



EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TORTURE: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Monday 23 September 2019

18:15-19:45, Meeting Room 2

*OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting
English-Russian simultaneous interpretation will facilitate the discussions.*

At this side-event, the organisers will present the compilation of recommendations made by the participants at the recent international conference in Vienna, “Effective Multilateralism in the Fight against Torture: Trends in the OSCE region and the way forward”, which can serve as inspiration for further dialogue and possible action.

The side-event will also provide a platform for participants to continue the fruitful discussion from the international conference on how to increase targeted cooperation between participating States, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders in the joint fight against torture and other ill-treatment and what role the OSCE could play in this regard.

The side-event is organised by the Permanent Representations of Denmark, Switzerland and Austria to the OSCE, in close cooperation with the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship and OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). This event is co-sponsored by a total of 39 OSCE participating States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, EU and its Member States, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine and United States.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Stephanie Selg, Adviser on Torture Prevention, ODIHR

Panellists:

- **Moritz Birk, Head of Department, Ludwig Boltzmann Institut**
- **Roemer Lemaître, Senior Adviser, World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)**
- **Marie Struthers, Director, Eastern Europe and Central Asian Regional Office Amnesty International**
- **Azamat Shambilov, PRI Central Asia Regional Director**

Moritz Birk is Head of the department 'Human Dignity and Public Security' at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. Before joining the Institute he worked with the UNHCR and human rights organisations in Ghana, Mexico, Senegal and Sweden.

Roemer Lemaître is the senior adviser on Russia and Central Asia at the World Organisation Against Torture, OMCT, a global network of international NGOs fighting against torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

Marie Struthers is the acting Programme Director for the Europe Regional Office and also the permanent director for Amnesty's EECA programme (East Europe and Central Asia) so therefore the director at the moment for the entire Europe/CA OSCE region.

Azamat Shambilov is Regional Director for PRI in Central Asia. His work focuses on health in prison, the abolition of death penalty, reintegration of prisoners, issues of women prisoners, and improvement of the prison system in general as well as the prevention of torture and radicalization of prisoners in Central Asian countries.

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