



**STUDY TOUR
OF THE ASEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (AICHR)**

**HUMAN RIGHTS
22-27 MAY 2011
BRUSSELS – STRASBOURG – VIENNA**

On 22-27 May 2011 the European Union hosted the ten national Representatives to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) together with their assistants and an official of the ASEAN Secretariat responsible for assisting the AICHR. The purpose of the study tour is to share the European experience in the promotion and protection of human rights at the regional level. The study tour is organised by the External Action Service of the European Union and funded under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights.

PROGRAMME

22 May - Sunday

Arrival in Brussels

18.30

Dinner

- Dinner with the ASEAN Brussels Committee hosted by Thailand in the Royal Embassy of Thailand in Brussels

23 May - Monday

European Union and Human Rights

9.00-9.15

Opening

Welcoming remarks

- Ms Mara Marinaki, Managing Director, Global and Multilateral Affairs, External Action Service of the European Union (EEAS)

9.15-10.15

Human rights in EU external relations

The aim of this session is to present the EU's external policy on human rights, with a reference to South-East Asia. The session will provide an overview of the EU's institutional

structure, policy framework and instruments dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide. The session will also outline the EU's cooperation with ASEAN and AICHR.

Presentation on the EU human rights policy towards third countries

- Ms Veronique Arnault, Director, Human Rights and Democracy, EEAS

Presentation on the EU's cooperation with ASEAN and AICHR

- Mr James Moran, Director, Asia, EEAS

Comments and questions from AICHR

10.15-10.30 **Coffee break**

10.30-11.30 **Human rights in EU internal policies and the EU Fundamental Rights Charter**

This session will aim at presenting the EU's internal policies on human rights, including the EU Fundamental Rights Charter. The presentation will cover issues such as the promotion of fundamental rights in the ambit of the EU law, mainstreaming of fundamental rights in all EU policies, ensuring the respect of the EU Fundamental Rights Charter in legislative proposals and in the implementation of the EU law. The session could contribute to the drafting of the ASEAN Declaration on Human Rights.

Moderation of the session

- Mr Rolf Timans, Head of Division, Human Rights – Policy Instruments, EEAS

Presentation on the EU fundamental rights policy, including the EU Fundamental Rights Charter

- Mr Artistotelis Gavriiliadis, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Unit; Directorate-General Justice, European Commission

Comments and questions from AICHR

11.30-12.30 **Human rights and migration in the EU**

This session will aim at presenting the EU's policy on migration and immigration and will cover, inter alia, fair treatment of third-country nationals residing legally in Member States; asylum and temporary protection with a view to offering appropriate status to any third-country national requiring international protection and ensuring compliance with the Geneva convention; programmes aiming at implementing the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibilities between the Member States. The session could contribute to the drafting of the ASEAN thematic study on migration.

Moderation of the session

- Mr Rolf Timans, Head of Division, Human Rights – Policy Instruments, EEAS

Presentation on the EU policy on borders and return

- Mr Fabian Lutz, Border Management and Return Policy Unit, Directorate-General Home Affairs, European Commission

Presentation on the EU policy on immigration and asylum

- Mr Sebastian Stetter, Immigration and Integration, DG Home Affairs, European Commission
- Ms Ioana Patrascu, Asylum, DG Home Affairs, European Commission

Comments and questions from AICHR

Location: EU Conference Centre “Albert Borschette”, Rue Froissart 36, room 3A

13.00-14.30 **Working lunch with the representatives of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgian Ministry of Justice, Belgian Permanent Representation to the EU**

- Lunch hosted by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Location: Palais d'Egmont, Place du Petit Sablon 8, 1000 Brussels

15.30-17.30 **European Parliament**

The first part of this session will aim at presenting the role of the European Parliament in the development and implementation of the EU's policies on human rights both in its Member States and in third countries. A focus will be given to the drafting and implementation of the EU Fundamental Rights Charter and the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights. During the second part of the session, participants will take part in a hearing of the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs, during which there will be an exchange of views between the Members of the Parliament and Ms Viviane Reding, Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship.

15.30-16.30 **Meeting with the European Parliament on human rights**

15.30-15.45 Presentation on the Charter of Fundamental Rights

- Mr Emilio De Capitani, Head of Unit, Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), Secretariat General, European Parliament

15.45-16.00 Presentation on the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights

- Mr Wolfgang Leonhardt, Administrator, Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)

16.00-16.30 Presentation on human rights in EU external policy and on the work of the human rights unit

- Mr Geoffrey Harris, Head of Unit, Human Rights (DROI)

Comments and questions from AICHR

Location: European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, Room ASP 4 F 384

16.30-17.30 **Hearing with Ms Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission and the Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship**

- Participating in a hearing in the European Parliament's Committee for Constitutional Affairs, during which Ms Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission and the Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship will make a presentation on current issues, including fundamental rights in the EU, followed by an exchange of views with Members of the European Parliament.

Location: European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, Room ASP 1 G 2

19.30 **Dinner**

24 May - Tuesday

Civil Society

09.00-09.15 **Opening**

- Opening and moderation of the discussion by Mr Seamus Gillespie, Head of Division, South-East Asia, EEAS

09.15-10.30 **Cooperation between NGOs and policy-makers in the field of human rights**

The aim of this session is to present and discuss the role of civil society in the formulation and implementation of human rights policies. The session will discuss: the involvement of civil society in policy making and the added value NGOs bring to the process, possible channels of cooperation (both structured and ad hoc), good practices and lessons learnt of such cooperation based on NGOs experience with EU institutions.

Introductory remarks

- Mr Vincent Forest, Head of EU Office, Frontline

Comments and questions from AICHR

10.30-10.45 **Coffee break**

10.45-12.00 **Civil society and migration policies**

This year, the AICHR will develop a study on human rights and migration. The aim of this session is to discuss how policies on migration should be designed and implemented in order to effectively promote and protect human rights. The session will discuss how NGOs can contribute to policies on migration, what issues are of key importance when designing migration policies, and what the main challenges remain in this policy field.

Introductory remarks

- Ms Aspasia Papadopoulou, European Council on Refugees and Exiles

Comments and questions from AICHR

12.00 **Closing**

Location: EU Conference Centre "Albert Borschette", Rue Froissart 36, room 2B

12.30 **Departure to Strasbourg**

19.30 **Dinner**

25 May - Wednesday

Council of Europe

The aim of the visit to the Council of Europe is to present the oldest regional mechanism for the promotion and protection of human rights. The visit will cover meetings with core Council of Europe institutions including the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, European Commission for Democracy through Law, and relevant departments, dealing with the civil society, international cooperation, human rights and legal affairs. All sessions will start with a presentation by the respective person, as indicated hereunder, and followed by comments and questions from AICHR.

- 9.00-9.30 **Arrival and welcome**
- Arrival to the *Palais de l'Europe* and welcome by Ms Isabelle Kusztyk, Department of Educational Visits, Public Relations Division, Directorate of Communication followed by a visit of the Council of Europe building
- 9.30-10.15 **General presentation of the Council of Europe**
- Mr Jeremy Moakes, Head of Division, Directorate for Communication
- 11.00-12.00 **Work of the Commissioner for Human Rights**
- Mr Lauri Sivonen, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
- Location: Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, room 11, Avenue de l'Europe, 67000 Strasbourg*
- 12.30-14.00 **Lunch in Jardin de l'Orangerie**
- 14.25 **European Court of Human Rights**
- Arrival at the main entrance of the Human Rights Building of the European Court of Human Rights and welcome by Ms Martina Dervaux, Visitors' Unit, European Court of Human Rights
- 14.30-14.45 **"The Conscience of Europe"**
- Film screening about the Court
- 14.45- **Work of the European Court of Human Rights**
- Ms Anna Austin, Head of Legal Division, Registry of Court
- Location: European Court of Human Rights, Human Rights Building, Avenue de l'Europe, 67000 Strasbourg*
- 19.30 **Dinner**

26 May - Thursday

Council of Europe

- 09.00-09.30 **Council of Europe in the International Arena**
- Mr Jiri Vogl, Head of Department of Relations with International Organisations and Non-Member States, Directorate of External Relations, Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs
- 09.30-10.00 **Non-governmental organisations / civil society**
- Ms Jutta Gutzkow, Head of Civil Society/NGO Division, Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs
- 10.00-10.45 **European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)**
- Ms Dubravka BOJIĆ, Legal Officer, Democratic Institutions and Fundamental Rights Division, Venice Commission
- 11.00-12.00 **Human rights and the rule of law – main features: conventions, monitoring, assistance**
- Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs

- Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director of Cooperation, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs

Location: Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Avenue de l'Europe, 67000 Strasbourg

13.30 **Departure to Vienna**

20.30 **Dinner**

27 May - Friday

EU Fundamental Rights Agency

Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

9.00-12.00 **Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)**

This session will aim at presenting the work of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, as a body providing assistance and expertise to the European Union and its Member States on fundamental rights matters through data collection and reporting, cooperation with governments and international organisations, raising public awareness and cooperation with civil society.

9.00-9.15 Welcoming and presentation of the delegation

- Mr Constantinos Manolopoulos, Acting Director, FRA
- Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Department Equality & Citizen's Rights
- Ms Joanna Goodey, Head of Department Freedom and Justice
- Mr Friso Roscam-Abbing, Head of Department Communication and Awareness Raising
- Mr Jonas Grimheden, Programme Manager - Legal Research in the Freedom and Justice Department

9.15-9.45 Presentation of the AICHR

9.45-10.15 Discussion on similarities and differences between FRA/EU and AICHR/ASEAN

10.15-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-11.00 Tour of the building / session with one of the moderators

11.00-12.00 Thematic issues of particular interests for AICHR

Location: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Schwarzenbergplatz 11 AT-1040 Vienna

12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

- Joint Reception hosted by the ASEAN Vienna Committee held at the Official Malaysian Residence, Gymnasiumstrasse 45, 1180 Vienna

14.00-16.00 **Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)**

14.00-15.00 **Freedom of Media**

The meeting will aim to present the work of the OSCE in the area of the freedom of media, in particular through the OSCE Representative on Freedom of Media and her Office, including as regard observing relevant media developments in OSCE Participating States with a view of providing early warning on violations of freedom of expression as well as advocating and promoting full compliance with OSCE principles and commitments regarding freedom of expression and free media.

- Presentation by Dr. Roland Bless, Principal Adviser of Ms. Dunja Mijatovic, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

15.00-16.00 **Combating human trafficking**

This meeting with the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings will focus on discussing the OSCE's efforts in combating human trafficking, including as regard coordination across all dimensions of the OSCE and among the relevant authorities of the Participating States and between the OSCE and other relevant organizations, and raising the political profile of efforts to combat human trafficking.

- Presentation by Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Location: OSCE Secretariat, Room 509, Wallnerstrasse 6, 1010 Vienna

16.00 **Closing of the Study Tour**

Study tour coordinators:

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