



## Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

### Countering Violence against Women – Everyone’s Responsibility

2 – 3 July 2018  
Hofburg, Vienna

#### **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 participating States agreed to facilitate informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and NGOs during OSCE meetings. The Helsinki document also stated that aforementioned provisions will not be applied to persons or organizations which resort to the use of violence or publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence.

In line with these agreements, the OSCE invites civil society organizations to the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) to be held on the subject of “Countering Violence against Women – Everyone’s Responsibility”. The meeting will take place on 2 – 3 July 2018, 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 **Friday, 22 June 2018 23.59 (CET)**. Important note: **registration after this date will be closed and registration on-site will not be available.**

Civil society organizations are invited to organize **side events**. **The side events booking system will be open on Monday, 18 June from 09.00 to 23.59 (CET)** on <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. 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. venue, schedule, seating, interpretation, guidelines for debate, interpretation and distribution of documents) will be made available in due course on the OSCE website at: [www.osce.org/odihr/shdm\\_2\\_2018](http://www.osce.org/odihr/shdm_2_2018).

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