

LAUNCH OF THE SOUTHEAST EUROPE FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF (SEE FORB) NETWORK

19 – 20 January, Sarajevo

- Draft program -

18th of January

Arrivals and check-in at the Novotel Sarajevo Bristol

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20:00 Dinner (Venue TBC)

19th January

8:40 Departure from the hotel

9:00 – 9:30 Security check in the parliament (*Please make sure to carry your passport or ID*)

9:30 - 9:50

Opening remarks

Sabina Cudic, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Venue:

Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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9:50 – 10:15

Challenges to Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in Southeast European context - Keynote speech
Susan Kerr, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

10:15 – 10:30

The role of parliamentarians in the promotion and advocacy of Freedom of Religion or Belief

Sanela Shkrijel, Member of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia, IPPFoRB Steering Group Member

10:30 -10:50

Presentation and signature Declaration of Sarajevo

Sabina Cudic, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

10:50 – 11:00

Concluding remarks

Hon Ngabayomzi Kwankwa, Member of Parliament of South Africa, IPPFoRB Steering group Vice-Chair

11:00-11:30 Press Conference

11:45 Return to the hotel

12:00 – 13.30 Lunch

Venue: Novotel Sarajevo Bristol

13:30 - 15:30

The importance of FoRB-literacy for politicians

Susan Kerr, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief, OSCE ODIHR

15:30

Guided walking tour (TBC)

19:00 Dinner, Venue TBC

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8:45 Registration

9:00 – 10:15

Exploring FoRB: key conceptual opportunities and challenges, and an overview of forb issues in the Balkans through participant self-reflection

Dr Mine Yildirim, Freedom of Belief Initiative, Turkey

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30- 11: 15

Strengthening national advocacy on FoRB through engagement with international compliance control mechanisms

Dr Mine Yildirim, Freedom of Belief Initiative, Turkey

11:15 – 12:15

Overview of UN UPR, Treaty Bodies, the role of Special Rapporteur, and Council of Europe Supervision of Judgments

Dr Mine Yildirim, Freedom of Belief Initiative, Turkey

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:15

Working groups discussion on developing action plans

Facilitators: *Dr Mine Yildirim and Fernanda San Martin*

14:15 – 14:45

Reporting back in plenary

14.45 Concluding remarks

19:00 Dinner, Venue TBC

Check-out and departures

21 January – Check-out and departures