

STATE AND SOCIETY CHALLENGES TO RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

PROGRAMME

Day I - Thursday, 21 February 2019

09.00 - 09.30 **Arrival**

09.30 – 11.00 **Introduction**

Chair: **Mr. Peter Tyndall**

President of IOI, Ombudsman of the Republic of Ireland (Oifig on Ombudsman)

Welcoming addresses

Mr. Nikos Voutsis

Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament

Mr. Rafael Ribó i Massó

President of European branch of IOI, Catalan Ombudsman (Síndic de Greuges de Catalunya)

Mr. Andreas I. Pottakis

The Greek Ombudsman

Video message

Ms. Emily O'Reilly

European Ombudsman

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee Break**

Group photo

11.30 – 13.00 **Session I**

Challenges to the state and to freedoms

Chair: **Mr. Nikiforos Diamandouros**

Prof. Emeritus, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Member of the Academy of Athens, Former European Ombudsman, Former Greek Ombudsman

Keynote speeches

Mr. Christos Giakoumopoulos

Director General DG Human Rights & Rule of Law, Council of Europe

“Institutions and approaches in defense of individual freedoms in the 21st century”

Mr. Olivier Dubos

Professor of Public Law, University of Bordeaux.

“Gilets jaunes: the desertion of the State?”

Interventions

Dr. Tatiana Moskalkova

High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 Session II
Challenges to social cohesion

Chair: **Mr. Giorgos Kaminis**

Prof. of Constitutional Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Mayor of Athens, Former Greek Ombudsman

Keynote speeches

Mr. Jean-Bernard Auby

Prof. Emeritus, SciencesPo

“Enhancing social cohesion. Reflecting on the role of good administration and good administrative law”

Mr. Giacinto della Cananea

Professor of Administrative Law, University of Bocconi, Milan

“Towards a golden rule in the EU? Public investments in view of social and territorial cohesiveness”

Interventions

Ms. Maya Manolova

Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria (Омбудсман на Република България)

Discussion

15.30 End of Day I

Day II - Friday, 22 February

09.00 – 09.30 Arrival

09.30 – 11.00 **Session III**
Challenges to the rights of the “others”

Chair: **Ms. Kalliopi Spanou**
Prof. of Administrative Science, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens,
Former Greek Ombudsman

Keynote speeches

Mr. Philippe Leclerc

Head of Representation to Greece, UNHCR

“Refugee protection and durable solutions through enhanced responsibility sharing and partnerships”

Mr. Gianluca Rocco

Head of Representation to Greece, IOM

“Different mandates for a common vision in the new migration challenges”

Interventions

Mr. Dimitris Vitsas

Minister for Migration Policy

Mr. Manuel Lezueta

Ombudsman of the Basque Country (Ararteko)

Mr. Andreas Pottakis

Greek Ombudsman

Mr. Jørn E. Gjelstad

H.E. the Ambassador of Norway

Mr. Mykola Gnatovskyy

President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)

Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session IV**
Challenges to rights and freedoms in the digital era

Chair: **Mr. Andreas I. Pottakis**
The Greek Ombudsman

Keynote speeches

Mr. Yiannis Drossos

Prof. of Constitutional Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,
CEO of Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (EPT / ERT)
"Public Television dealing with fake news"

Mr. Giorgos Karavokyris

Ass. Prof. of Constitutional Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
"Freedom of expression on the web: the blurred margins between protection and
censorship"

Interventions

Mrs. Erinda Balanca

Ombudsman of Albania (Avokati I Popullit)

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 **Session V**
Challenges to Ombudsman Institutions

Keynote speech

Mr. Igli Totozani

Member of the working group for the Ombudsman Institution of the Venice
Commission, Council of Europe, Former Ombudsman of Albania (Avokati I Popullit),
Member honoraire of AOM

Interventions

Discussions

15.00 End of Conference