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# **Conference**

## Economic and social rights

## for forcibly displaced persons

## during the conflicts in former Yugoslavia

# 27 – 28 June 2017

# Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Draft Programme**

Co-organised by the Department of the European Social Charter of the Council of Europe (CoE) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with a focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Kosovo\*.

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| **27 June 2017**  **Addressing the challenges** | |
| **09:00 – 09:30** | **Registration and welcome coffee** |
| **09:30 – 10:15** | **Opening Remarks**   * Minister Semiha Borovac, Minister of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina * Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina * Anne-Christine Eriksson, UNHCR Regional Representative for South Eastern Europe * Representative of the CoE Headquarters + Representative of UNHCR Headquarters |
| **10:15 – 11:15** | **Session 1: Regional challenges in implementing economic and social rights agreed within the Sarajevo Declaration Process**  *Moderator: to be decided*   * Chaloka Beyani, Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics (LSE)/ former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons * Dejan Kladarin, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Representation in Skopje * Danilo Ćurčić, Legal Advisor, Lawyers’ Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM), Serbia |
| **11:15 – 11:30** | **Coffee Break** |
| **11:30 – 13:00** | Session 1: (continuing)   * Tour de table with scheduled observations by representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Kosovo\*. * Plenary discussion |
| **13.00 – 14.30** | **Lunch (at the Parliament building)** |
| **14:30 – 15:45** | **Session 2: The European Social Charter as a tool for the protection of social and economic rights**  *Moderator: to be decided*   * **The European Social Charter, a tool for the implementation of Social rights**   *Presentation of good practices related to the implementation of Articles 16 and 31 of the Charter*  Régis Brillat, Head of the European Social Charter Department/Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe   * **The collective complaints procedure as a tool in addressing violations of rights**   Jarna Petman, Former member of the European Committee of Social Rights   * **The role of INGOs in implementing the Charter**   TBC   * Plenary discussion |
| **15:45 – 16:15** | **Coffee break** |
| **16:15 – 17:30** | **High-level Tour de table: engagements for improvement of life conditions of displaced persons** |
| **19:00 – 21:00** | **Dinner (offered to all the participants)** |

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| **28 June 2017**  **Implementing solutions** | |
| **09:00 – 10:15** | **Session 1: How to implement economic and social rights in post-conflict situations?**  *Moderator: to be decided*   * **Implementation of the Regional Housing Programme and successful experiences within the Programme**   Representative from the CEB   * **The role of social workers in post-conflict situations**   John Richards, Services Development Manager, Isle of Man Government  Daria Terrádez Salom, Director General of the Relations with the EU and with the State, Generalitat of Valencia, Spain   * Plenary discussion |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | **Coffee Break** |
| **10:30 – 11:30** | **Session 2: Bringing cases before national courts and lodging complaints before the European Committee of Social Rights**  *Moderator: to be decided*   * **Key decisions and findings from annual conclusions by the European Committee of Social Rights which are of interest to forcibly displaced persons**   Karin Lukas, Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights   * **Experience with adjudicated cases and outlook on future caseload**   Lawyer of an INGO (e.g. Children’s rights International) & Ombudsperson/NHRI representative from focus countries (TBC)   * Plenary discussion |
| **11:30 – 12:00** | **Conclusions and Wrap-Up:**   * Representative of the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina * Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg * Régis Brillat, Head of the European Social Charter Department/Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe |