

EUROPEAN SEMINAR

3-4 December 2013 - Brussels, Belgium

Is wearing articles of faith a threat to European democracies?

Programme

DAY ONE - 3RD DECEMBER

SEMINAR at Centres Espaces, Centre Espaces, Avenue de la Renaissance, 40, B-1000 Brussels (Prayer facilities available)

14.00 WELCOME from Dennis de Jong MEP

SESSION 1: Religious Symbols, clothing and headwear: employers and reasonable accommodation.

Tamas Kadar, Equinet (European Network of Equality Bodies)

14.30 Religious Symbols, clothing and headwear: in the public space.

Dr Nassima Ferchiche, University of Aix-Marseilles Religion and Law Programme
Inderpreet Singh, United Sikhs

14.50 Small group discussion

15.05 Neutrality of the state in education and health: a right irrespective of religious or non-religious affiliation.

Julie Pascoet, European Network Against Racism
Allan Hayes, British Humanist Association

15.25 Secular Society and freedom to manifest religion and belief.

Karim Chemlal, Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe

15.45 Questions and plenary discussion.

17.00 Close (move to Centres Espaces)

18.30 Networking meal at Centre Espaces, Avenue de la Renaissance, 40, B-1000 Brussels (Prayer facilities available). Displays from participating groups and member states and introductions to current activities.

19.45 Film screening: Polish Muslims - An Unexpected Meeting, followed by discussion with Director William Barylo.

21.00 Close

DAY TWO - 4TH DECEMBER

WORKSHOPS at Centres Espaces, Centre Espaces, Avenue de la Renaissance, 40, B-1000 Brussels (Prayer facilities available)

09.30 WELCOME & COFFEE

SESSION 2: WORKSHOPS I

09.45 Policy and implementation workshops will produce suggestions for recommendations on the seminar topic for the EU's Directorate-General for Justice. **Regional priorities workshops** will provide an opportunity to hear about experiences from different parts of Europe and to share stories and views.

10.45 Refreshment Break

11.00 WORKSHOPS II

12.00 PLENARY

12.30 Close of Seminar

This event is the fifth seminar organised by ENORB, a new European network combating discrimination and prejudice and promoting mutual understanding and harmony in the field of Religion and Belief. As with other EU Equalities networks, ENORB works for common action on the basis of the inclusive policies enshrined in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Registration for all participants is at: www.enorb4.eventbrite.com