



## Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

# RULE OF LAW IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

**11 – 12 July 2013**  
**Hofburg, Vienna**

### To civil society

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Rule of Law in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. This Meeting will take place in Vienna from 11 to 12 July 2013.

Additional information relevant to this Meeting can be found on ODIHR website at <http://www.osce.org/odihr/102769>.

This Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) will provide a forum to discuss how the rule of law in the promotion and protection of human rights can be enhanced in the OSCE area. Participants will discuss the role of legislative, regulatory and institutional frameworks as well as governments and civil society in the promotion and protection of human rights. With respect to effective national and international instruments to protect human rights and prevent human rights violations, participants in this SHDM will identify best practices, current challenges and solutions. They will also explore means for strengthening the rule of law in the promotion and protection of civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights.

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

- The Role of Legislative, Regulatory and Institutional Frameworks as well as Governments and Civil Society in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;
- Effective National and International Instruments to Protect Human Rights and Prevent Human Rights Violations: Best Practices, Current Challenges and Solutions;
- Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Promotion and Protection of Civil, Political, Social, Economic and Cultural Rights.

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, 3 July 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, 11 July 2013, from 8:30 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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