



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

PREVENTION OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND HATE CRIMES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS- RAISING INITIATIVES

10–11 November 2011
Hofburg, Vienna

To civil society

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes through Educational and Awareness-Raising Initiatives. This Meeting will take place in Vienna from 10th to 11th of November 2011.

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

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

- Challenges and Perspectives for Prevention of Racism and Xenophobia
- Challenges in Combating Hate Crimes, Racism and Xenophobia: Role of Awareness-Raising Initiatives and Public Discourse
- Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect and Understanding: Good Practices from IGOs, Governments and Civil Society.

The Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Prevention of Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes through Educational and Awareness-Raising Initiatives will review implementation of OSCE commitments, examine contemporary forms of racist and xenophobic intolerance and hate crimes and will provide an opportunity to review good practices of participating States, international organizations and civil society actors in this area.

Civil society representatives whose activities directly relate to the topic of the Meeting and wish to attend are requested to register on-line at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> by **Wednesday, 26 October 2011**. Civil society representatives are invited to forward this information to other relevant actors in the given field.

Please note that registered participants can pick up their badges for the meeting venue on Thursday, 10 November 2011 from 9.00 at the Hofburg Congress Centre in the main entrance hall. Participants may display information materials on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also distribute documents during the Meeting 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 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 Meeting. 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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