



**DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**



2 May 2011

**Consultation meeting on the Council of Europe's activities
in the field of migration**

5-6 May 2011
Athens, Greece
(President Hotel, 43 Kifissias Ave.)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 4 May 2011

Participants' arrival at Hotel President

20:00 *Dinner at President Hotel*

Thursday, 5 May 2011

9:15 – 9:45

Opening

Prof. Kalliopi Spanou, Acting Greek Ombudsman

Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migration
PACE

9:45 – 10:15

Keynote speeches

Ms Anna Dalaras, Deputy Minister of Labour, Greece

10:15 – 13:30

First working session:

**The human rights dimension of migration, including the issue
of the rights of irregular migrants**

Chair: Prof. Calliope Spanou, Acting Greek Ombudsman

Introductory presentations (15 minutes each):

Mr Mark Neville, Head of Migration, Social cohesion and Equal
opportunities Department, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council
of Europe

Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Fundamental Rights Agency of the
European Union

Mr Sophio Benashvili, Deputy Head of the Department of Justice,
Office of the Public Defender

Ms Maria Voutsinou and Ms Kalliopi Lykovardi, Senior
investigators, Office of the Greek Ombudsman

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:15 **Discussion continued**

13:15 – 15:00

Buffet lunch

15:00 – 18:30

Second working session: Asylum and return procedures

Chair: Mr Kostis Papaioannou, Chairman of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights

Introductory presentations (15 minutes each):

Tana de Zulueta, Independent Expert, Former Member of the Italian Parliament and of PACE

Ms Elena Arce, Head of Migrations and Equality of Treatments Department, Office of the Spanish Ombudsman

Ms Kalliopi Stefanaki, Protection Officer, UNHCR, Athens

Ms Clare Ovey, Registry, European Court of Human Rights

Discussion

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee break

17:30 – 18:30

Discussion continued

20:00

Dinner in Restaurant Alatsi

Friday, 6 May 2011

9:15 - 13:00

Third working session: Social integration of migrants

Chair: Markus Jaeger, Head of Co-operation with National Human Rights Structures, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

Introductory presentations (15 minutes each):

Mr Chris Hedges, Home Office, United Kingdom

Ms Jos de Bruijn, Office of the Ombudsman of The Netherlands

Ms Maria Kouveli, Chairperson of the Integration Council of the Municipality of Athens

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Discussion continued

13:00 – 13:30

Concluding remarks

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Co-ordinator, Unit for Migration Issues, Council of Europe

Prof. Dimitris Christopoulos, Chairman of the Hellenic League for Human Rights

13:30 – 15:00

Buffet lunch

Departure of participants

Please note that this meeting will be held in English only