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## Seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights and Criminal Justice in Belarus

**Date:** 30 and 31 October 2009

**Location:** Minsk (Belarus)

**Organised by** the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Legal Initiative Organisation and the Society for Comparative Legal Studies with the support of the United Kingdom Embassy in Minsk.

**Description:** The seminar on "The European Convention on Human Rights and Criminal Justice" aims at raising the awareness of the Belarussian authorities and legal professionals of European human rights standards with regard to criminal justice and at examining the compatibility of Belarus law and practice with these standards.

European experts and representatives of the Constitutional Court, the Chamber of Representatives, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice will make presentations on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights with regard to the investigation and trial stages and relevant aspects under Belarus criminal procedural law and practice. Topics such as trial within a reasonable time and access to justice will also be discussed.

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