



## Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

### **FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF: ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES OF COMBATting ANTI-SEMITISM AND INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIONS**

**22- 23 June 2017**

**Hofburg, Vienna**

#### **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 participating States agreed to facilitate informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and NGOs during OSCE meetings.

In line with these agreements, the OSCE invites civil society organizations to the first 2017 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) to be held on the subject of “Freedom of Religion or Belief for All: Issues, Opportunities and the specific Challenges of Combating anti-Semitism and Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians, Muslims and Members of other Other Religions”. The meeting will take place on 22-23 June 2017, in Vienna, at the Hofburg Conference Centre.

Participants wishing to attend the meeting are requested to register online at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> as of Monday, 5 June and **latest by the deadline of Monday, 19 June 2017 24:00 (CET)**. Important note: **registration after this date will be closed and registration on-site will not be available.**

Civil society organizations are invited to organize side events. **The system will be open from Thursday, 8 June at 12.00 (CET) until Tuesday, 13 June (CET)** and it is done on a ‘first come, first served’ basis so participants are advised to enter the booking system immediately after the opening. More information is available in the “Side events information” document.

Participation in the meeting is free of charge, although all travel and accommodation costs should be borne by participants. Civil society organizations are kindly requested to make

their own travel and hotel arrangements. You can find a list of selected hotels in Vienna on the ODIHR website.

Additional information on the meeting such as agenda, annotated agenda and general information concerning the modalities and logistics (incl. venue, schedule, seating, interpretation, guidelines for debate, interpretation and distribution of documents) will be made available on the OSCE website at: [www.osce.org/odihr/shdm\\_1\\_2017](http://www.osce.org/odihr/shdm_1_2017).

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