



## Commemoration Event for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Hofburg OSCE Congress Centre, Vienna  
Ratsaal, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
19 March 2009

### Programme for Expert Workshop and Launch Event *'Hate Crime Laws: A Practical Guide'*

09.30 – 10.00	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Jo-Anne Bishop</b>, Head of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, ODIHR</p> <p><b>Ms. Nasrin Khan</b>, Legal Adviser, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, ODIHR</p>
10:00- 10:45	<p><b>Hate Crime Laws in the OSCE Region</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Allison Jernow</b>, Hate Crime Prosecutor</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Mr. Paul LeGendre</b>, Human Rights First</p> <p>The session will set the scene for the day's discussions by providing an overview of the type of hate crime laws in the OSCE region, and the ways in which they are used by States. It provides an opportunity to compare perspectives and experiences from across the region, relating these to the content of the ODIHR's Guide on hate crime laws.</p>
10:45 - 11.30	<p><b>Substantive Laws vs. Penalty Enhancements</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Allison Jernow</b>, Hate Crime Prosecutor</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Dr. Miroslav Mareš</b> Department of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno <b>Ms. Ingrid Aendenboom</b>, Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, Belgium</p>

	<p>Penalty enhancements for hate motivation exist in most countries in the OSCE. Hence, in theory hate crimes can be effectively tackled using these laws. However, in practice they offer a less effective route than substantive hate crime laws, and this is reflected in the recommendations in ODIHR's Guide. This issue will be explored by discussing how the legal structure affects the investigation and punishment of hate crimes, using specific country examples.</p>
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11.30 – 11.45	<b>Coffee</b>
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11.45 – 13.00	<p><b>Working with Governments to Improve Hate Crime Laws - the NGO perspective</b></p>
Moderator:	<b>Mr. Larry Olomoofe</b> , European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest
Speakers:	<p><b>Ms. Ilze Brand Kehris</b>, Director, Latvian Centre for Human Rights, Riga.  <b>Ms Stacey Burdett</b>, Associate Director of Government and National Affairs, Anti-Defamation League</p>
	<p>The Guide emphasizes the need for governments to work with civil society both in developing hate crime laws and in ensuring they are effectively implemented. This session will illustrate with concrete examples how this can be achieved, and offer the experiences of NGO's who have worked with recent legislative changes. It will also explore how working in partnership with NGOs can add value to the work of government agencies and improve law enforcement.</p>

13.00 - 15:00	<b>Lunch</b>
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15.15 – 16.15	<p><b>LAUNCH OF <i>HATE CRIME LAWS: A PRACTICAL GUIDE</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Ambassador Janez Lenarčič</b>, Director, ODIHR</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Anastasia Crickley</b>, Chair of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</p>
	<p><b>Ms Stacey Burdett</b>, Associate Director of Government and National Affairs, Anti-Defamation League</p>
	<p>The ODIHR's new publication <i>Hate Crime Laws: A Practical Guide</i> will be launched, and its use as a tool for legislators, policy-makers and civil society in all participating States will be highlighted.</p>

