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Venue:

Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
Jekaba str. 11.  
Room Sarkana zale

## Programme

Chairperson: **Ms. Simona ORLANDO**, Lawyer, Italy

- 8.45 Registration
- 9.00 Welcome and introduction  
**Ms. Dagnija STAKJE**, Minister of Welfare  
**Mr. Ainars LATKOVSKIS**, Special Assignments Minister for Social Integration  
**Ms. Simona ORLANDO**, Lawyer, Italy
- 9.15 The European policy to combat discrimination - Introduction to Directives 2000/43/EC & 2000/78/EC  
**Mr. Sergiusz WAPLAK**, DG EMPL, European Commission
- 10.00 State of play of the implementation in Latvia  
**Ms. Dace GRINBERGA**, Head of Legal Division, Secretariat of the Special Assignments Minister for Social Integration
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.45 Remedies and enforcement – burden of proof, access to justice and sanctions  
**Mr. Declan O'DEMPSEY**, Barrister, United Kingdom
- 12.30 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 Awareness raising  
**Ms. Sinikka KESKINEN**, Ministry of Labour, Finland
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.15 Implementation in the Member States – the examples of the United Kingdom and Greece  
**Ms. Pam SMITH**, former Member of the Commission for Racial Equality, United Kingdom  
**Ms. Chrysi CHATZI**, Deputy Ombudsman, Greek Ombudsman's Office
- 16.15 Discussion
- 17.15 End of seminar

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