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### **Twinning Project** **Establishing a comprehensive system for anti-discrimination protection** **Funded under The European Union's IPA 2009 Programme for Croatia**

On Tuesday, the 24th January 2012 the Office of the Ombudsman, the Croatian Government's Office for Human Rights and its project partner the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Austria, will present the twinning project „Establishing a comprehensive system for anti-discrimination protection" in the premises of the Croatian Parliament.

The overall objective of this Twinning project is to establish an efficient and effective system for combating discrimination, thus raising the level of protection against discrimination in the Republic of Croatia.

Expected results of this project are:

- Establishment of an effective system for the implementation of anti-discrimination legislation through strengthening the capacity of the project beneficiary institutions – the Office of the Ombudsman and the Croatian Government's Office for Human Rights.
- Establishment of a system for statistical monitoring and documentation of cases of discrimination,
- Establishment of an enhanced system of assistance to victims of discrimination

Achieving these results will improve the monitoring system of discrimination and will establish new mechanisms for the recognition of discrimination, which will result in a significant improvement of the existing system of protection against discrimination in Croatia and raise the level of protection for victims of discrimination.

At the opening ceremony, among others, Mr Paul Vandoren, Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Croatia, Mr Jurica Malčić, the Ombudsman, Mr Luka Maderić, Head of the Government's Office for Human Rights and Mr Hannes Tretter, scientific director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights will give a speech.



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