

Sunday, 26 April

14.30 – 16.00

**Outreach session with
Polish civil society**

16.00 – 18.00

**Guided tour of the Museum
of the History of Polish Jews**

19.30 – 22.00

**Dinner hosted by the
Minister of Foreign Affairs**

Przeddziecki Palace
6 Foksal Street
00-366 Warsaw

Speaker

Grzegorz Schetyna
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Wednesday, 29 April

9.00 – 10.00

**Travel to the Auschwitz-
Birkenau State Museum**

10.00 – 13.00

**Visit of the Auschwitz-
Birkenau State Museum**

13.00 – 14.00

Travel to Krakow

14.00 – 15.00

Lunch

Stara Zajezdnia Restaurant
12 Świętego Wawrzyńca Street
31-060 Krakow

16.05 – 18.31

**Travel to Warsaw for those
flying home from Warsaw**

Departure of participants



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**Ombudsmen
against
discrimination**

**26 – 29 April 2015
Programme**

**10th National Seminar
of the European
Network of Ombudsmen**

**Jointly organised by the Polish Ombudsman
and the European Ombudsman**

**Museum of the History
of Polish Jews
Warsaw**



**Red Europea de Defensores del Pueblo
Europäisches Verbindungsnetz der Bürgerbeauftragten
European Network of Ombudsmen
Réseau européen des Médiateurs
Rete europea dei difensori civici**

10th National Seminar of the European Network of Ombudsmen

Monday, 27 April Day 1

9.00–9.30

Opening of the Seminar

Henryka Mościcka-Dendys
Undersecretary of State in the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

Irena Lipowicz
Ombudsman of Poland

Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman

9.30–10.00

Keynote speech

Chair

Irena Lipowicz
Ombudsman of Poland

Keynote speaker

Marian Turski
Head of the Council,
Museum of the History of Polish Jews
(Discrimination and the fight against
discrimination. A personal perspective)

10.00–10.30

Coffee break

Session 1

The rights of persons with disabilities

Chair

Kalliopi Spanou
Ombudsman of Greece

10.30–11.00

Panellists

Catherine Naughton
Director of the European Disability Forum
(The Ombudsman and the UN Convention
on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities -
perspectives from the disability
movement)

Jacques Toubon
Ombudsman of France

(10 years of action defending the rights
of persons with disabilities)

11.00–11.45

Working groups

The participants will divide into three
working groups in order to:

1. Share their experiences in upholding
the rights of persons with disabilities;
2. Make concrete proposals for how
ombudsmen and committees on petitions
could develop their activities in this area.

11.45–12.30

Working groups reports

Each working group will report back
to plenary on its findings;
The panellists will respond to the
working group findings.

12.30–12.45

Group photo

12.45–14.00

Lunch

In the Seminar venue

Session 2

The rights of the elderly

Chair

Lora Vidović
Ombudsman of Croatia

14.00–14.30

Panellists

Johan ten Geuzendam
Advisor, Directorate D Equality,
Directorate-General for Justice and
Consumers, European Commission
(Rights of the elderly and the European
Union)

Peter Tyndall

Ombudsman of Ireland
(Valued citizens - the Ombudsman's role
in securing the rights of older people)

14.30–15.15

Working groups

The participants will divide into three
working groups in order to:

1. Share their experiences of upholding
the rights of the elderly;
2. Make concrete proposals for how
ombudsmen and committees on petitions
could develop their activities in this area.

15.15–16.00

Working groups reports

Each working group will report back
to plenary on its findings;
The panellists will respond to the
working group findings.

16.00–16.30

Coffee break

Session 3

The European Network of Ombudsmen

Chair

Tom Frawley
Ombudsman of Northern Ireland

16.30–17.15

Panellist

Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman
(Developments in the Network)

Questions and discussion

17.15–17.30

Conclusions and announcements

Gertrude Brinek
Ombudsman of Austria

17.30

End of the first day's proceedings

19.30–22.00

Dinner at the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland

48/50 Krakowskie
Przedmieście Street
00-071 Warsaw

Speaker

Norman Davies
UNESCO Professor at the Jagiellonian
University, Krakow

Tuesday, 28 April Day 2

Session 4

The rights of national minorities

Chair

Jernej Rovšek
Deputy-Ombudsman of Slovenia

9.00–9.30

Panellists

Jan Jařab
Regional Representative for Europe
of the High Commissioner for Human
Rights
(Roma: a minority in focus)

Elisabeth Sándor-Szalay
Deputy-Ombudsman of Hungary
(National minorities and
anti-discrimination - current challenges)

9.30–10.15

Working groups

The participants will divide into
three working groups in order to:

1. Share their experiences of upholding
the rights of national minorities;
2. Make concrete proposals for how
ombudsmen and committees on
petitions could develop their activities
in this area.

10.15–11.00

Working groups reports

Each working group will report back
to plenary on its findings;
The panellists will respond to the
working group findings.

11.00–11.15

Coffee break

Session 5

Monitoring of forced return flights

Chair

Emily O'Reilly
Deputy-Ombudsman

11.15–12.15

Panellists

Marta Hirsch-Ziembińska
Head of Complaints and Inquiries Unit,
European Ombudsman

Jørgen Steen Sørensen
Ombudsman of Denmark

Soledad Becerril Bustamante
Ombudsman of Spain

Reinier van Zutphen
Ombudsman of the Netherlands

Per Kvistholm
Head of Return Operations Sector,
Frontex

Questions and discussion

12.15–12.30

Closing of the Seminar and summing up

Irena Lipowicz
Ombudsman of Poland

Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman

12.30–13.15

Lunch

In the Seminar venue

13.45–14.45

Commemoration

Marszałek Józef Piłsudski
Square, 00-078 Warsaw
Ceremony at the Tomb of
the Unknown Soldier
Planting of an oak tree
in honour of the Seminar

Hosted by

Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz
Mayor of Warsaw

15.35–18.00

Travel to Krakow for those visiting the Auschwitz- Birkenau State Museum on Wednesday

Evening free