

A Human Rights Bedrock: Effective National Human Rights Institutions for the Western Balkans

Regional Conference

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Agenda

10:45-11:00	Entry of participants and technical checks
11:00-11.10	Welcoming remarks Goran Miletić, Director for Europe, Civil Rights Defenders Dr. Simonida Kacarska, Director, European Policy Institute – Skopje
11.10-11.30	Presentation of the key findings of the regional report Speakers: Dr. Malinka Risteska Jordanova, European Policy Institute – Skopje Dr. Biljana Kotevska, European Policy Institute – Skopje
11.30-12:30	Independence and resources: still a challenge This session will focus on the domains: 1) independence and 2) resources and capacities Speakers: Siniša Bjeković, Ombudsperson, Montenegro Robert Gajda, Commissioner for Protection against Discrimination, Albania Suzana Gashi, Director of Department for Legal Affairs, Ombudsperson, Kosovo Prof Dr. Ivana Krstić, Author of the report on Serbia Dr. Biljana Kotevska, Author of the report on North Macedonia <i>Moderator:</i> Aida Malkić, Author of the report on Bosnia and Herzegovina
12.30-12.40	Virtual break
12.40-13.40	Reaching out: towards impact The session will highlight key issues related to the domains: 3) information and cooperation and 4) mandate and powers. Speakers: Brankica Janković, Commissioner for Protection of Equality, Serbia Leonora Kadriji, General Secretary, Data Protection Agency, North Macedonia Dr. Jasminka Džumhur, Ombudsperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina Armela Xhaho, Author of the report on Albania Nat Avdiu and Edona Ahmetaj, Authors of the report on Kosovo <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Jelena Dzankić, Author of the report on Montenegro
13.40-14.00	Concluding observations Damjan Zdravev, Civil Rights Defenders