**5 DECEMBER 2022**

*Venue: Sofia Hotel Balkan, Royal Hall, Floor 2*

*5 Sveta Nedelya Square, Sofia, Bulgaria 1000*

**11:00 – 13:00 Registration of participants**

**13:00 – 13:45 Conference opening – Prosecutor General of the Republic of Bulgaria Mr Ivan Geshev**

**Statement of Rabbi Menachem Margolin, Chairman of the European Jewish Association**

**Statement of Ms Iliana Yotova, Vice-president of the Republic of Bulgaria**

**Statement of Mr Krum Zarkov, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Bulgariа**

**Statement of Ms Velislava Petrova, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria**

**Statement of Mr Boyan Magdalinchev, Representative of the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Bulgaria**

**Video message of Mr Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Member of Renew Europe Group, European Parliament**

**Video message of Mr Adrián Vázquez Lázara, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament**

**13:45 – 15:45**

**COUNTERING CRIMES AGAINST RELIGIONS**

*Moderator:* ***Mr. Alexander BENJAMIN****, European Jewish Association*

1. The personal history of ***Ms Keren KNOLL***
2. Orthodox and Catholic Spiritual Leaders
3. Muslim spiritual leaders

* ***D-r Mustafa HADZHI, Grand Mufti***

1. Jewish spiritual leaders

* ***Chief Rabbi Binyomin JACOBS, Chief rabbi of the Netherlands***
* Statement of ***Mr Alexander OSCAR***, Chairman of the Organization of Jews in Bulgaria “Shalom”

1. Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” ***– Assoc. Dr. Simeon******GROISMAN*** - Religion - source and object of hatred in the era of "Internet mobs"

**15:45 – 16:00 Family photo**

**16:15 – 17:45**

**PROTECTING CITIZENS` RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS – RULE OF LAW – WAY TO GUARANTEE THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS**

*Moderator:* ***Mr****.* ***Vladimir NIKOLOV****, District Prosecutor’s Office of Pleven*

1. Council of Europe – ***Mr*** ***Menno ETTEMA***, *co-secretariat to the former Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe* - “Council of Europe’s recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 on combating hate speech, towards a comprehensive approach to prevent and combat hate speech” *.*
2. Statements of Prosecutors General and their representatives

* Federal Republic of Germany, Central Cybercrime Department of North-Rhine Westphalia - ***Mr Markus HARTMANN*** *-* ***Chief Prosecutor****, Director of the Central Cybercrime Department of North-Rhine Westphalia;*
* Prosecutor’s Office of Lithuania; ***Ms Nida GRUNSKIENĖ****,* ***Prosecutor General;*** *"Criminal Prosecution of Hate Speech and Hate Crimes: Lithuanian Expertise".*
* Prosecutor’s Office of the Slovak Republic - „Prosecuting hate crimes/hate speech in Slovakia“, ***JSD Dr. Tomáš HONZ****, Prosecutor, General Prosecution of Slovakia;*
* Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia – ***Mr Drago ŠKETA, State Prosecutor General;***
* Republic Public Prosecutor’s Office of the Republic of Serbia; ***Ms Tamara MIROVIĆ*** *–* ***Deputy Republic Public Prosecutor;***
* Odesa Regional Prosecutor’s Office - ***Mr Sergiy KOSTENKO, Head of Odesa Regional Prosecutor’s Office***

1. European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation – ***Mr Stylianos BIOS***, ***Judge*** *– Seconded National Expert to Casework Unit (Counter Terrorism Cluster),* “Eurojust’s experience with hate crimes and online hate speech”.

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**17:45 – 18:00 Discussion and summary of the day**

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**09:00 – 11:15**

**CRIMES WITH A DISCRIMINATORY MOTIVE - THE NEEDS OF MEASURES GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS OF MINORITY GROUPS**

*Moderator:* ***Liliya DRAGOEVA****, Bilitis Foundation*

1. Ministry of Justice of the Republic Bulgaria – ***Ms Milena KOTSEVA*** - Directorate “Procedural Representation of Republic of Bulgaria before the European Courts of Human Rights”;
2. Prosecutor’s Office of the Republic of Bulgaria – ***Mr. Sava PETROV,*** International Department, Supreme Cassation Prosecutor’s Office*;*
3. Bulgarian Helsinki Committee - ***Mr Radoslav******STOYANOV;***
4. Center for interethnic dialogue and tolerance AMALIPE *–* ***Deyan KOLEV,*** *“Social distances and anti-Roma discrimination in Bulgaria”*
5. Organization of Jews in Bulgaria “Shalom” – ***Ms Julia DANDOLOVA***, CEO;
6. ***Prof. Vili LILKOV;*** *„Rotarians in defense of Bulgarian Jews“*
7. Representative of the journalist society  *-* ***Ms Marissa ROTH*** *–* Pulitzer Prize winner, Fellow Royal Geographical Society; Fellow, Royal Photographic Society
8. Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” - ***Assoc. Prof. Iva PUSHKAROVA***, *“Freedom of speech and hate speech”.*
9. Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – ***Assoc. Prof. Rumyana HRISTIDI.***

**11:30 – 11:45 Discussion**

**11:45 – 12:00 Closure of the conference – Prosecutor General of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr Ivan Geshev**