



Human Dimension Seminar
Warsaw Poland, 11 - 12 October 2017

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 seminars on CSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, governments, civil society and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings at the Human Dimension Seminar on relevant issues of their choice.

The side events below have been exclusively organized and scheduled exclusively at the request of participants of the Human Dimension Seminar. The below descriptions have been provided by the organizers. They have been only 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.

Thursday, 12 October

Time: **13:15-14:45**

Venue: **Meeting Room 3**

Title: Rights based and comprehensive child protection approach: lessons learned, good practices and challenges

Convenor: OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Working language: English, Russian

Summary: Human trafficking, nowadays, is recognized as the most serious crime and gross violation of human rights. These are human rights which do not only imply a negative obligation of the State to abstain from direct violations of human rights, but also imply a positive obligation to put in place protective measures addressing the needs of those at risk and those who are actual victims of trafficking. This is especially true when a large percentage of the 40.3 million victims of human trafficking are minors below the age of 18 years. The children, who are caught in the vicious circle of human trafficking, suffer abuse, violence, anguish and devastating consequences. They are mainly trafficked for the purposes of sexual and labour exploitation. Children are also held in domestic

servitude, bought and sold for organ extraction and forced into organized begging and forced commission of crimes. The most vulnerable to trafficking are homeless children, children refugees and migrants, undocumented children, separated, unaccompanied and asylum-seeking children but also those who are subject of abuse and neglect, those who are deprived of parental care and abandoned. The side event will explore the rights based and comprehensive child protection approaches presented by civil society from across the OSCE region.

Refreshments will be provided

Time: **13:15-14:45**
Venue: **Meeting Room 2**
Title: "The Observers"
Convenor: OSCE Mission to Skopje
Working language: English

Summary: The event aims at presenting the movie "The Observers" that is produced by UNITAS Fund Serbia and Serbia Radio and Television. The movie features three stories of young people in the risk of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The movie has a preventive and educational purpose and it will facilitate the possible identification of potential victims.

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