

# Implementing the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

An International Conference of the European Centre for Minority Issues  
Duborg Skolen and Kompagnietor Building, Flensburg, Germany, 12 to 14 June 1998

## *Programme*

### **Friday, 12 June**

- Afternoon      Arrival in Flensburg
- 20:00            Dinner (*Restaurant Eckener Haus, Norderstraße 8, 24939 Flensburg,*  
*phone: 0461-180026*)  
After Dinner Speech by *Alan Phillips*, Minority Rights Group, London, United  
Kingdom

### **Saturday, 13 June**

*Duborg Skolen, Festivity Hall, Ritterstraße 27, 24939 Flensburg*

- 09:00            Meeting in the lobby of the hotel and departure for Duborg Skolen
- 09:30 - 11:30 Opening Session**  
Chair: *Rainer Hofmann*, Walther-Schücking-Institute for International Law,  
Kiel, Germany
- 09:45            Keynote speech: "How to make the best use of the Framework Convention?"  
*Ole Espersen*, Commissioner of the Council of the Baltic Sea States on  
Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, including the Rights of Persons  
belonging to Minorities, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 10:15            Coffee

- Introduction  
10:45 *Patrick Thornberry*, Department of International Law, Keele University,  
United Kingdom
- Discussion
- 11:30 End of Morning Session
- 12:00 Lunch on board of MS "Forelle" and cruise on Flensburg Fjord
- 14:00 - 15:30 *Problems of Implementation: The Experience of Others I***  
Moderator: *Arie Bloed*, Constitutional & Legal Policy Institute, Budapest,  
Hungary
- 14:00 *The Human Rights Committee of the United Nations*  
*Eckart Klein*, MenschenRechtsZentrum, University of Potsdam, Germany
- Discussion
- 14:30 *The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the  
Council of Europe*  
*Trevor Stevens*, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- Discussion
- 15:00 *The Committee Against Torture of the United Nations*  
*Bent Sørensen*, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims,  
Copenhagen, Denmark
- Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 - 17:30 *Problems of Implementation: The Experience of Others II***  
Moderator: *Bojan Brezigar*, European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages,  
Trieste, Italy
- 16:00 *The Working Group on Minorities of the United Nations*  
*Asbjørn Eide*, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Oslo, Norway
- Discussion
- 16:30 *The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the  
Council of Europe*  
*Frank Orton*, Former Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination, Stockholm,  
Sweden

Discussion

- 17:30 Concluding remarks by the Chair
- 17:45 End
- 19:00 Meeting in the lobby of the hotel and departure by bus to Denmark  
(Note: participants must have their passports with them)
- 19:30 Dinner (*Restaurant Fakkellaarden, Fjordevejen 44, Kollund, Denmark, phone: +45 74678300*)  
After Dinner Speech by *Jørgen Kühl*, Danevirke Museum, Dannewerk, Germany: "From Conflict to Co-existence: Majorities and Minorities in the Danish-German Border Region"

**Sunday, 14 June**

*European Centre for Minority Issues, Kompagnietor Building, Naval Court Room, Schiffbrücke 12, 24939 Flensburg*

**10:00 - 12:00 Recommendations**

Moderator: *Patrick Thornberry*  
Discussion on a set of recommendations

- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Final debate
- 12:30 Lunch (*Restaurant Borgerforeningen, Holm 17, 24937 Flensburg, phone: 0461-23385*)
- Afternoon Departure

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