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Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues



## Programme of Work

(draft and subject to change)

\*\*The times indicated refer to Vienna/Central European Summer Time (CEST or GMT +02:00)

### Day 1      Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

#### **11:00-13:00**      Opening Session

*Welcoming remarks*

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

*Opening Remarks*

**Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal**, Secretary General of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria

**Kairat Abdrakhmanov**, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

**Ilze Brands-Kehris**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights [PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE]

**Arno Kompatscher**, Governor of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen - South Tyrol

**Michael O'Flaherty**, Director, The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

**Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

*Rules and Guide to Proceedings*

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.

#### **13:00-14:00**      Lunch Break

**14:00-16:00**      **Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations**

*Moderator:* **Meena Varma**, Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network and Chair, Council Members, Minority Rights Group International

*Experts:*    **Manfred Nowak**, Secretary General, Global Campus of Human Rights  
**Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark**, Director/Associate professor in international law, The Åland Islands Peace Institute - ONLINE

**Loránt Vincze**, Member of the European Parliament and President, Federal Union of European Nationalities

**Inaciu Galan y Gonzalez**, Professor, Consejeria De Educacion Y Ciencia De Asturias

*Interactive dialogue*

**16:00-16:30**      **Break**

**16:30-18:30**      **Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes**

*Moderator:* **Meena Varma**, Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network

*Experts:*    **Boriss Cilevičs**, Member of Parliament of Latvia and Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - ONLINE

**Jonathan Cohen**, Executive Director, Conciliation Resources - ONLINE

**Tihana Leko**, Senior Advisor, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

**Ali Hüseyinoğlu**, Associate Professor and Vice Head, Balkan Research Institute, Trakya University

*Interactive dialogue*

**Day 2      Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

**10:00-12:00      Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process**

*Moderator:* **Vello Pettai**, Director, the European Centre for Minority Issues

*Experts:*    **Jennifer Jackson-Preece**, Associate Professor in Nationalism at the European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director, Tom Lantos Institute and **Corinne Lennox**, Co-Director, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London

**Iulius Rostas**, Visiting Professor at the National School of Political Studies and Administration

**Viktorija Akchurina**, Senior Lecturer at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek  
- ONLINE

*Interactive dialogue*

**12:00-13:00      Lunch Break**

**13:00 – 15:00      Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework**

*Moderator:* **Vello Pettai**, Director, the European Centre for Minority Issues

*Experts:*    **Balázs Vizi**, research professor, ELKH Centre for Social Sciences and associate professor of international law, Ludovika University of Public Service

**Nurcan Kaya**, human rights lawyer and researcher - ONLINE

**Olena Vaidalovych**, former Senior Minority Fellow, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and human rights lawyer

**Farkhat Ibragimov**, former Senior Minority Fellow, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Bishkek

*Interactive dialogue*

**15:00 – 16:00**      **Break**

**16:00-16:30**      **Presentation of Recommendations**

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Vareennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda**, Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations.

*Moderator:* **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director, Tom Lantos Institute

**16:30-17:00**      **Concluding remarks**

**Fernand de Vareennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Russian and Romani*