

**Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Center for the Study of Democracy**

**International Conference
EUROPEAN STANDARDS AND OMBUDSMAN INSTITUTIONS IN
SOUTHEAST EUROPE**

**June 6-7, 2002
Hilton Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Agenda

Thursday, June 6, 2002

- 13:00 – 14:00 **Registration**
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Opening**
Welcome Addresses
Dr. Ognian Shentov, President, Center for the Study of Democracy
Mr. Arnold Wehmhoerner, Regional Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Office Sofia
Opening Address
Mr. Anton Stankov, Minister of Justice
- 14:30 – 15:30 **From the Swedish Parliamentary Ombudsman of 1810 to the Ombudsmen in Europe of Today**
Ms. Kerstin Andre
Parliamentary Ombudsman of Sweden

Mr. Fernando Mora
Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 – 18:30 **Chairperson:** Mr. Arnold Wehmhoerner, Regional Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Office Sofia
Ombudsman Institutions in Southeast Europe: Presentation of Country Reports, Part I
Speakers: Representatives of Ombudsman Institutions from

Macedonia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina as follows:
Mr. Branko Naumovski – Ombudsman of Macedonia;
Ms. Mimoza Skenderaj – International Relations Officer,
Office of the Ombudsman of Albania;
Ms. Branka Raguz – Ombudsman of Federation (Sarajevo);
Mr. Zlatko Kulenovic – Ombudsman of Republika Srpska
(Banja Luka)

Discussion

19:30

Reception

Garden of the Center for the Study of Democracy

Friday, June 7, 2002

09:00 – 11:00

Chairperson: Dr. Maria Yordanova, Head of Law Program,
Center for the Study of Democracy

Ombudsman Institutions in Southeast Europe:

Presentation of Country Reports, Part II

Speakers: Representatives of Ombudsman Institutions from
Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo
as follows:

Mr. Jernej Rovsek – Deputy Ombudsman of Slovenia;

Mr. Ante Klaric – Ombudsman of Croatia;

Mr. Sevdalin Bozhikov – Deputy Minister of Justice,
Bulgaria;

Mr. Meho Omerovic – Member of the Parliament of Serbia,
Chair, Parliamentary Committee for Inter-ethnic Relations;

Mr. Slaven Lekic – Director, Council for Encouragement of
Citizens' Participation in Local Self-government,
Montenegro;

Mr. Hilmi Jashari – Director of Investigations, Kosovo

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

**Independence, Efficiency and Instruments for Influence:
Annual and Special Reports, Recommendations, etc.**

Speakers:

Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros, National Ombudsman of
Greece

Mr. Pierre-Yves Monette, Federal Ombudsman of Belgium

Dr. Herman Wuyts, Federal Ombudsman of Belgium, and
Regional Vice President – Europe, International Ombudsman
Institute

12:30 – 13:00

Formation of Working Groups



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EU supported project on establishing
Ombudsman Institution in Bulgaria

- 13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Working Group 1** (Working Languages: Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian)
Types of Ombudsman Institutions (National, Local and Specialized) and Forms of Control (Parliamentary, Judicial and Administrative)
- Working Group 2** (Working Languages: English, Bulgarian)
Obstacles in Establishing and the Start of Operation of Ombudsman Institutions
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Chairperson:** Dr. Maria Yordanova, Head of the Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Presentation of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Working Group Discussions
Concluding Discussion
- 18:30 **Closing Remarks**
Mr. Arnold Wehmhoerner, Regional Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Office Sofia