topic of new media through the following three sessions:

- Challenges and opportunities for new media to foster pluralism
- Regulatory aspects of digital switch-over
- Internet regulation in the OSCE area: Introduction of the first OSCE Internet matrix

Recommendations may be addressed to participating States, OSCE as a whole, OSCE institutions including the OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE field operations, other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, as well as media and civil society actors in OSCE participating States.

2. Participation

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE Institutions, and OSCE field operations, representatives of international governmental organizations, representatives

of non-governmental organizations, media and other civil society actors will participate in the Meeting. The Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE in the field.

3. Guidelines for the Debates

The intention is to develop a free-flowing discussion based on the keynote speeches, introductory remarks, background information and written statements circulated in advance or during the Meeting. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged in the course of the Meeting and are discouraged. Prepared statements, background documentation, comments or written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the Documents Distribution Centre.

4. Organization

On-line registration for all participants is available at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>. Participants wishing to attend are requested to register by Wednesday, 22 June 2011. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges as of Thursday, 7 July 2011, from 9.00 in the Hofburg Congress Centre, in the main entrance hall. Registration during the Meeting is available at the same location.

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5. Other

Side events may be held over the course of two days. Additional information on the content and objectives of any side event, as well as timing and duration will be made available shortly on the Meeting website.