



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND HUMAN CONTACTS

25-26 April 2013

Hofburg, Vienna

To civil society

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Freedom of Movement and Human Contacts. This Meeting will take place in Vienna from 25th to 26th April 2013.

Additional information relevant to this Meeting can be found on ODIHR website at <http://www.osce.org/odihr/100463>.

This Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) seeks to address how the right to freedom of movement can be advanced and protected and how further progress could be achieved in facilitating cross-border human contacts. It will identify the challenges OSCE participating States currently face and discuss how they can be addressed, in order to ensure the full enjoyment of freedom of movement in the OSCE region. With the aim to explore possibilities for creating conditions for freer cross border movement, the SHDM will discuss on-going visa facilitation and liberalization dialogue between OSCE participating states, their impact on cross border mobility, and how new technologies and innovative approaches could be used to facilitate the processing of requests for entry into territories of OSCE participating States.

The meeting will address the topic through the following three sessions:

- OSCE commitments on freedom of movement and challenges to their implementation;
- Benefits of cross-border human contacts and strengthening co-operation among OSCE participating States in this field;
- Innovative approaches to facilitate cross-border mobility in the OSCE region.

Civil society representatives whose activities directly relate to the topic of the SHDM and who wish to attend are requested to register on-line at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> by **Wednesday, 17 April 2013**. The registration will also be available online after the deadline and during the Meeting on the spot. Civil society representatives are invited to forward this information to other relevant actors in the given field.

Please note that registered participants can collect their badges for the SHDM as of Thursday, 25 April 2013, from 09:00 in the main entrance hall of the Hofburg Congress Centre.

Participants may display information materials on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also distribute documents during the SHDM by giving one copy of each document

(maximum 3 pages in length) to staff of the Document Distribution Centre. Participants are encouraged to intervene during the SHDM Working Sessions while limiting their statements to the specific issues at hand thereby contributing to a genuine discussion.

Unfortunately, the OSCE/ODIHR is not in a position to provide any financial assistance to participate in the SHDM. For your convenience, please find attached a list of hotels in Vienna. Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangements.

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