



## Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

28-29 May 2018  
Hofburg, Vienna

### CHILD TRAFFICKING - FROM PREVENTION TO PROTECTION

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. Aim of the Meeting

According to the decision of the Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002), each year, the Chairmanship-in-Office organizes three informal Supplementary Human Dimension Meetings (SHDMs), in the framework of the OSCE Permanent Council, in order to discuss key substantive concerns raised at previous Human Dimension Meetings or Review Conferences. The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and other OSCE structures and institutions, when required, assist the Chairmanship-in-Office in preparing the SHDMs.

The Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on the topic of *Child Trafficking – from Prevention to Protection* will take place in Vienna from 28 to 29 May 2018. The meeting is organized by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship with the support of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and in co-ordination with the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

This Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) will seek to address the prevention of the phenomenon of child trafficking and the related protection of minors, including specific measures for unaccompanied minors. With the aim to provide guidance on how to design and implement sustainable mechanisms to ensure a victim-centred and child-friendly human rights based approach in countering human trafficking, it will also offer a platform for different stakeholders to examine the current trends in child trafficking and the existing initiatives to tackle the vulnerability of child victims and children at risk of trafficking.

This Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting will focus on best practices from across the OSCE region in the following key areas:

- Preventing child trafficking;
- Protecting child victims and children at risk of trafficking;
- The need for special protections of unaccompanied minors.

Additional information relevant to the SHDM, including the annotated agenda, which will be made available in due course, can be found on the SHDM website at [http://www.osce.org/odihr/shdm\\_1\\_2018](http://www.osce.org/odihr/shdm_1_2018).

## 2. Participation

Representatives of OSCE participating States and OSCE executive structures, representatives of inter-governmental organizations, representatives of civil society and researchers having interest in the topic can participate in the SHDM. The Partners for Co-operation can attend and contribute with respect to their co-operation and links with the OSCE in the field. Civil society organizations can find more information in the document 'Information for Civil Society'.

## 3. Registration

Participants wishing to attend the meeting are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> latest by the deadline of **Wednesday, 16 May 2018 (23.59 CET)**. Important note: **registration after this date will be closed and registration on-site will not be available.**

Registered participants will be able to **collect their badges at the meeting venue** as of Monday, 28 May 2018, from 9 a.m. in the main entrance hall of the Hofburg Congress Centre. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to address their questions to [anna.sierant@odihr.pl](mailto:anna.sierant@odihr.pl).

Participation in the meeting is free of charge, although all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants. Civil society organizations are kindly requested to make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

A list of selected hotels in Vienna is available on the SHDM website.

## 4. Side events

Side events may be held during the SHDM. To book a side event, please register first in the ODIHR Registration System (<http://meetings.odihr.pl>) and then proceed with the side event booking. The booking system will be open on Monday, 21 May from 9:00 to 23:59 (CET) at <http://meetings.odihr.pl>, and will be based on the *first come, first served* basis. If you do not manage to secure a slot, please send information about your proposed side event to ODIHR, [ireneusz.stepinski@odihr.pl](mailto:ireneusz.stepinski@odihr.pl), using the "Side Events Checklist" form available at the SHDM website, as some cancellations of pre-booked events may occur. More information is available in the "Side Events Information" document.

## 5. Modalities and Logistics

The modalities of the meeting are set out in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Council (PC.DEC/476, 23 May 2002).

**Venue:** The meeting will take place in the Hofburg Congress Centre, **at the Neuer Saal**, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Schedule:** The SHDM will start on Monday, 28 May 2018 at 15:00.

The side events might take place on Monday, 28 May, between 13:00 and 15:00, and on Tuesday, 29 May, between 13:00 and 14:30. For details please check the Side Events Schedule on SHDM website, prior to the meeting.

The opening session of SHDM will start on Monday, 28 May 2018 at 15:00. During this session the representatives of the Chairmanship-in-Office, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. (OSR/CTHB) as well as the key-note speaker will present their opening remarks. No comments or statements are foreseen from participants due to short time of the opening session.

Three working sessions will follow:

- Working Session 1: Preventing Child Trafficking
- Working Session 2: Protecting Child Victims and Children at Risk of Trafficking
- Working Session 3: Unaccompanied Minors – The Need for Special Protections

At the closing session, starting on Tuesday, 29 May at 16:30, the moderators of three working sessions serving as rapporteurs will present the reports from the working groups. There will be time for delegations of participating States to voice their comments and, finally, for the representatives of the Chairmanship-in-Office and OSCE institutions for their closing remarks. Only the delegations of participating States have a right to speak during the closing session.

The meeting will end on Tuesday, 29 May at 17:30.

**Access to plenary and seating:** Access to the plenary hall will be permitted for up to five representatives at one time from each individual civil society organization. Civil society organizations with five or more registered participants will receive five transferrable special plenary access badges (floaters), to be added to the individual badge that grants access to the OSCE premises.

At the opening and closing session, the delegations of the participating States will be seated at the main, plenary table. During the working sessions the name-plates will be taken down and all participants can sit wherever they wish, including the main plenary table.

**Interpretation:** The meeting will be interpreted into the six official OSCE languages: English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

**Filming:** Only accredited journalists can film with cameras and video cameras. No other audio-visual recordings should be undertaken without the explicit permission of individuals being filmed.

**Nursing facilities:** Child nursing facilities and lactation room are available in the venue.

**Guidelines for the debate:** The intention is to develop a free-flowing discussion based on the keynote speeches, panelists' inputs, discussions, background information and written statements circulated in advance or during the SHDM. To this end a speakers' list is not envisaged. Participants wishing to speak should attract the moderator's attention and wait for the moderator to give them the floor. A representative of a registered organization/institution/participating State can speak only once during a session. If there is time left before the end of the working session, it might be made available for questions or

for other participants who have not had a chance to speak on a particular issue addressed earlier.

The moderator will help to ensure that the participants engage in a constructive debate aimed at achieving the meetings' objectives, improving the implementation of OSCE human dimension commitments and formulating recommendations. To this end, moderators might decide about the order of speakers, ensuring that participants speak on the topic under discussion. The moderator might set a maximum speaking time.

Participants should wait for the moderator to give them the floor. When first taking the floor, they must introduce themselves by providing their name, surname and organization they represent. Participants should keep their comments short and to the point and speak only within the time frame allotted to them. Interventions should be relevant to the topic of the session and contain specific recommendations. Participants have a right to express their opinions freely, while respecting human rights and the principle of non-discrimination. Thus, the moderator will interrupt any speech that attacks a person or group on the basis of, e.g., race, religion, gender, sex or any other status.

ODIHR reserves the right, in case a large number of participants wish to speak, to introduce in the course of the session a list of speakers and a maximum speaking time.

**Right of reply:** At the end of working sessions as well as at the closing plenary participating States will have a right to exercise their right of reply. Participating States should indicate to the moderator early enough before the end of the session their wish to exercise their right of reply so sufficient time is allocated.

**Display and distribution of documents:** 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. There are no copying and translation services available at the venue.

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