



Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting

COMBATING RACISM, INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION IN SOCIETY THROUGH SPORT

**19-20 April 2012
Hofburg, Vienna**

To civil society

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting Combating Racism, Intolerance and Discrimination in Society through Sport. This Meeting will take place in Vienna from 19th to 20th of April 2012.

Additional information relevant to this Meeting can be found on ODIHR website at <http://www.osce.org/odihr>.

The Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Combating Racism, Intolerance and Discrimination in Society through Sport will provide a platform for exchanges among different stakeholders and serve as an opportunity for OSCE participating States to share and exchange best practices and strategies on how to develop measures aimed at promoting diversity, integration and equality. A special attention will be paid to sport due to its significance and potential to build social cohesion. The SHDM will discuss contemporary manifestations of racism, intolerance and discrimination and how sport can serve as a vehicle to promote tolerance and equality, both within and across national borders.

The meeting will address the topic through the following three sessions:

- Racism, Intolerance and Discrimination: Contemporary Manifestations and Challenges
- Monitoring, Preventing and Responding to Hate Crimes, Racist Incidents, Intolerance and Discrimination, including in Sports
- Sporting Events as Confidence-Building Measures and the Role of Sport in the Promotion of Integration and Equality

Civil society representatives whose activities directly relate to the topic of the Meeting and wish to attend are requested to register on-line at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> by **Wednesday, 4 April 2012**. Civil society representatives are invited to forward this information to other relevant actors in the given field.

Please note that registered participants can pick up their badges for the meeting venue on Thursday, 19 April 2012 from 9.00 at the Hofburg Congress Centre in the main entrance hall. Participants may display information materials on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also distribute documents during the Meeting by giving one copy of each document (maximum 3 pages in length) to staff of the Document Distribution Centre. Participants are encouraged to intervene during the Working Sessions while limiting their statements to the specific issues at hand thereby contributing to a genuine discussion.

Unfortunately, the OSCE/ODIHR is not in a position to provide any financial assistance to participate in the Meeting. For your convenience, please find attached a list of hotels in Vienna. Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangements.

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