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AGENDA

- 9.00 – 9.15 Welcome of participants
- 9.15 – 11.30 Introductory remarks
Verena Taylor, Director of Programmes (CoE)
Kristin de Peyron, Head of Division of Multilateral Relations, EEAS VI.B.3 (EU)
Karima Kabbaj, National focal point (Morocco)- (excused)
Mohamed Selim Hammami, National focal point (Tunisia)
- Developments in the Policy of the CoE towards neighbouring regions
Zoltán Taubner, Director of External Relations (CoE)
- Overview of the workplan and results for the period under review (2012), including future activities (2013-2014)
Components Justice and Anti-corruption
Chair: Verena Taylor, Director of Programmes (CoE)
- Speakers:*
Stéphane Leyenberger, Guillaume Parent (CoE)
Najia Rahali, Ministry of Justice and Liberties (Morocco)
Abdesselam Abouddrar, ICPC (Morocco)
Nizar Najjar, Ministry of Justice (Tunisia)
Samir Annabi, Instance Nationale de Lutte contre la corruption (Tunisia)
- Debate
- 11.30 – 11.45 *Coffee break*
- 11.45 – 12.30 Overview of the workplan and results for the period under review (2012), including future activities (2013-2004)
Component Human rights – Fight against trafficking in human beings
Chair: Kristin de Peyron, Head of Division of Multilateral Relations, EEAS VI.B.3 (EU)
- Speakers :*
Elda Moreno, Head of Department (CoE)
Abderrazak Rouwane, Secretary General of the Inter-ministerial Delegation for Human Rights (Morocco)
- Debate

- 12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 – 15.30 Overview of the workplan and results for the period under review (2012), including future activities (2013-2014)
Component Democratic values
Co-Chairs : Pilar Morales, Head of Division (CoE) and Alberto Cortezón Gómez, Head of Sector (DEVCO)
- Speakers :*
Serguei Kouznetsov (Venise Commission); Alessandro Mancini (PACE); Michael Remmert (Responsible for the CoE Network of Schools of Political Studies); Rui Gomes (Youth Department of the CoE) ; Patrick Penninckx (Pompidou Group)
- Azzedine Chraibi (House of Representatives, Morocco)*
Abdelouahid Khouja (House of Counsellors, Morocco)
Youssef Laaraj (School Political Studies, Morocco)
Ahmed Driss (School Political Studies, Tunisia)
- Debate
- 15.30 – 16.00 Further discussion on ‘performance issues’
 Review of risks/assumptions and management actions taken
 Visibility issues
 Complementarity between the South Programme activities and other CoE bilateral programmes
Giovanni Battista Celiento, South Programme Coordinator (CoE)
Hristo Ivanov Hristov, Programme Manager (DEVCO)
- 16.00 – 16.30 Conclusions of the meeting
Pilar Morales, Head of Division (CoE)