



COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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MISSING PERSONS AND VICTIMS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE IN EUROPE

Round-Table with human rights defenders
Strasbourg, France, 30 June-1 July 2016

Council of Europe (Room 14)

Programme

organised by
the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016

09:00 - 09:30 **OPENING**

Mr Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Mr Henrikas Mickevičius, Member of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
Mr Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

09:30 – 10:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Ms Gabriella Citroni, Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Milano-Bicocca (Milan, Italy) and senior legal advisor for TRIAL (Track Impunity Always)

SESSION 1 – ESTABLISHING THE TRUTH

Moderator: Mr Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, Deputy to the Director, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

- Efficient and effective domestic legal and institutional frameworks
- Search for and exhumation of missing persons and victims of enforced disappearance

10:00 - 10:15 Introductory remarks: Ms Jasna Zečević, *Vive Žene*

10:15 - 11:00 **DISCUSSION**

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 **DISCUSSION**

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

SESSION 2 – ERADICATING IMPUNITY AND ENSURING REPARATION FOR THE VICTIMS

Moderator: Ms Eriha Bičakčić, Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

- Prosecution and punishment of perpetrators
- Support and reparation for victims of enforced disappearance

14:30 - 14:45 Introductory remarks: Mr Murat Çelikkan, *Hafıza Merkezi*

14:45 - 16:00 **DISCUSSION**

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:30 **DISCUSSION**

18:00 Reception (Council of Europe, Blue Restaurant)

FRIDAY 1 JULY 2016

SESSION 3 – WORK AND SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WORKING ON ISSUES RELATED TO MISSING PERSONS, ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

Moderator: Ms Christine Mardrossian, Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

- Work of human rights defenders in the field of transitional justice
- Obstacles and reprisals that human rights defenders face

09:00 - 09:15 Introductory remarks: Mr Kirill Koroteev, Human Rights Centre “Memorial”

09:15 - 10:30 **DISCUSSION**

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:00 **DISCUSSION**

12:00 - 12:30 **CONCLUSION**

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch