

Invitation letter

Freedom of Assembly in the Western Balkans

Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights has a pleasure to invite you to the regional conference on „Freedom of Assembly in the Western Balkans“. The conference will take place at the conference room of Hotel Park - Njegoseva 2 Street, Belgrade - on January 25, 2016, starting at 10:30 AM.

The event aims to present the ODIHR and Council of Europe's Venice Commission [Guidelines on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly](#) to relevant NGOs in the Western Balkans and raise awareness about the need of ensuring the implementation of the act regulating freedom of assembly in accordance to the guidelines. Participants will jointly develop recommendations for the improvement of the legislative framework in accordance with the OSCE standards. It will also provide the forum for exchange of good practices and discussion on challenges that human rights defenders face in implementation and protection of freedom of assembly, as well as the practical measures that can be taken to address those challenges.

The conference will gather participants from civil society organizations and human rights activists from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia. Simultaneous English and Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian translation will be provided.

Given the fact that the number of participants is limited, please confirm participation no later than Friday, January 22, 2016 via e-mail jovana.spremo@yucom.org.rs or phone +381113344425.

AGENDA

Regional conference on “Freedom of Assembly in the Western Balkans”

January 25, 2016, 10:30 AM

Hotel Park, Belgrade

10.30 – 12.00 **Panel I: System of Notification/Authorization in the WesternBalkan Countries**

Speakers: **Milan Radovic**, *Civic Alliance*, Montenegro
Jasmina Djapo, *Youth Initiative for Human Rights CRO*, Croatia
Ljiljana Radovanovic, *Women in Black*, Serbia
Martina Martinova, *Macedonian Young Lawyers Association*, Macedonia
Venera Çoçaj, *Youth Initiative for Human Rights KS*, Kosovo

Moderator: **Milan Antonijevic**, *Lawyers’ Committee for Human Rights*, Serbia

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 **Panel II: Limitations of the Freedom of Assembly in the Western Balkans Countries: Does the New Legislation Give Answers on Previous Illegal Practice of Authorities?**

Speakers: **Ivan Djuric**, *Youth Initiative for Human Rights*, Serbia
Biljana Ginova, *Helsinki Committee for Human Rights*, Macedonia
Danijel Kalezic, *Queer*, Montenegro
Agim Margilaj, *Center for Social Group Development*, Kosovo

Moderator: **Katarina Golubovic**, *Lawyers’ Committee for Human Rights*, Serbia

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 **Panel III: Protection of the Freedom of Assembly: Experiences and New Solutions**

Speakers: **Katarina Golubovic**, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights, Serbia

Ivan Novosel, *Human Rights House from Zagreb*, Croatia

Tamara Milas, *Centre for Civic Education*, Montenegro

Aldijana Okeric, *Youth Initiative for Human Rights BiH*, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rajmonda Sylbije, *Center for Equality and Liberty*, Kosovo

Natali Petrovska, *Coalition All for Fair Trials*, Macedonia

Moderator: **Petar Zmak**, *Civic Initiative*, Serbia



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