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 Lezuerta
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 (ΕΡΤ / 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