

The contribution of civil society to justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans

Study tour organised by the People 2 People Programme

Brussels & The Hague,
28 February – 2 March 2012

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AIM OF THE EVENT:

The P2P Programme intends to offer to civil society organisations from the beneficiary countries the possibility to visit EU institutions, as well as relevant EU platform organisations, or whenever relevant for the topic of the study tours, also other European, international or national organisations, in order to familiarise themselves with EU structures, policy making process, programmes, policies and best practices.

The aim of this study tour is to give participants the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the EU policies and programmes related to justice and reconciliation, as well as to offer them exchange and networking opportunities among themselves and with other European-level civil society organisations active in this field.

Given the subject covered by this Study tour, the work of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia will also be presented to the participants, including a visit to the tribunal in The Hague.

The study tour is open for the participation of several representatives (up to six per beneficiary) from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo¹, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. Participants will represent mainly NGOs active in the field of justice and reconciliation.

¹ Under UNSCR 1244

Day 1: Tuesday 28 February 2012

Chair: tbc

Venue: Brussels (meeting place tbc)

9:00	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>
9:30	Welcome address A representative from the European Commission, Directorate General for Enlargement
9:45	Workshop/Exchange of experience: Justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans: recent developments and critical issues to be addressed.
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15	Workshop/Exchange of experience (ctd) Justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans: recent developments and critical issues to be addressed
12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:15	General presentation of the Enlargement Process of the EU A representative from the Enlargement Strategy Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission
14:45	Questions & Answers
15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30	European Commission support to civil society in the Western Balkans: the Civil Society Facility (CSF) A Representative from the Civil Society Facility, DG Enlargement, European Commission
16:00	Questions & Answers
16:30	<i>Departure to DG ELARG (Charlemagne building)</i>

Venue: European Commission, Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi/ Wetstraat 170

16:45	Meeting of each national delegation with the relevant Desk Officer within DG Enlargement, European Commission
17:45	<i>End of the first day</i>

Day 2: Wednesday 29 February 2012

Chair: tbc

Venue: Brussels (meeting place tbc)

09:15	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
09:30	EU support to justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans: the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights and the Peace-building Partnership Representatives from the European Commission and the European External Action Service
10:15	Questions & Answers
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	EU support to justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans: Political dialogues and Common Security and Defence Policy missions Representative from the European External Action Service
12:00	Questions & Answers
12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	European experiences in justice and reconciliation Speakers will includes experts on the Northern Ireland and Spain cases
15:00	Questions & Answers
16:00	<i>Departure to the European Parliament</i>

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels

16:30	<i>Arrival and registration of participants at the visitor's entrance</i>
16:45	An introduction to the European Parliament Visits and Seminars Unit, European Parliament The work of the EP related to justice and reconciliation Meeting with a Member of the European Parliament
17:45	<i>End of the second day</i>

Day 3: Thursday 1 March 2012

Chair: tbc

7:15	<i>Departure to The Hague from the hotel</i>
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*Venue: International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia,
Churchillplein 1, 2517 The Hague*

10:00	ICTY at a Glance and Overview of Cases A representative from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Outreach unit
11:00	Attendance of a hearing (Karadzic Trial - tbc)
12:00	Perception of the Tribunal in the Region A representative from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Outreach unit
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	Outreach in the former Yugoslavia A representative from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Outreach unit
14:45	Meeting with the Office of the Prosecutor A representative of the Office of the Prosecutor
15:45	Debriefing session and discussion
16:30	Visit in The Hague
17:30	<i>Departure to Brussels</i>

Day 4: Friday 2 March 2012

Chair: tbc

Venue: Brussels (meeting place tbc)

9:00	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
9:15	Workshop on advocacy and networking in the EU Meeting with representatives from other European civil society organisations
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00	Workshop on advocacy and networking in the EU (ctd) Meeting with representatives from other European civil society organisations
12:30	Feedback/evaluation session and proposals for follow-up
13:30	<i>End of the study tour</i>

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