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## 15.12.2009 Enhancing Cooperation between regional and international mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights

Date: 16 and 17 December

Location: Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Room 3

**Organised by** Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Council of Europe; the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights;

**Description:** The objective of the regional workshop is to enhance cooperation between the various components of the Regional Human Rights Mechanism (RHRM) in Europe and the UN system while increasing understanding of their working methods and thus cooperation between them and national actors in the region, especially national human rights institutions and NGOs.

Specifically, the regional workshops seek to:

- deepen knowledge of the existing RHRM in Europe;
- allow further sharing of information, best practices and lessons learned;
- develop concrete proposals to strengthen cooperation between the European Regional Human Rights Mechanism and the UN; and
- identify ways and means in which regional and international human rights mechanisms and procedures could better complement and support each other;
- strengthen the partnership and support of NHRIs and NGOs to both Regional Human Rights Mechanism and the international human rights system.

## **Practical information:**

- The whole conference is open to the press.

- Journalists may request interviews with participants through the press officer below.

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