



# 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 - 14:00Registration 14:00 - 14:30**Opening Welcome Addresses** Dr. Ognian Shentov, President, Center for the Study of Democracy Arnold Wehmhoerner, Mr. Regional Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Office Sofia **Opening Address** Mr. Anton Stankov, Minister of Justice 14:30 - 15:30From 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

Coffee Break

Chairperson:

15:30 - 16:00

16:00 - 18:30



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**Ombudsman Institutions in Southeast Europe:** 

Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Office

Speakers: Representatives of Ombudsman Institutions from

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Presentation of Country Reports, Part I

Wehmhoerner,

Regional





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** 

**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:

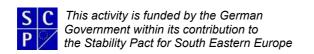
Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros, National Ombudsman of

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









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

