



## Agenda

CONFERENCE ON THE INTEGRATION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN EUROPE  
“STRENGTHENING THE COHESION OF EUROPEAN SOCIETIES: EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS BELONGING  
TO NATIONAL MINORITIES IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS”

HOTEL HOLIDAY INN, SKOPJE

7-8 JUNE 2010

### PROGRAMME

#### First day, 7 June 2010

9-9.30

Registration of participants

10 am

Opening of the Conference

**Address by H.E. Antonio Miloshoski**, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Address by Ms Michèle Akip**, Head of the Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

**Address by H.E. Knut Vollebaek**, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

**Address by Mr Zoran Petreski**, President of the Committee on the political system and inter-ethnic relations, Macedonian Assembly

10.30 am

Coffee Break

10.45 am

**Plenary session: Overview of the current situation in member states of the Council of Europe regarding effective participation of persons belonging to national minorities in the decision-making process.**

**- Presentation of a case study-specific country situation**

**Moderator: Ms Sanja Zografska-Krsteska**, Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Coordinator of the Committee of Ministers Chairmanship

**Introduction by Mr Alan Phillips**, President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention on National Minorities, on the effects of the thematic Commentary produced by the Committee in 2008 on the Effective Participation of Persons belonging to National Minorities in Cultural, Social and Economic Life and in Public Affairs

**Address by Mr Boriss Cilevičs**, Rapporteur at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Minority Protection in Europe: best practices and deficiencies in the implementation of common standards,

**Ms Aleksandra Bojadzieva**, Member of the Advisory Committee on the FCNM – “Macedonian Participation Arrangements with Comparative Focus on Roma”- case study

**Ms Vesna Babic Petrovski**, Director of the Agency for implementation of the rights of smaller communities – Presentation on the Agency

11.45 am

Discussion – Intervention by participants

.30 Family photo

.45 Press Conference

12.35 pm

**Side-event organized by the NGO “InSoC Initiative for Social Change”, Presentation of Romani-Macedonian/Macedonian-Romani Dictionary and followed by Gazment Berisha Band, a Romani jazz band**

*1.00 pm*

Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Workshop 1**

*3.00 pm*

**Sub-theme 1: Creating conditions for more effective participation in the political and public life for the future: what needs to be done to strengthen the cohesion of our societies while respecting diversity.**

**Moderator: Mr. Alan Philips, President of the Advisory Committee on the FCNM**

**Keynote speakers:** Dr. Florian Bieber, University of Kent

**Dr. Oleh Protsyk**, Senior Research Associate,  
European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg

**Professor Dr. Lidija Basta Fleiner**, Member of  
Advisory Committee on the FCNM

*4.00 pm*

Coffee Break

*4.15 pm*

Intervention by participants and discussion on Sub-theme 1

*5.30 pm*

End of the first day

### **Workshop 2**

*3.00 pm*

**Sub-theme 2: Synergies and Comparative advantages of the Council of Europe, OSCE/HCNM, EU, UN actions that contribute towards more effective participation of minorities in the decision-making process**

**Moderator: Ms Ilze Brands Kehris, 1st Vice-President of the Advisory Committee of the FCNM**

**Keynote speakers::**

**H.E Ambassador Jose Luis Herrero**,

Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitoring Mission in Skopje

**Ms Deirdre Boyd**,

United Nations Resident Coordinator

and UNDP Resident Representative, Skopje

**Ms Elisabeth Gross**, Minority Rights Group – Europe

**Ms Elena Andreevska**, SEE University, Tetovo

**Ms Margarita Tsatsa Nikolovska**, former Macedonian Judge at the ECtHR, Legal Advisor

*4.00 pm*

Coffee Break

*4.15 pm*

Intervention by participants and discussion on Sub-theme 2

*5.30 pm*

End of the first day

*7.00 pm*

Cultural programme: **visit to the Daut Pasha Hamam National Gallery**, located in the Old Town, walking distance from the hotel (6.45 pm departure from the hotel to the National Gallery)

*8.30 pm*

**Cocktail – dinner hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

venue “Pivnica An” in the Old Town

**Second day, 8 June 2010**

*9.30 am*

**Plenary session: Future activities and conclusions from the discussion**

**Moderator: Ms Sanja Zografska-Krsteska**, Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Coordinator of the Committee of Ministers Chairmanship

**Keynote speaker: Professor Dr. Gjegj Sinani**, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana, Member of Advisory Committee on the FCNM

**Interventions by participants**

*11.00 am*

Coffee Break

*11.30 am*

**Concluding remarks by Ms Ilze Brands-Kehris**, 1st Vice-President of the Advisory Committee on the FCNM

*12 noon*

Closing session

**Mr Abdulaqim Ademi**, Deputy Prime Minister and Head of the Secretariat for the Implementation of the Framework Agreement

**Ms Michèle Akip**, Head of the Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

**Mr Antonio Miloshoski**, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, Macedonian Minister of Foreign Affairs