



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

on The Role of Civil Society in the Promotion and Protection of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law

Vienna, 22-23 April 2024

AGENDA

Day 1

[12.30 – 13.30 – side events]

14.00 – 15.00

OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks

H.E. Amb. Natasha Meli Daudey, Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE and Chair of the Permanent Council

Mr. Matteo Mecacci, Director, OSCE/ODIHR

Introductory address

H.E. The Former President of Malta Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, Special Representative of the Chairperson in Office on Civil Society

Keynote addresses

Ms. Melinda Reed, Director, International Secretariat, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

Mr. Georgy Dzhibladze, President, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights

15.00 – 17.00

SESSION I: The role of civil society in monitoring and ensuring accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in conflict

Introducers

Ms. Raquel Vazquez Llorente, Head of Law & Policy, Technology Threats & Opportunities, WITNESS

Mr. Roman Avramenko, Executive Director, Truth Hounds

Ms. Bahtijan Teregozjina, Human Rights defender and activist

Moderator: Mr. Andrew Gardner, Deputy Head, Human Rights Department, OSCE ODIHR

[17.30 – 18.30 – side events]

Day 2

[9.00 – 10.00 – side events]

10.30 – 12.30 **SESSION II: The role of civil society in protecting rights during times of conflict and humanitarian crisis**

Introducers

Mr. András Léderer, Head of Advocacy, Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Ms. Viktoriya Vaitovich, Policy Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

Mr. Mahmut Can İsal, Istanbul Bar Association

Ms. Iryna Datsenko, Project Co-ordinator, CrimeaSOS

Moderator: Ms. Julia Gebhard, Deputy Head, Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR

[13.15 – 14.15 – side events]

14.30 – 16.30 **SESSION III: Shrinking space: challenges faced by human rights defenders and civil society in the OSCE region**

Introducers

Ms. Waltraud Heller, Project Manager, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Ms. Tatiana Glushkova, Lawyer, Human Rights Protection Centre “Memorial”

Ms. Tolekan Ismailova, Director, Human Rights Movement "Bir Duino-Kyrgyzstan"

Moderator: Mr. Konstantine Vardzelashvili, Head, Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR

16.30 – 17.30 **CLOSING SESSION**
Reports from the working sessions
Comments from the floor

Closing remarks

Ms. Tea Jaliashvili, First Deputy Director, OSCE/ODIHR

Ms. Deborah M. Borg, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE

17.30 Closing of the meeting