



COMBATING ANTISEMITISM FOSTERING JEWISH life



5TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL DECLARATION ON THE FIGHT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE
3 - 4 JUNE 2021

AGENDA

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 2021

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and log in
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome by Katharina von Schnurbein Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life, European Commission
	Introduction of the agenda by Jacki Davis , Moderator of the day
09:10 – 11:00	Session I. Preventing and combating all forms of antisemitism
09:10 – 09:20	Introduction by Wester Meijdam , Policy Officer
09:20 – 10:15	Panel discussion 1: Online antisemitism followed by interventions from participants
	Presentation of the “The virus of antisemitism. A mapping of French and German online antisemitism during the Covid-19 pandemic” by Milo Comerford , Senior Policy Manager, Institute for Strategic Dialogue
	<u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Yfat Barack Cheney, Director of International Affairs and Deputy Director, Jewish Diplomatic Corps, World Jewish Congress▪ Michael Blume, Commissioner against Antisemitism of the Provincial



Government of Baden-Württemberg

- **Dan Shefet**, Expert with the Council of Europe on the Internet Ombudsman, President of the Association for Accountability and Internet Democracy (AAID)
- **Benjamin Fischer**, Programme manager, Alfred Landecker Foundation

10:15 – 11:00

Panel discussion 2: antisemitism offline

followed by interventions from participants

Panellists:

- **Ariella Woitchik**, Director of European Affairs, European Jewish Congress
- **Antonio Martino**, Staff office of the “Austrian-Jewish cultural heritage” in the Federal Chancellery and Head of the Austrian delegation to the European Commission's Working Group on combating antisemitism
- **Fiyaz Mughal**, *Founder of “Faith Matters”*
- **Ringo Ringvee**, *Advisor at the Religious Affairs Department of the Estonian Ministry of the Interior*

11:00 – 11:45

Promoting our European Way of Life

Protecting our citizens and our values

Keynote and open discussion with Vice-President Margaritis Schinas

Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, European Commission

11:45 – 12:00

Mini comfort break

12:00 – 12:30

Break-out sessions

12:30 – 13:00

Reporting back from break-out sessions:

- **Amb. Alexandru Victor Micula**, Special Representative for Combating Antisemitism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- **Dr. Felix Klein**, Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life and the Fight against Antisemitism, Germany
- **Tarja Hannele Mankinen**, Ministry of the Interior, Head of Development, Finland
- **Henri Nickels**, Policy Coordinator, Institutional Cooperation and Networks Unit, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

13:00

End of day 1



FRIDAY, 4 JUNE 2021

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and log in

09:00 – 09:20 Welcome by **Katharina von Schnurbein**

Keynote by **Anna Ekström**

Minister of Education and Research, Ministry in charge of the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism, Sweden

09:20 – 10:30 Session II: Fostering Jewish life and safeguarding Jewish heritage

09:20 – 09:30 Introduction by **Katharina von Schnurbein**

09:30 – 10:30 Panellists:

- **Sylvia Löhrmann**, Secretary General, "1700 Years of Jewish Life in Germany"
- **Avi Tawil**, Director of the European Jewish Community Centre
- **Yaron Nadbornik**, President of the Central Council of Jewish Communities in Finland, Vice-President of the World Jewish Congress, Executive Member of the European Jewish Congress
- **Victor Sorensen**, Executive Director, European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage
- **Amb. Marius Janukonis**, Head of Lithuanian Delegation to IHRA

10:30 – 10:40 Mini Comfort Break

10:40 – 11:50 Session III: Holocaust remembrance, education and research

10:40 – 10:50 Introduction by **Pascale Falek**, Policy Officer

10:50 – 11:50 Panellists:

- **Karel Berkhoff**, Co-Director of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI)
- **Amb. Chris J. Lazaris**, Chair of the Greek Presidency of the IHRA 2021 and Special Envoy of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Combating Antisemitism and Safeguarding the Memory of the Holocaust
- **Michał Bilewicz**, Chair of Scholarly Advisory Board, Forum for Dialogue
- **Karen Pollock**, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust

11:50 – 12:20 Four break-out sessions



12:20 – 12:50 Reporting back from break-out sessions:

- **Eddo Verdoner**, National coordinator on combating antisemitism, The Netherlands
- **Ulrika Sundberg**, Special Envoy on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- **Jan Łazicki**, Chief expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
- **Karel Fracapane**, Programme Specialist at UNESCO

12:50 – 13:00 Concluding remarks
