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Setting up an active network of independent non judicial human rights structures

Complaints against the police* - their handling by the national human rights structures

**The term police is meant to comprise all forces tasked with peace time policing, excluding intelligence services*

PROGRAMME

**Workshop for specialised staff of national human rights structures
St. Petersburg (Pushkin), 20 - 21 May 2008 (Pushkin Conference Center)**

co-organised by
the Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
and
the Saint Petersburg Center for Humanities and Political Studies "Strategy"

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SAINT-PETERSBURG

Monday, 19 May 2008

Arrival of the participants at the Conference Center in Pushkin and dinner starting 19.00

Tuesday, 20 May 2008

8.45 – 9.15 Opening of the Workshop

Alexander SUNGUROV, Director, Saint Petersburg Center for Humanities and Political Studies “Strategy”

Igor MICHAYLOV, Ombudsman of St. Petersburg

Vladimir LUKIN, Ombudsman of the Russian Federation

Markus JAEGER, Deputy to the Director, Head of the NHRS Unit, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

9.15 – 13.00 UN and Council of Europe monitoring of human rights violations by the police in Council of Europe member States

Introductory statement by Eric SOTTAS, Director, World Organisation against Torture, chair of the session

Manfred NOWAK, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture & Head of Police Visiting Commission, Vienna: **Findings of the UN monitoring bodies as regards Council of Europe member States**

Irene KITSOU-MILONAS, Legal advisor to the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights: **Findings of the Council of Europe monitoring bodies**

Discussion

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

Discussion continued

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break (Pushkin Conference Center)

15.00 – 18.00 Handling of complaints against the police in Council of Europe member States: The role of non-judicial bodies, including their interaction with the judiciary as well as with other non-judicial bodies involved and their cooperation with the international monitoring bodies

Introductory statement by Markus JAEGER, chair of the session

Jaanus KONSA, Specialist for Police Matters, Office of the Chancellor of Justice, Estonia: **Assessment of the situation in Estonia**

Lia O'HEGARTY, Commissioner, Irish Human Rights Commission:
Assessment of the situation in Ireland

Petar TEOFILOVIC, Ombudsman of Voivvodina: **Assessment of the situation in Voivvodina**

Discussion

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee break

Carmen MARIN, Advisor on the Defense and Home Affairs Area, Office of the Ombudsman of Spain: **Assessment of the situation in Spain**

Vladimir LUKIN, Ombudsman of the Russian Federation: **Assessment of the situation in the Russian Federation**

Discussion continued

18.00 Close of the session

19.00 *Dinner at the Restaurant Admiralty in the Ekatarina Park*

Wednesday, 21 May 2008

9.00 – 13.00 **Need to set up specialised independent bodies to deal with complaints against the police ?**

Introductory statement by Ales BUTALA, Member of the CPT and former Deputy Ombudsman of Slovenia, chair of the session

Dominique COMMARET, Member, National Commission for a Security Code of Conduct, former Advocate General at the Cassation Court, France

Jenő KALTENBACH, Chairman, Independent Police Complaint Commission, Hungary

Discussion

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

Grigol GIORGADZE, Head of Investigations and Monitoring Department, Office of the Georgian Ombudsman

Tatiana MARGOLINA, Ombudsman of the Oblast of Perm, Russia

Discussion continued

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break (Pushkin Conference Center)

14.00 – 15.00 **Winding-up of the workshop**

by Markus JAEGER

15.00 **Close of the workshop**

by Alexander SUNGUROV and Vladimir LUKIN

15.00 – 18.00 *Sight-seeing in Pushkin*

20.00 *Dinner (Pushkin Conference Center)*

Thursday, 22 May 2008

Departure from Pushkin