

COJEP International, a network of NGOs operating in 15 countries and working in the field of youth democracy advancement, human rights, and anti discrimination aims to deepen the discussion on discrimination against visible minorities during this roundtable.

Participants will be encouraged to actively share their experiences as well as present recommendations, to respond and prevent hate crimes and anti-minorities political trends in OSCE.



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Roundtable organized  
by  
**COJEP International**

**Preventing and Responding to  
anti-Muslim Hate Crimes**

**With the Support of ODIHR**

**Monday, 5th October 2009**

**13.10 - 15.00**

**Hotel Sofitel Victoria  
Meeting Room 1  
HDIM - WARSAW**

Human Dimension Implementation Meeting  
Warsaw,

## Roundtable

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COJEP and other ethnic and religious minority NGOs and individuals are extremely worried about the ever increasing xenophobia, racism, racial profiling, anti-gay violence, anti-Semitism, anti-Islam and anti-Muslim statements and the ever increasing hate crimes in Europe. Since Muslims are being particularly targeted now, the purpose of this roundtable is to review hate crime situation against Muslims and Muslim communities, identify the features and draw attention to recent events. We think that the media and politicians should pay close attention to these crimes because not only extreme far right movements are involved in this but also youth are being influenced by the negative media coverage and political rhetoric concerning Islam. On top of this, the lack of accurate statistics and data makes it difficult to assess the extent of the problem. The authorities should accelerate their efforts to deal with this issue.

Moreover, police forces are often without necessary tools to properly categorizing hate crimes. A discussion as to how law enforcement agencies must understand and deal with these crimes is timely. The education and training of officers should be provided in this area. An improvement of complaint procedures, justice recourse and visible results will create a climate of trust and co-operation between Muslim communities and Police authorities.



## Programme

### **Moderator :**

**M. Bashy QURASHY**

Chair : Advisory Council of ENAR

( European Network Against Racism) - Brussels

Chair : Jewish Muslim Cooperation Platform - Brussels

Chair of IMCOSE

### **Presentation of the Roundtable :**

**M. Veysel FILIZ**

Vice President of Cojep International

**M. Tankut Taşkın SOYKAN**

Adviser on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination Against Muslims

OSCE/ODIHR

### **Keynote Speakers :**

**Mrs. Liz FEKETE** (Institute of Race Relations)

**M. Paul LEGENDRE** (Human Rights First)

**M. Ömür ORHUN** (Adviser and Special Envoy of the OIC )

### **DISCUSSIONS**

Working languages : French and English

Refreshments will be available