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Agenda

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Venue

- ≥ Hotel Falkensteiner, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 10k, Belgrade, Serbia

Day 1	Programme
09.00 – 10.00	Registration & welcoming coffee
10.00 – 10.30	<u>Conference opening</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">≥ Welcoming words <i>Izabela Kisić, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia</i>≥ Introductory words <i>Yuri Dzhibladze, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights</i>≥ The Serbian OSCE Chairmanship 2015 and reflections on preliminary results <i>Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE</i>≥ The Swiss OSCE Chairmanship 2014 and reflections on results <i>Ambassador Claude Wild, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE in Vienna</i>≥ The German OSCE Chairmanship 2016 and introduction to the German priorities <i>Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE in Vienna</i> <p><u>Moderator</u> Izabela Kisić, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia</p>
10.30 – 12.00	<u>Session 1: Shrinking space for civil society</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">≥ Overview of the situation in the OSCE region from the OSCE/ ODIHR perspective <i>Omer Fisher, Deputy Head of the ODIHR Human Rights Department</i>≥ Overview of the situation in the OSCE region from a civil society perspective <i>Robert Hårdh, Executive Director of the Civil Rights Defenders</i>≥ Presentation of the Civic Solidarity Platform recommendations regarding the issue of shrinking space for civil society <i>Yuri Dzhibladze, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights</i>≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Brigitte Dufour, International Partnership for Human Rights</p>

12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.30	<p><u>Session 2: Alarming trends in the human dimension – country examples</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Russia <i>Grigori Okhotin, Memorial Human Rights Center</i> ≥ Azerbaijan <i>Gulnara Akhundova, International Media Support</i> ≥ Belarus <i>Yuri Dzhibladze, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights</i> ≥ Turkmenistan <i>Civil society representative</i> ≥ Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan <i>Yevgeniy Zhovtis, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights</i> ≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Natalia Taubina, Public Verdict</p>
14.30 – 16.00	<p><u>Session 3: Human Rights as an inter-dimensional issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Reflections <i>Svitlana Valko, representative of the Ukraine Office of International Partnership for Human Rights</i> ≥ Reflections <i>Andrey Yurov, Chair of the International Youth Human Rights Movement</i> ≥ Reflections <i>Harry Hummel, Netherlands Helsinki Committee</i> ≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Olga Zakharova, Freedom Files</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.00	<p><u>Session 4: Serbia – Self-evaluation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ The Serbian self-evaluation process <i>Ambassador Dejan Šahović, Head of the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship Task Force</i> ≥ Independent / academic approach <i>Goran Bašić, Director of the Institute for Social Science</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Civil society, findings and comments <i>Izabela Kisić, Coordinator of the Serbian CSO Coalition</i> <i>Svetlana Đurđević-Lukić, Member of the Serbian CSO Coalition</i> <i>Katarina Golubović, Member of the Serbian CSO Coalition</i> ≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Matthias Hui, humanrights.ch</p>
17.00 – 17.15	<p><u>Session 4: Human Rights in Serbia – on-site visits</u></p> <p><i>Division of all conference participants into two groups. Please follow the instructions given by the moderator.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ <u>Group 1</u> Encounter with the OSCE Mission in Serbia <i>This group will stay at Hotel Falkensteiner.</i> ≥ <u>Group 2</u> Visit to Asylum Info Centre and Asylum Centre in the outskirts of Belgrade <i>This group will take a bus.</i> <p><u>Moderator</u> Izabela Kisić, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia</p>
17.15 – 18.15 <i>Group 1</i>	<p><u>Group 1: Encounter with the OSCE Mission to Serbia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Introduction to the work of the OSCE Mission to Serbia <i>Michael Uyehara, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia</i> <i>Leslie Hess, Senior Adviser on Human Rights and Non-Discrimination</i> <i>Professor Vladimir Bilandzic, Special Adviser on CSBMs</i> ≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Svetlana Đurđević-Lukić, Public Policy Research Centre</p>
17:15 – 19.00 <i>Group 2</i>	<p><u>Group 2: Visit to Asylum Info Centre and Asylum Centre in the outskirts of Belgrade</u></p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to visit the Asylum Info Centre and Asylum Centre in Krnjaca. The Asylum Info Centre represents a joint initiative of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, UNHCR, Municipality Savski Venac as well as ADRA and was established with the purpose of providing legal and humanitarian assistance to urban refugees in Belgrade. The Asylum Centre in Krnjaca is currently the biggest refugee camp in Serbia with the capacity of around 250 beds. During the visit participants will be able to speak with the manager of AIC, a lawyer from BCHR and managers of AC, as well as with asylum seekers/ refugees. Translators for Arabic and Farsi will be provided.</p>
From 20.00	<p>Dinner at the ‘Center for Cultural Decontamination’ <i>(address: Birčaninova 21, 11000 Belgrade)</i></p>

[Wednesday, 2 December 2015](#)

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Day 2	Programme
09.00 – 10.30	<p><u>Session 5: Migration (incl. tolerance and non-discrimination)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">≥ Solidarity and human rights work with refugees on the ground <i>Voislav Stojanovski, Legal Advisor at the Macedonian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights</i>≥ Civil society strategies for a human rights based migration policy, focusing on gendered aspects of migration <i>Annemarie Sancar, Senior Program Officer on Gender at swisspeace</i>≥ Overview of ODIHR activities with regards to migration in 2016 <i>Zoran Doković, Adviser on Migration, Freedom of Movement and Human Contacts in the Democratization Department of ODIHR</i>≥ Follow-up on the 'Basel Declaration': Civil society strategies for a human rights based anti-discrimination policy in the OSCE area <i>Konstantin Baranov, Youth Human Rights Movement</i>≥ Overview of German activities with regards to migration, tolerance and non-discrimination in 2016 <i>Peter Wittschorek, Outreach-Coordinator of the German OSCE Chairmanship 2016</i>≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Ralph du Long, UNITED for Intercultural Action</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	<p><u>Session 6: Torture and enforced disappearances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">≥ Prevention of torture <i>Eva Csergö, Programme Officer for Europe and Central Asia at the Association for the Prevention of Torture</i>≥ Overview of documentation and rehabilitation aspects <i>Mushegh Yekmalyan, Head of European Affairs Office at the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims</i>≥ Enforced disappearances <i>Dr. Heracles-Spyridon Aktypis, Director of the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights</i>≥ Overview of OSCE/ ODIHR work related to the issues of torture and enforced disappearances <i>Omer Fisher, Deputy Head of the Human Rights Department at ODIHR</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Simon Papuashvili, International Partnership for Human Rights</p>
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.15	<p><u>Session 7: Freedom of expression</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Presentation of the Civic Solidarity Platform’s 2015 ‘Belgrade Declaration on Freedom of Expression’ <i>Katie Morris, Head of Europe and Central Asia at Article 19</i> ≥ Online freedoms and digital surveillance <i>Andrei Soldatov, Author and Co-founder of Agentura.ru</i> ≥ Counteraction to extremism and hate speech <i>Alexander Verkhovsky, Director of the SOVA Center for Information and Analysis</i> ≥ Freedom of expression and artistic freedoms <i>Julia Farrington, Campaign and Event Manager at the Belarus Free Theater</i> ≥ Freedom of the media – current challenges and road ahead <i>Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media</i> ≥ Q&A, Discussion <p><u>Moderator</u> Ivar Dale, Norwegian Helsinki Committee</p>
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 – 17.00	<p><u>Conference Closing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ Welcoming remarks and introduction round by the moderator <i>Olga Zakharova, Freedom Files</i> ≥ Presentation of the Civil Society Recommendations <i>Ralph du Long, UNITED for Intercultural Action</i> ≥ Presentation of the ‘Belgrade Declaration on Freedom of Expression’ <i>Katie Morris, Article 19</i> ≥ Remarks from the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office <i>Ambassador Dejan Šahović, Head of the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship Task Force</i> ≥ Remarks from the outgoing Swiss OSCE Chairmanship <i>Minister Raphael Nägeli, Head of the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship Task Force</i> ≥ Remarks from the incoming German OSCE Chairmanship <i>Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE in Vienna</i>

- ≥ Remarks from the Director of ODIHR
Michael Link, Director of the ODIHR
Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE in Vienna
- ≥ Questions and comments from the audience, followed by reactions from the Panel
- ≥ Final remarks
Brigitte Dufour, International Partnership for Human Rights

Moderator

Olga Zakharova, Freedom Files

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