



## **Call for Applications:**

### **ODIHR Panel of Experts on the Freedom of Religion or Belief**

In line with its mandate to assist participating States in the implementation of their human dimension commitments, and in particular the OSCE commitments on freedom of religion or belief, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is launching the application process for members of its Panel of Experts on the Freedom of Religion or Belief (the 'Panel').

The role of the Panel is to provide information, advice, guidance and recommendations to ODIHR, and through ODIHR to the participating States, on matters pertaining to the freedom of religion or belief to all in the OSCE area. The panel is also expected to contribute to ODIHR's efforts to mainstream gender in all of its activities pertaining to freedom of religion or belief by fulfilling its functions and tasks in a gender-sensitive manner.

Members will be expected to act with integrity and to act in a spirit of teamwork, amongst others, by attending and constructively contributing to meetings and other activities of the Panel.

The Advisory Panel shall consist of no more than 16 members. For the first time, two of these seats will be reserved to candidates under the age of 30, who may lack years of experience working on FoRB, but who are specializing in this area and have demonstrated commitment to the promotion and protection of this human right. The selection of candidates will ensure gender and geographical balance among Advisory Panel members, as well as diversity of experience and expertise. Members of the Panel will be appointed by the Director of ODIHR for a renewable three-year term in consultation with ODIHR's human rights department. Members will serve on a part-time basis and will not be entitled to remuneration for their services.

## Requirements

- Expertise in the area of freedom of religion or belief;
- Language skills: Professional working proficiency in English or Russian;
- Place of residence: Candidates must have their long term or permanent place of residence in an [OSCE](#) participating State;
- Integrity;
- Team work.

Please submit a CV and cover letter that outlines both your motivations for applying and explaining what you could bring to the panel by contacting ODIHR at [forbpanel@odihhr.pl](mailto:forbpanel@odihhr.pl) by **5 May 2022**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact ODIHR at [forbpanel@odihhr.pl](mailto:forbpanel@odihhr.pl).