





## **REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

Stopping Sexual Violence against Children - ratifying and implementing the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201)

With the participation of representatives from:
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia,
Slovenia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Turkey

Organised in co-operation with the Ministry of Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity and Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

Zagreb, 27-28 October 2011 Westin Hotel

**Draft Programme** 

| Wednesday, 26 October   |  |  |
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| 20h00   | Welcome dinner at Restaurant Opera (Westin Hotel) hosted by the Ministry of Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity   |  |
| Thursday, 27 October  |  |  |
| 8h00 – 8h45   | Registration of participants   |  |
| Opening session - Chaired by Mr Tomislav Ivić, Minister of Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity of the Republic of Croatia  |  |  |
| 9h00 – 10h00  | Opening remarks by:  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe<br/>(tbc)</li> </ul>  |  |
|   | Ms Anica Djamić, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent<br>Representative of Croatia to the Council of Europe, Committee of Ministers,<br>Thematic Coordinator on Children  |  |
|   | > Mr Stefan Schennach, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe   |  |
|   | > Ms Jadranka Kosor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia (tbc)   |  |
| 10h00-10h15   | ONE in FIVE - The Council of Europe Campaign to stop sexual violence against children – short presentation and TV spot, Ms Gordana Berjan, Programme Officer, Programme "Building a Europe for and with Children", Children's Rights Division, Directorate General I - Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe |  |
| 10h15 -10h45  | Coffee Break   |  |
| Plenary Session 1: The Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201): A holistic approach Moderator: Ms Lora Vidović, UNICEF Croatia |  |  |
| 10h45–11h30   | The added value, the scope and content of the Lanzarote Convention Speaker:<br>Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Head of Criminal Law Division, Information Society and<br>Action against Crime Department, Directorate General I - Human Rights and Rule of<br>Law, Council of Europe   |  |
|   | > Examples of countries' practical experience of acceding to the Lanzarote Convention:   |  |
|   | Paving the way to the ratification of the Lanzarote Convention: the experience of Croatia – Mr Ivan Crnčec, Director in the Criminal law Directorate of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia;  |  |
|   | 2. Ratification of the Convention: the experience of Serbia, (Party to the Lanzarote Convention), Ms Nevena Vuckovic Sahovic, Professor of International Law and Family Law at the UNION University in Belgrade, Council of Europe Expert  |  |

| 11h30 -12h00  | Discussion   |  |
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| 12h00-14h00   | Lunch at Restaurant Opera (Westin Hotel) hosted by the Ministry of Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity  |  |
| Plenary Session 2: The prevention and prosecution of sexual offences against children Moderator: Ms Mila Jelavić, Ombudswoman for Children, Republic of Croatia   |  |  |
| 14h00–14h30   | Measures to prevent sexual offences against children in the Council of Europe<br>Convention: Mr Marnix Alink, (Legal Advisor, Dutch Ministry of Justice), Council of<br>Europe Expert;   |  |
|   | ➤ Investigation and prosecution of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children: the example and experience of Denmark – Mr Lars Lichtenstein, (Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Denmark), Council of Europe Expert   |  |
| 14h30-14h45   | Discussion   |  |
| Plenary Session 3: Criminal law measures to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse  Moderator: Mr Krunoslav Borovec, Spokesperson of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia |  |  |
| 14h45-15h45   | Protection of children from sexual violence on the internet - the relation between the<br>Lanzarote Convention and the Convention on Cybercrime: Dr. Henrik W.K.<br>Kaspersen (Chair of the advisory board of the Internet Watchdog foundation against<br>racist and discriminatory expressions on the Internet), Council of Europe Expert |  |
|   | Criminalising all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children:<br>Ms Ksenija Turkovic (Professor of Criminal Law at Zagreb University, member of<br>the working party of the Lanzarote Convention), Council of Europe Expert;  |  |
|   | The Lanzarote Convention and Criminal Legal Policy on Protection of Children in<br>Republic of Croatia: Ms Melita Božićević Grbić, Supreme Court Judge, Republic of<br>Croatia;  |  |
|   | Child-friendly procedural measures - Council of Europe Guidelines on Child-friendly<br>Justice: Ms Ankie Vandekerckhove, Children's Rights expert, former Flemish<br>Children's Rights Commissioner and technical expert in the Council of Europe<br>working group on Child Friendly Justice;  |  |
| 15h45-16h15   | Discussion   |  |
| Closing Remarks   |  |  |
| 16h15-16h30   | Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director of Justice and Human Dignity Directorate, Directorate General I - Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe  |  |
|   | Mr Dražen Bošnjaković, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia  |  |
| 19h30   | Dinner at Restaurant Kaptol (Westin Hotel)   |  |

| Friday, 28 October |   |  |
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| 08h45              | Transfer to the Child Protection Centre of Zagreb   |  |
| 09h00-09h15        | Welcome speech by a representative of the City of Zagreb – Founder of the Child Protection Centre of Zagreb   |  |
| 09h15-09h45        | Protecting Sexually Abused Children: from Policy to Practice: Ms Gordana Buljan Flander, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Director of the Child Protection Centre of Zagreb   |  |
| 09h45–10h00        | Analysis of Indicators and Characteristics of Sexually Abused Children in the Child Protection Centre of Zagreb: Ms Bruna Profaca, Ph.D. Head of Diagnostics and Treatment of the Child Protection Centre of Zagreb |  |
| 10h00 10h15        | Break   |  |
| 10h15–10h50        | Interventions in the Treatment of Sexually Abused Children and Support to the Non-Abusive Parent: Ms Gordana Buljan Flander   |  |
| 10h50–11h10        | Co-operation of the Child Protection Centre of Zagreb and Other Institutions in the Prevention and Interventions in Work with Sexually Abused Children – Experts' Experiences                                       |  |
| 11h10–11h30        | Discussion and Q&A  |  |
| 12h00              | Departure of Participants   |  |