

**POLICY DISCUSSION MEETING ON THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL
MINORITIES**

Minority Rights Group International

Location: Hotel Ventura

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Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 April 2002

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, 18th April: Introductions and Overview

morning	Arrival and Check-in	facilitated by MRG staff
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch for participants who arrive earlier.	
18:00 –19:30	Orientation and Introductions: In addition to going over the programme for the seminar, participants will have an opportunity to introduce themselves, their work, the type of issues they are working on, and their expectations for the seminar.	
20:00	Reception and Dinner	

Friday, 19th April

9:30 – 9:45	Orientation and Introductions: continued	Facilitated by MRG staff
9:45 – 10.15	Policy Paper on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities: Processes, Mechanisms, Outputs, Impacts, Networks and Follow-Up Advocacy	Alan Phillips , Vice-President, Advisory Committee, Council of Europe
10.15– 11:45	Mechanisms: facilitated discussion on (AP deconstruct this title and make it more descriptive on the basis of policy paper). Key points of discussion will be summarised at the end of each session.	Speaker: Antti Korkeakivi , Secretariat of the FCNM, Council of Europe
11:45 –12.00	Coffee break	Speaker: Lauri Hannikainen
12:00 –13:30	Processes: facilitated discussion	Speaker: Gaspar Biro, Vice-President, Advisory Committee, CoE
13.30 –15.00	Lunch	
15.00– 17.30	Outputs/Concrete Outcomes: facilitated discussion	
19:30	Dinner	

Saturday, 20th April

9:00- 9:10	Brief Summary of the First Day's Discussions	Alan Phillips
9:10- 11:10	Impacts: This facilitated discussion will focus on benefits on local communities, impacts on governments, and IGOs.	Speaker: Boris Tsilevic, MP Latvia and PACE
11:10-11:25	Coffee break	
11:25 –13:00	Strategies and Good Practices, and Possible Common Actins / Cooperation	Facilitated by MRG
13:00 –14.30	Lunch	
14.30 –16.00	Recommendations: Facilitated discussion	Facilitated by MRG staff
16:00– 1700	Summary and Conclusions Dinner out at Cafe Central	Facilitated by MRG staff