

Minorities in Transition: A Force Forward Rather than Backward

Agenda of the Tallinn Workshop 30 March, 2007, Tallinn

Opening remarks	08.30-08.45	Attila Komlós – (Program Advisor, ICDT, former President of the Government Office for Hungarian Minorities Abroad, Hungary) Tanel Matlik (Director, Integration Foundation, Estonia)
Panel I:	08.45-10.00	ROLE OF MINORITIES IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION
	<i>Invited speakers</i>	Vadim Poleshchuk – (Legal Advisor-Analyst, Legal Information Centre for Human Rights, Estonia) Tadas Leoncikas (Researcher, Centre of Ethnic Studies and Social Research, Lithuania) Vladislav Volkov (Researcher, Daugavpils University, Latvia) Natalya Belitser (Researcher, Institute for Democracy, Ukraine)
	10.00-10.30	- discussion, questions and remarks
	<i>Moderator</i>	Tanel Matlik (Director, Integration Foundation, Estonia)
Coffee break	10.30-11.00	
Panel II:	11.00 -12.30	SITUATION OF MINORITIES TODAY – INSTITUTIONS, LEGAL INSTRUMENTS, STATUS OF MINORITIES
	<i>Invited speakers</i>	Kristina Kallas (Development Director, Institute of Baltic Studies, Estonia) Svetlana Djackova (Researcher, Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies, Latvia) Yevhen Bystrytsky (Executive Director, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine) Atanasia Stoianova (Project manager, Center for Minority Issues, Moldova) Maksim Belitski (Senior lecturer, Belarussian State University Minsk, Belarus)
	12.30-13.00	- discussion, questions and remarks
	<i>Moderator</i>	Kristina Kallas (Development Director, Institute of Baltic Studies, Estonia)
Lunch	13.00 -	

Panel III.:	<i>15.00-16.30</i> <i>Invited</i> <i>speakers:</i>	MINORITY RIGHTS IN PRACTICE AND THE EUROPEAN STANDARDS Raivo Vetik (Director, Institute of International and Social Studies, Tallin University, Estonia) Olya Tarchynets (Researcher, Ukraine) Teo Carnat (Executive Director, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Moldova) Boriss Cilevics (Chairman, Sub-committee on Rights of Minorities, Council of Europe)
	<i>16.30-17.00</i>	- discussion, questions and remarks
	<i>Moderator</i>	Attila Komlós (Program Advisor, ICDT, former President of the Government Office for Hungarian Minorities Abroad, Hungary)
Conclusions	<i>17.00-17.15</i>	Kristina Kallas (Development Director, Institute of Baltic Studies, Estonia)
Dinner	<i>18.30</i>	