



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND HUMAN CONTACTS

25-26 April 2013

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

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.

Recommendations may be addressed to participating States, OSCE at large, OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE field operations, other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, as well as civil society actors in OSCE participating States. Additional information relevant to the SHDM can be found on ODIHR website at <http://www.osce.org/odihr/100463>.

2. Participation

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE Institutions, and OSCE field operations, representatives of international governmental organizations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and other civil society actors will participate in the SHDM. 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 SHDM. To this end, formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are not envisaged in the course of the SHDM 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.odihhr.pl>. Participants are requested to register by **Wednesday, 17 April 2013**. Registered participants will be able to collect their badges as of Thursday, 25 April 2013 from 09:00 in the main entrance hall of the Hofburg Congress Centre. The registration will also be available online after the deadline and during the Meeting on the spot.

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5. Other

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