



Roundtable on the Impact of International Criminal Courts on Domestic Proceedings, Belgrade, 19-20 November 2009

Introduction

The seminar is designed to present and discuss the initial findings of the DOMAC project on the impact of international criminal courts on domestic criminal proceedings in the Balkans and on ways to increase cooperation between the two sets of institutions.

The DOMAC project (a four university three-year project funded by the EU) has been collecting information in the past 18 months on the normative impact of international criminal courts, their effect on prosecution and sentencing policies and their contribution to capacity building at the domestic level in different geographical regions, including the Balkans. The project is aimed to issue recommendations to the EU and other national and international actors that would strengthen the co-operation between national and international courts functioning in the aftermath of mass atrocity situations.

The purpose of the seminar is to present the initial findings of DOMAC researchers to Balkan-based experts – practitioners and academics – in order to obtain their reaction to the findings and to facilitate discussion on the questions the reports raise.

The meeting will take place over one a half days and be conducted mostly in a round table format.



PROGRAM

Thursday, 19 November 2009

09:30 Greetings

Prof. Harmen van der Wilt, *Steering Committee, DOMAC*
Ms. Vesna Petrovic, *Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights*
Ms. Ruth van Rhijn, *Head of the Rule of Law and Human Rights Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia*
H.E. Snežana Malović, *Minister of Justice of the Republic of Serbia*
H.E. Zoran Savic, *Judge of the Supreme Court of Serbia*
Mr. Thomas Gnocchi, *Head of the Political Section, Delegation of the European Commission to Serbia*

09:45 Opening Panel: The role of national courts and international courts in addressing international crimes

H.E. Vladimir Vukčević, *War Crimes Prosecutor of the Republic of Serbia*
Ms. Bozidarka Dodik, *Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina*
H.E. Davor Petričević, *Osijek County State Attorney, Croatia*
H.E. Howard Morrison, *Judge of the ICTY*
Mr. Pascal Turlan, *International Cooperation Adviser, ICC*
Prof. Yuval Shany, *DOMAC*
Mr. Ivan Jovanović, *Legal Advisor on War Crimes, OSCE Mission to Serbia*

11:45 *Coffee Break*

12:00 Normative Impact

Prof. Harmen van der Wilt, *DOMAC*
Ms. Anonietta Trapani, *DOMAC*

13:30 *Lunch*



14:45 Prosecution Rates and Sentencing Polices

Dr. Yaël Ronen, *DOMAC*

Ms. Keren Michaeli, *DOMAC*

16:15 *Close of the first day*

Friday, 20 November 2009

09:30 Capacity Building Initiatives

Dr. Alejandro Chehtmann, *DOMAC*

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:15 The Impact of other International Courts and Procedures on Local Criminal Proceedings

Ms. Edda Kristjansdottir, *DOMAC*

Ms. Silvia Borelli, *DOMAC* (presented by Yuval Shany)

12:45 *Coffee Break*

13:00 Concluding comments

Representatives of the co-organizing institutions

Representative of the State Court, Bosnia and Herzegovina

H.E. Ranko Marijan, *Judge of the Croatian Supreme Court*

H.E. Siniša Važić, *President of the Belgrade District Court War Crimes Chamber*

Mr. Matias Hellman, *Office of the President, ICTY*

Ms. Marie-Ursula Kind, *Office of the Prosecutor, ICTY*

14:15 *Farewell lunch*