



**CONFERENCE**

***NON-DISCRIMINATORY  
EUROPE***

**Towards Equality on Grounds of  
Race, Ethnic Origin and Religion?**

Brussels, 24 & 25 April 2006

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**Venue:**

Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS  
Place du Congrès 1  
B-1000, Brussels  
***Conference Room***

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**PROGRAMME**

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The Conference aims at providing an assessment of the EU framework on non-discrimination and its two key policy ingredients: the Council Directive *implementing the Principle of Equal Treatment between Persons irrespective of Racial or Ethnic Origin*, 2000/43/EC of 19 June 2000 and the Council Directive *establishing a General Framework for Equal Treatment in Employment and Occupation*, 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000. It will offer awareness of their scope and the way in which they offer protection to the individual as regards grounds of discrimination related to race, ethnic origin, religion and belief. The Conference will also address the most recent developments regarding the implementation of the Directives in the national legislation of the EU Member States. Comparisons with other international instruments regarding race discrimination will be drawn. Possible case strategies before national courts in the different Member States and at the European level will be equally discussed. This event is thus designed to offer direct insights into possible litigation strategies, national implementations and legal problems.

This Conference will be followed-up by a one week Training Programme which the Maastricht University (Faculty of Law) organises between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Maastricht, the Netherlands and a two days Intensive Advanced Seminar which will take place at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht. This advanced course is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

Non-Discriminatory Europe – *Towards Equality*

**Monday, 24 April 2006**

- 09.00 - 09.15 Registration
- 09.15 – 09.30 Welcome & Opening Remarks, *Daniel Gros* (Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS)
- 09.30 – 09.45 Introduction  
*Hildegard Schneider*, (Faculty of Law, Maastricht University),
- 09.45 – 10.25 **Opening Keynote Speech:**  
*Tatjana Ždanoka*, (European Parliament), ***Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities: An EU Strategy***  
**Discussant:** *Olivier De Schutter*, (University of Louvain)
- 10.25 – 11.00 Discussion
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 – 12.30 *Chair: Hildegard Schneider*  
*Fiona Kinsman*, (DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission), **The Race and The Framework Employment Directives: The European Commission's View**  
*Fiona Palmer*, (Migration Policy Group, MPG), **The Implementation of the Two Directives in the National Systems: A Critical Overview**  
*Eva Brems*, (University of Ghent), **Non-discrimination in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights**
- 12.30 – 13.00 Discussion
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15:00 *Chair: Sergio Carrera* (CEPS)  
*Barry Fitzpatrick*, (Independent Expert and Consultant on Equality Law, Former Member of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland), **The Concept of Race and Religious Discrimination: Direct, Indirect Discrimination and Harassment**  
*Declan O'Dempsey* (Cloisters), **Remedies, Burden of Proof and Enforcement**
- 15.00 – 15.30 Discussion

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15.30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00– 17:00 *Chair: Hildegard Schneider*

*Morag Goodwin*, (Maastricht University), **The Special Position of the Roma and their Claim for Recognition**

*Andras Kadar*, (Hungarian Helsinki Committee), **The Position of Roma in Hungary**

*Miguel Pajares*, (CERES - CCOO), **The Position of Roma in Spain**

*Iulius Rostas* ((Open Society Institute, OSI), **Equality for Roma in Europe: A Roadmap for Action**

17:15 – 17:45 Discussion

**End of First Day**

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**Tuesday, 25 April 2006**

**NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AND CASE STRATEGIES**

10:15 Registration

10.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks by *Sergio Carrera* (CEPS)

10.45 – 11.45 *Chair: Wouter Nachtergaele*, (Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism)

**Belgium**

*Pierre-Arnaud Perrouy* (Belgian League of Human Rights)

**The Netherlands**

*Janneke Gerards*, (Leiden University)

**Germany**

*Dagmar Schiek*, (University of Oldenburg)

11:45 – 12:15 Discussion

12:15 – 12:35 *Chair: Hildegard Schneider*

**Keynote Speech:**

*Sarah Ludford* (European Parliament)

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<b>12.35 – 13.00</b>	Discussion
<b>13.00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:15 – 15:15</b>	<i>Chair: Elspeth Guild (CEPS &amp; Centre for Migration Law, Nijmegen)</i>
	<b>United Kingdom</b> <i>Barry Fitzpatrick</i>
	<b>Spain</b> <i>Miguel Pajares</i>
	<b>Hungary</b> <i>Andras Kadar</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion
End of Conference	

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