

AGENDA

FIDH EUROPE MEETING

THE PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE

11 - 12 April 2024

MADRID, SPAIN

VENUE: **CONSEJO GENERAL DE LA ABOGACIA**

Paseo de Recoletos nº 13, Madrid

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

WELCOME 9:00h

Introduction by representatives of APDHE and FIDH

Session I : HUMAN MOBILITY 9:15

Working session on the new European Union Pact on Migration and Asylum, and its implications for EU member states' migration policies

Introduction and facilitation: Isabel Diez Velasco. Member of Executive Board APDHE. 10`

Eleonora Testi, Senior Legal Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) - 15`

Senior Protection Officer (TBC) - UNHCR Spain. 15`

Contributions by FIDH member organisations:

TBC

[Members working on migration: LDH France, LDH Belgique, UFTDU Italy, HFHR Greece, IHD Turkey ...(TBC)

Open discussion with participants –

Conclusions: Isabel Diez Velasco, APDHE – 10`

Methodology:

Context of the Pact

Country situation analysis, identification of priorities, actions and partnerships

Discussion, Positioning and Roadmap for FIDH members in Europe

COFFEE BREAK 11:00

Session II: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS 11:15

Working session on the European Directive, national laws and international experiences

Introduction and Facilitation: Maddalena Neglia, FIDH - 15'

Marion Lupin, Policy Officer, European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ) (remote) - 15'

Amaia Acero, Platform for Responsible Business, Spain -15'

Contributions by FIDH member organisations:

Camila Cella, APDHE, Spain: the Repsol case, need for due diligence rules and example cooperation between member organisations - 5'

Alessio Sangiorgi, Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani, Italy - 5'

Sacha Feirabend, FIDH: The Suez case - 5'

Open discussion with participants – 35'

Conclusions: Marion Cadier, FIDH

Methodology:

Short presentations on the negotiations at the United Nations on a binding treaty, on the status of the Directive, on national regulations and international experiences (e.g. REPSOL Peru).

Discussion, positioning and roadmap for FIDH in Europe

LUNCH BREAK 13:00h

Session III: ALIGNING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA 15:00

Working session on climate and human rights, including the new Right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment into international and European instruments and its implementation.

Introduction and facilitation: FIDH and APDHE – Joaquin/Maddalena

XXX, SeoBird Life - XXX

Contributions from FIDH member organisations:

Pierre-Arnaud Perrouy, – Belgian League for Human Rights, Belgium - 5’

Harry Hummel, Dutch League for Human Rights & CURE (Campaign to Uphold Rights in Europe) - 5’

Open discussion with participants – XXX

Conclusions: XXX - 10’

Methodology:

Short presentations on the new right and discussion on its application in European human rights instruments, as well as on the climate agenda and on the relationship between human rights and the rights of nature.

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CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKING SESSIONS 16:30

Reporting back from the three groups –

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

Open session and meeting with Spanish institutions and civil society

OPENING SESSION AND KEYNOTE SPEECH 9:00

Victoria Ortega, President, General Council of Lawyers, Spain - 15'

Tania Garcia Sedano, President, APDHE, Spain - 15'

Kaari Mattila, Secretary General, FIDH & Director, Finnish League for Human Rights, Finland – 15'

KEYNOTE SPEECH 9:45

D. Rafael Simancas. State Secretary for relations with the courts, Spain - 30'

COFFEE BREAK 10:15

PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN A WORLD IN CONFLICT: THE CASE OF EUROPE 10:30

Working session on the democratic and rule of law crisis in Europe and its human rights impacts, how it connects to the global context and how to address it

Introduction and facilitation: Elena Crespi, FIDH – 10'

External speaker (TBC) - 10'

Contributions from FIDH member organisations:

Dorota Dudek, Board member, Polish Society for Anti-Discrimination Law, Poland – 5'

Arié Alimi & Maryse Artiguelong, French League for Human Rights, France – 10'

Hüseyin Küçükbalaban, Human Rights Association, Turkey – 5'

Daniel Holder, Committee on the Administration of Justice, UK/Northern Ireland – 5'

Gunnar Ekelove-Slydal, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Norway – 5'

Eliza Rutynowska, FIDH - 5'

Open discussion with participants - 35'

Conclusions: Elena Crespi, FIDH – 10'

Methodology:

Short presentations on the different ways in which democracy, the rule of law and human rights are being undermined across Europe, which common trends can be identified and how civil society can react to the deterioration.

How the regional context is linked to the global context.

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MANIFESTO FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIEW OF THE 2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS, 12:15

Reading and discussion on the Madrid **Manifesto for Human Rights in Europe** that FIDH plans to adopt ahead of the 2024 European elections

Institutional reception and lunch at the Palacio de la Moncloa (presidential palace) 13:00 (departure)

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