



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

Vienna, Austria, 28 – 29 May 2018

SCHEDULE AND OVERVIEW

OF SIDE EVENTS

as submitted by the organizers

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during CSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing meetings on CSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, governments, civil society and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

The side events below have been exclusively organized and scheduled at the request of participants of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. The below descriptions have been provided by the organizers. They have been lightly edited by ODIHR, for language but not for content. Responsibility, for the content, remains with the organizers. Neither the text below nor the events themselves necessarily reflect the views of the OSCE.

Monday, 28 May

Time: **13:00-15:00**
Venue: **Bibliotheksaal**
Title: Victim-Centered, Systematic and Integrated Approach on Preventing the Trafficking of Children
Convenor: UNITAS
Working language: English

Summary: This side event will discuss current trends needs and vulnerabilities of children in the Balkan and Mediterranean region as observed by front line professionals and NGOs. We will discuss appropriate prevention methods for countries of origin as well as destination of victims of human trafficking. The focus will be at systemic and integrated approaches in prevention. We will analyse good practice initiatives and partnerships between NGO and Public Sector.

The side event will conclude with an interactive workshop where the participants will collaborate in order to develop a strategy and messaging addressing specific root causes of vulnerability among unaccompanied children in the region today.

Tuesday, 29 May

Time: **13:00-14:30**
Venue: **Ratsaal**
Title: Combating and Healing the Sexual Exploitation of Children
Convenor: Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe
Convenor:
Working language: English

Summary: Children are targeted by traffickers because they are easily manipulated and because commercial sex buyers are willing to pay more for youth. Rescue is often just the beginning of the long road of healing, which may wind back through periods of exploitation and abuse. Early identification, trafficking-specific psychological intervention, and emotionally supportive long-term care are critical for helping children reclaim their identity and dreams—permanently leaving a life of exploitation.

Snacks and refreshments will be served in the Ratsaal foyer

Time: **13:00-14:30**
Venue: **Meeting Room 531**
Title: Trafficking along migration routes to Europe: Bridging the Gap between Migration, Asylum and Anti-Trafficking
Convenors: International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD); Terre des hommes
Working language: English

Summary: The years 2015-2016 saw an unprecedented increase in the numbers of people travelling by sea and overland along the migration routes to the European Union, with a total of almost one and a half million people irregularly entering EU countries. Trafficking and exploitation are a major cause for concern among migrants on the move to Europe but the number of victims who are actually formally identified remains extremely low, as shown by a recent study conducted by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) along the Western Balkans route.

The aim of this side event is to present the main research results of the study *Trafficking along migration routes to Europe: Bridging the Gap between Migration, Asylum and Anti-Trafficking*, with a special focus on unaccompanied and separated children travelling to Europe along the Western Balkans route.