



## **Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting**

Vienna, Austria, 15 - 16 July 2019

### **SCHEDULE AND OVERVIEW**

#### **OF SIDE EVENTS**

##### *as submitted by the organizers*

*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 CSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on CSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, governments, civil society and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings at the Review Conference on relevant issues of their choice.*

*The side events below have been exclusively organized and scheduled exclusively at the request of participants of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. The below 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.*

#### **Monday, 15 July**

Time: **13:00-14:45**

Venue: **Meeting Room 533**

Title: 75 years after the Roma and Sinti Genocide: Increasing manifestations of intolerance, racism and discrimination against Roma and Sinti

Convenor: OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Working language: English, German

Summary: The particular problems of Roma and Sinti in the context of the proliferation of racial and ethnic hatred, xenophobia and discrimination have been acknowledged within the OSCE as early as in 1990, in the CSCE Copenhagen Document. The OSCE and its participating States have reiterated through a number of commitments the need and responsibility under the international human rights obligations, to combat racism, discrimination, hate crime and violence against Roma and Sinti. This important topic has been addressed also by other intergovernmental organization, such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe or the European Union. Nevertheless, in recent years anti-Roma rhetoric has been employed not only by the far-right parties, extremist nationalist organizations and

groups, but also increasingly by the mainstream political parties and their discourse. At the same time, there are constant disturbing reports and emerging patterns of hate-motivated attacks and violence against Roma and Sinti occurring throughout the OSCE area, often without a prompt and adequate response by the concerned governments, law enforcement and judicial systems. This year on 2 August, the Roma and Sinti Genocide Remembrance Day, we will mark 75 years since the murder of 2,897 Roma women, elderly men and children in the gas chambers of Auschwitz-Birkenau, an event known as the liquidation of the “Zigeunerlager” (“gypsy camp”) in Auschwitz-Birkenau. The side event provides a platform to raise awareness among participating States about the pervasive racism, discrimination, intolerance and hate-motivated violence and attacks against Roma and Sinti and their consequences to the deep state of exclusion of Roma, while discussing these in connection to the 75 years co-memoration since the Roma and Sinti Genocide, and the noticeable patterns of resemblance of nowadays manifestations of hatred and intolerance with some that preceded the WW II. The event will stimulate a debate on identification of and sharing of practical ways to address these phenomena and how can acknowledgement, recognition, co-memoration, awareness raising and teaching contribute to enhancing protection and enjoyment of human rights by the Roma and Sinti and acknowledgement for their historic contribution to the development of their societies. Speakers include representatives of Intergovernmental Organizations and Roma and Sinti civil society.

*Refreshments will be provided from 12.30 on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Vorsaal*

Time: **13:30-14:45**  
Venue: **Meeting Room 532**  
Title: Human Rights abuse, Ethnocide of people of Karakalpakstan and how to stop it!  
Convenor: Information Center "Shiraq" (Shirak)  
Working language: Russian

Summary: Sovereign Republic of Karakalpakstan is no go zone for International Human Rights protection organization. Civil activists, political opposition, human rights defenders under fierce suppression by Government of Uzbekistan. Human rights abuse such as sterilization, torture, arrests, prosecution, unconstitutional surveillance and phone taping of human rights activists, political opposition and civil activists of Karakalpakstan by Government of Uzbekistan are widespread and common practice of Government Security of Uzbekistan. Special forces and assassins of Government of Uzbekistan are constantly threatening any activity, politics, human rights defenders, and civil activists. There is no way for us to contain and control these threat of Civil society of Karakalpakstan without help of OSCE, UN and world society. We are even not taking into consideration such global things like Genocide, soft Genocide and ethnocide of people of Karakalpakstan which widely presented during past years in our press releases. We would like to present all evidence and facts of human rights abuse and crime against humanity committed by Government of Uzbekistan and his president Shavkat Mirziyoyev and we would present the membership of Karakalpakstan in NATO as the only way to preserve our nation from extinction and from being vanished.

*Refreshments will not be provided*

Time: **13:30-14:45**  
Venue: **Bibliotheksaal**  
Title: Freedom and harmonious religion  
Convenor: World Headquarter of Bektashi Community  
Working language: Albania, English

Summary: I will be part of this round table to discuss for the tolerance and harmonious religious that exist today in particularly in Albania , the state that is open and tolerance with all religions.

*Refreshments will be provided*

## **Tuesday, 16 July**

Time: **13:00-14:30**  
Venue: **Meeting Room 532**  
Title: The problem of penalizing the so-called “parental abduction” in some European countries in the context of human and child rights.  
Convenor: Pantarey Foundation  
Working language: English, German

Summary: In Europe and especially in European Union countries, due to the migration of European employees and immigrants from outside Europe, the problems of cross-border disputes between families from different cultures and children are becoming more and more intense. The legal regime like the Hague Convention on the kidnapping of children, the Brussels II Regulation and other decisions on disputes over children between conflicted parents practically do not sufficiently examine the so-called “the good of the child” and the conditions in which the child is brought up after being picked up by one of the parents. What's more, in some countries a parent who has the rights to a child and performs so-called “parental abduction” is convicted in criminal proceedings for imprisonment, high fines and his parental rights in civil proceedings are received. This raises serious doubts as to human and child rights and we will want to develop this topic on the seminar from different perspectives of stakeholders.

*Refreshments will not be provided*

Time: **13:00-14:30**  
Venue: **Meeting Room 533**  
Title: Ways to Strengthen OSCE Human Dimension Instruments  
Convenor: Netherlands Helsinki Committee  
Working language: English

Summary: The side event will provide an overview of possibilities to use and improve on the use of Human Dimension procedures. Several case studies will be presented, and a number of propositions for strengthening of human dimension compliance will be discussed.

*Refreshments will be provided*

Time: **13:00-14:30**  
Venue: **Bibliotheksaal**  
Title: Countering Sexual Violence against Women and Girls in Cyber Space, Especially Trafficking for Purposes of Sexual Exploitation  
Convenor: OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights  
Working language: English

Summary: The side event will provide a forum for discussion of the challenges and dangers for women and girls posed by the criminal usage of the internet, in particular sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings. It will especially highlight the approaches and promising practices being implemented to tackle vulnerabilities of women and in particular children in relation to cyberspace. The event will aim at promoting exchange of information and views among OSCE delegations, international experts, law enforcement and civil society on opportunities to strengthen multilateral approaches in order to promote proactive identification and to address long-term consequences for survivors of trafficking by effective utilization of technology.

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