

“Progress to Equality: National Effective and Innovative Practices to Combat and Prevent Discrimination” Project



Ministry of Labour and Social Policy



Commission for Protection
against Discrimination

Draft Agenda

National Legal Workshop
**Combating and preventing discrimination by the
means of criminal law**

08-10 April 2010

Sofia, Maxi Park Hotel Spa,
Maxi Grand Hall

8 April 2010, Thursday, day one
Facilitator: Member of the CPD

12.00 - 13.30	<p><i>Accommodation of participants at Sofia, Maxi Park Hotel and Tzarsko Selo Complex, Sofia</i></p> <p><i>Lunch at Maxi Park Hotel Restaurant</i></p>
13.30 – 14.00	Registration
13.40 – 14.20	<p>Opening of the Workshop Welcoming speech - Mr. Kemal Eyup, Chairman of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination (CPD) Greeting speeches</p> <p>Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, Religions, Citizens' Complaints and Petitions to the 41st National Assembly – Mr. Yordan Bakalov /to be confirmed/</p> <p>Chair of the Commission on Legal Affairs to the 41st National Assembly – Mrs. Iskra Fidosova /to be confirmed/</p> <p>Chairman of the Supreme Court of Cassation – Professor Lazar Gruev /to be confirmed/</p>

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	<p>Prosecutor General – Ass. Prof. Boris Velchev /to be confirmed/</p> <p>Minister of Labour and Social Policy – Mr. Totyu Mladenov /to be confirmed/</p> <p>Minister of Justice –Mrs. Margarita Popova /to be confirmed/</p> <p>Minister of Interior – Mr. Tzvetan Tzvetanov /to be confirmed/</p>
14.20 – 15.05	<p><i>Preventing and Combating Specific Forms of Discrimination by the Means of Criminal Law in the European Union</i> Speaker from the European Commission</p>
14.05 – 15.15	Discussion
15.15 – 15.40	Coffee break
15.40 – 16.25	<p><i>Hate-crime and Hate Motivated Incidents in the OSCE Region – Phenomenon and its Societal and Legal Meaning, Work Definitions, National Methods and Best Practices</i> Speaker from OSCE</p>
16.25 – 16.40	Discussion
16.40 – 17.00	<p><i>Summary of the Panel</i> Facilitator</p>
20.00	<i>Official dinner at Maxi Park Hotel Restaurant</i>

9 April 2010, Friday, day two
Facilitator: Member of the CPD

9.45 – 10.15	<p><i>Role of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination in Preventing and Combating Hate-crime</i> Speaker from the CPD</p>
10.15 – 10.50	<p><i>Social Roots of Discrimination and Hate Crime</i> Speaker: Haralan Alexandrov, Sociologist</p>

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10.50 – 11:10	Discussion
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.15	<i>Equality Bodies' Role in Preventing and Combating Hate-crime – Best Practices from Belgium</i> Presenter: Mr. Josef De Witte, Director of the Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, Belgium
12.15 – 12.30	Discussion
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch
14.00 – 14.40	Lecture: Prosecution Office of the Republic of Bulgaria Topic and speaker to be confirmed
14.40 – 14.50	Discussion
14.50 – 15.30	Lecture: Supreme Court of Cassation Topic and speaker to be confirmed
15.30 – 15.40	Discussion
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee break

16.00 – 16.40	Discrimination Crimes – Theoretical and Practical Specifics of Crimes against Equality, Religious and Political Tolerance Academic Speaker
16.40 – 16.50	Discussion
16.50 – 17.30	Intolerance and Hate crime – Typical Examples and the Role of Civil Society in their Prosecution by the Means of Criminal Law Topic and NGO speaker to be confirmed
17.30 – 17.40	Discussion
17.40 – 17.50	Summary of the day Facilitator
20.00	<i>Official dinner at Maxi Park Hotel Restaurant</i>

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10 April 2010, Saturday, day three
Facilitator: CPD Member

9.45 – 10.15	<p><i>ECRI Standard on National Penal Legislation for Preventing and Combating Discrimination and its Application in Criminal Case Law – General Policy Recommendations and Conclusions in the Reports on Bulgaria</i></p> <p>Speaker from the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance with the Council of Europe</p>
10.15 – 10.50	<p><i>Case-law of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination</i></p> <p>Speaker from the CPD</p>
10.50 – 11:10	Discussion
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30	<p><i>Closing Discussion</i> Preventing and Combating specific forms of discrimination by the means of criminal law – legislative and practical perspectives and challenges</p> <p>Short presentations within 8 minutes by one representative of the following key institutions of executive, legislative and judicial authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Justice - Minister of Foreign Affairs - Commission on Legal Affairs to the 41st National Assembly - Prosecution Office of the Republic of Bulgaria - Supreme Court of Cassation - Ministry of Interior - Commission for Protection against Discrimination
12.30 – 12.40	Closing Remarks
12.40 – 14.00	Lunch and departure of participants

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