



2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Warsaw, 10-21 September 2018

INFORMATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increased openness in OSCE activities and for expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV, the OSCE participating States agreed to facilitate informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and NGOs during OSCE meetings.

As per Chapter IV, paragraph (16), of the Helsinki Document 1992, the provision of making “open to NGOs [...] human rights implementation meetings” does not apply to “persons or organizations which [...] publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence [...]”

In line with these provisions, the OSCE encourages participation by civil society organizations at the 2018 HDIM which will be held in the hotel Sofitel Victoria Warsaw. The hotel is located in the centre of Warsaw, at the following address:

Sofitel Victoria Warsaw
Królewska St. 11
00-065 Warsaw, Poland

Additional information concerning the modalities of the HDIM and further documents related to the meeting will be made available on the HDIM website at http://www.osce.org/odihr/hdim_2018.

Participants wishing to attend the meeting are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> as soon as possible. **Important note: the registration deadline has been extended until 18:00 CET, Friday, 31 August 2018.** After this date online registration will be closed. Past-deadline and on-site registration will not be possible.

Please allow sufficient time for this self-registration process, as the new system will not have any personal data stored, and you will have to start by creating your new online profile. Please note that the new system requires individual registration and uploading of your ID photo for your HDIM access badge.

Further information and guidance about the new registration process will be available in a separate document on HDIM website.

Registered participants will be able to collect their badges at the meeting venue from 8:00 a.m., Monday 10 September. The welcome desk will be open during the meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. Those participants who experience problems with registration are requested to contact Ms. Anna Sierant, at Anna.Sierant@odihr.pl.



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To ensure the broadest possible civil society participation during the opening, closing and working sessions, and due to space constraints, access to the plenary hall will be permitted for up to five representatives at any one time from each individual civil society organization. Civil society organizations registering more than five participants will receive five transferrable special plenary access badges.

Please also note that prior registration to the meeting is a condition to book a side event online.

Participation in the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is **free of charge, while all travel and accommodation costs should be covered by participants**. Booking forms for reservations, as well as a list of chosen hotels in Warsaw, will be available on the website.

Civil society organizations are also encouraged to **organize side events**. Registered participants wishing to organize side events will need to make an online booking in the new ODIHR Conference Registration System. The new system will continue to be based on a “first come, first served” principle. **The booking period will re-open at 12:00 noon (CET), Wednesday, 29 August 2018 and close at 12:00 noon (CET), Friday, 31 August 2018.**

Additional information on the online booking system, including the terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to book side events, are available in the *Side Events Information* and *Side Events Booking Instructions* documents.

For organizational modalities, please refer to *General Information* document, available on the HDIM webpage.

The contact persons for the 2018 HDIM are:

Organizational matters and co-ordination of the conference: Mr. Martin Toplisek, at martin.toplisek@odihhr.pl

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Coordination of side events: Mr. Ireneusz Stepinski, at ireneusz.stepinski@odihhr.pl