

**Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting** ENGLISH only**Policies and Strategies to Further Promote Tolerance and  
Non-Discrimination**

14 - 15 April 2016

Vienna, Austria

**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 seminars on CSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings at the Review Conference on relevant issues of their choice.*

*The side events below have been organized and scheduled exclusively at the request of participants of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. The below descriptions have been provided by the organizers. They might have been slightly 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.*

**Thursday, 14 April**

Time: Thursday, 14 April **13:00-15:00**  
 Venue: **Meeting room 201**  
 Title: Support for Victims of Hate Crime in Europe – Standards and Tools  
 Convenor: Saechsische Beratungsstellen fuer Betroffene rechtsmotivierter und rassistischer Gewalt des RAA Sachsen e.V.  
 Working languages: English

Summary: “RAA Saxony – Support for Victims of Hate Crime” is a civil society organization based in Saxony Germany. In order to strengthen Human Rights and to fulfil international regulations on hate crimes we developed an international project to improve support structures and the situation of victims in the OSCE region. Due to the work of monitoring projects hate crimes are recognized and far more visible. The new EU Victims’ Directive prepared the ground to develop a specialized support structures. Together with thirty-one hate crime community workers as well as academics from 17 European countries (including Russia and Ukraine) we developed a practical guide for the support of victims of Hate Crime in Europe. At the Side Event we will present the guide as well as practical tools, recommendations and necessary framework requirements for efficient counselling services throughout Europe. Bringing in our expertise to the international discourse we contribute to the victims, while putting their special needs into focus, our findings are an important step to establish a visible and explicit victim centered approach to provide effective support services to victims of hate crimes in the OSCE region. By focusing on the guide at the side event we will discuss the situation of victims of hate crime and victim support standards in Europe.

*Refreshments will not be provided*

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Time: Thursday, 14 April **13.15-14.45**  
Venue: **Segmentgalerie I**  
Title: The role of youth, education and awareness raising strategies in promoting tolerance and non-discrimination  
Convenor: German OSCE Chairmanship  
Working languages: English, Russian

Summary: Recognizing the importance of mutual understanding and respect for diversity in order to maintain peace and stability, OSCE participating States have repeatedly made commitments to counter intolerance and discrimination that stress the role of education and youth. By including the Chairmanship's Special Representative on Youth and Security Milena Stošić, OSCE field missions and NGOs, this side event will discuss the important role youth can play in fostering mutual respect and understanding. It will present relevant examples of policies and awareness raising strategies to combat discrimination and promote tolerance.

To highlight the activities undertaken by OSCE field missions to fight intolerance and discrimination, the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina will present its "Coalitions against Hate" project.

In 19 Bosnian municipalities, the Mission has helped build coalitions composed of local activists and members of civil society, which track hate crimes and other incidents motivated by intolerance, condemn these publically and organize joint activities across different ethnic groups.

Experts from "erinnern.at" will introduce their work involving young people on reflecting their roles in response to intolerance and discrimination: experiences and outcomes from workshops with young Austrians from different backgrounds and religions that were inspired by teaching materials on combating anti-Semitism developed by ODIHR and the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, in co-operation with experts from several OSCE participating States. They will also present an online learning tool for young people aged 14-17 across Europe to explore the topics of hate speech, exclusion and discrimination which is currently developed by a group of partners from Austria, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine.

*Refreshments will be provided*

### **Friday, 15 April**

Time: Friday, 15 April **12:00-14:00**  
Venue: **Meeting room 201**  
Title: Persecutions of the Ukrainian orthodox church during the conflict in Ukraine  
Convenor: IGCP - Information Group on Crimes Against the Person  
Working languages: English, Russian

Summary: Presentation of the book of Vladislav Maltsev "Victim of civil war: Persecutions of the Ukrainian orthodox church during the conflict in Ukraine". During the Maidan the initial Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) which is the largest faith of the country connected itself with all Ukrainian society and therefore urged both parties of the conflict to refrain from escalation of violence. For this reason UOC also began to suffer persecution. The new authorities of Ukraine have launched an information campaign in which UOC was exposed as one of the main internal enemies. In the book prepared by a human rights information group on crimes against the person (IGCP) the detailed generalizing information on occupations of church buildings of UOC, arsons of temples, firings of churches is provided in Donbass, attacks on priests, pressure upon UOC from authorities and campaign of a defamation in mass media.

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Time: Friday, 15 April **12:00-14:00**  
Venue: **Segmentgalerie I**  
Title: Recent rise of xenophobia towards migrants and refugees in Europe: what response from civil society and the OSCE?  
Convenor: Netherlands Helsinki Committee, United for Intellectual Action, Youth Human Rights Movement, with support of the “Civic Solidarity” International Co-operation Platform  
Working Languages: English

Summary: The ongoing so-called “refugee crisis” continues to provoke heated debate in European societies. Too often this debate is accompanied by negative stereotyping of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, which leads to hate motivated violence. Migrants have become the “new scapegoats”, as they are easier and safer targets for right-wing movements and populist politicians than other minorities.

Another aspect of the “refugee crisis” is the position of vulnerable groups among arriving migrants, such as women, children and LGBTI, which face a risk of multiple discrimination.

In the Basel Declaration, adopted by the Parallel Civil Society Conference at the eve of the OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in December 2014, human rights NGOs from across the OSCE region emphasized that the OSCE and its participating states should pay specific attention to migrants in their efforts to confront xenophobia and intolerance. In February 2016, an expert workshop held in Berlin with the support of the German OSCE Chairmanship specifically discussed ways to counter xenophobia towards migrants and their inclusion in societies.

At the side-event experts representing the “Civic Solidarity” Platform member NGOs will explain relevant conclusions and recommendations from the Basel Declaration and the expert workshop, present civil society initiatives in countering hatred towards migrants and refugees and to promote inclusion, and discuss possible measures to be taken by the OSCE and its participating states to address this phenomenon.

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