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**“Promoting Human Rights and Minority Protection in South East Europe”**

**Regional Joint Project between the European Union and the Council of Europe**

**“Enhancing cooperation among the institutions dealing with  
the promotion and protection of national minorities  
in the Republic of Serbia”**

**Opportunities to promote the functioning of the national councils for  
national minorities**

Belgrade, Hotel Metropol  
22 April 2013

**AGENDA**

event hosted by



**The Republic of Serbia  
Government  
Office for Human and Minority Rights**

09:00-9:30                      *Registration*

09:30-09:45                      **Welcome address:**

**Antje Rothmund**, Head of Office, Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

**Opening speeches:**

**María Ochoa-Llidó**, Director of Human Rights and Antidiscrimination a.i, Council of Europe

**Luca Bianconi**, Head of Political Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia

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PANEL I:                      Co-operation with national councils for national minorities – recommendations for improvement

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09:45-10:15                      Moderator: **Dusica Puzić**, Co-ordinator of the Project “Promoting Human Rights and Minority Protection in South East Europe” (JP MIN)

**Suzana Paunović**, Director of the Office for Human and Minority Rights

**Gordana Stamenić**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration

**Andor Deli**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Vojvodina and Provincial Secretary for Education, Administration and National Communities

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PANEL II:                      Realization of the competencies of national councils for national minorities – current achievements

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10:15-11:00                      Moderator: **Zorica Novaković**, Office for Human and Minority Rights

**Borče Veličkovski**, Coordinator of national councils for national minorities and the President of National Council of Macedonian National Minority

**Vitomir Mihajlović**, President of the National Council of Romani National Minority

**Esad Džudžević**, President of the National council of Bosniak National Minority

11:00-11:30                      Discussion

11:30-12:00

*Coffee break*

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PANEL III: The role of independent institutions as concerns monitoring of the implementation of the Law on National Councils for National Minorities

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12:00-13:00

Moderator: **Aleksandra Vujić**, JP MIN Local Project Officer for Serbia

**Nevena Petrušić**, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality

**Goran Bašić**, Deputy Ombudsman for National Minorities

**Eva Vukašinović**, Deputy Provincial Ombudsman for the Protection of Minority Rights

13:00-14:00

Discussion

14:00-15:30

*Lunch break*

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PANEL IV: Opportunities for the improvement of the status of national minorities by amendments to the Law on National Councils for National Minorities

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15:30-16:30

Moderator: **Gordana Govedarica**, Office for Human and Minority Rights

**Vesna Petrović**, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

**Slaven Bačić**, President of the National Council of Croatian National Minority

**Ljubica Đorđević**, Ethnicity Research Center

16:30-17:30

Discussion

17:30

Concluding remarks