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New OSCE/ODIHR publication aimed at assisting governments in addressing security needs of Jewish communities



Cristina Finch, Head of the ODIHR Tolerance and Non-discrimination Department, listens as ODIHR Director Michael Georg Link speaks at the launch event for a new ODIHR publication, *Understanding Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes and Addressing the Security Needs of Jewish Communities*, at the German Parliamentary Society in Berlin, 15 May 2017. (OSCE/Jan Zappner)

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) released a new [publication](#) aimed at assisting governments in addressing the security needs of Jewish communities at a launch event in the German Parliamentary Society on 15 May 2017.

“Anti-Semitic incidents across the OSCE region in recent years have not only had a profoundly negative impact on the daily lives of Jewish individuals and communities and on their enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, but have also created a widespread sense of fear and insecurity among them,” Michael Georg Link, ODIHR Director, said at the event. “This publication, in light of the urgent need for greater efforts to confront anti-Semitism, provides governments with effective measures and practices that can be implemented, in co-operation

with Jewish communities, to better address their security needs, and thus remove this sense of fear and insecurity.”

The publication, *Understanding Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes and Addressing the Security Needs of Jewish Communities*, was produced within the framework of ODIHR’s “Words into Action to Address Anti-Semitism” project, in consultation with experts from throughout the OSCE region.



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ODIHR, parliamentary partners in election observation meet in Warsaw



Group photo of meeting participants in Warsaw.

Officials and experts from the OSCE PA, PACE, the EP and the NATO PA visited ODIHR's Warsaw headquarters on 22 and 23 May for an informal "brainstorming" meeting on election observation at the ODIHR headquarters.

The discussions over the two days focused on lessons learned and experiences in recent joint observation missions, and explored ways to strengthen co-operation among parliamentary delegations and ODIHR for such missions in the future.

Director Link meets with senior Italian, Holy See officials in Rome

ODIHR Director Michael Georg Link was in Rome from 16 to 18 May for meetings with senior officials from the Italian Foreign Ministry and the Holy See, and with members of the Italian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA).

Topics of discussion with Foreign Ministry officials included priorities for the Italian 2017 OSCE Chairmanship, while those with the OSCA PA delegation focused on co-operation with ODIHR in election observation. The need to support moderate voices to counter growing nationalism and intolerance was one focus of Director Link's meeting with Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Foreign Minister of the Holy See.



ODIHR Director Michael Georg Link meeting with Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Foreign Minister of the Holy See, in Rome.

Latest recruitment notices at ODIHR

Hate Crime Officer (seconded)

Location: Warsaw

Closing date: 13 June 2017

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Lead Consultant on Gender, Diversity and Justice

Location: Warsaw

Closing date: 28 May 2017

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Assistant Programme Officer, CPRSI

Location: Warsaw

Grade: P1

Closing date: 6 June 2017

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