

Human rights & freedom FBE commission

Berlin, 10th December 2016

The President underlines that the commission Human Rights and Freedom of the FBE wants to testify with this meeting the will to participate actively to the European Day for Human Rights on 10th December.

Topics:

1. Report of the last meeting of the Commission in Luxemburg

The report of the last meeting of the commission in Luxemburg on 13. October 2016 will be adopted on next meeting of the commission.

2. Participation of the Commission to the 25th Anniversary of the FBE

The President reminds the members of the commission that the FBE will celebrates 25 years anniversary in 2017 on 3 meetings, in Barcelona (February), Den Haag (1-3 th June) and London (November).

For the general brochure on the 25th anniversary, the President will prepare a short presentation of the various activities of the commission.

3. Patronage to the Orchestra “Symphony Land”

On the last meeting in Luxemburg, Kinga presented the Orchestra of Refugees “Symphony Land” who has already the patronage of the Austrian Ministry of Culture.

The presidency of the FBE has given its approval to the Commission to give its patronage to this orchestra.

4. Closing ceremony

On this occasion, a brochure will be edited; the President will send the Presidency of the FBE a report about the closing ceremony of the Project in Colombia to be included in this brochure.

5. European Survey

The President reports again that very few chambers answered the survey (14 questions) sent by the commission; only 10 of 200!

The president proposes to contact all chambers to identify the competent person for human rights (a first letter till march 2017) and then, to send the survey again (April 2017).

A final report should be done for the meeting in June in den Haag.

6. Presentation of the different studies of the Commission

The President asks the members of the Commission to prepare the presentation of their project as decided in Luxemburg, to be presented in June in den Haag.

7. Presentation of Nicoletta about Legal Education in schools

This project of the Verona Bar will be also presented at the next meeting in Barcelona.

8. Turkey

The Commission has received a letter from a lady in prison in Turkey, asking for support. The FBE Presidency decided not to support this project, as the aim of the FBE is to support the lawyers. The FBE through Mr. Charles Kaufhold will answer her.

9. Situation of Lawyers Turkey

Marc (Berlin) reports about the situation of arrested and detained Lawyers in Turkey.

Different lawyers have written to the Berlin Bar about this situation.

The Berlin Bar has written an article about it in the Bar Newsletter and will continue to survey the situation in Turkey and will make a report for the meeting in den Haag.

In the same time, an agreement is about to be signed between the Berlin and the Istanbul Bar.

10. Guidance in business and human rights for European law societies

The Madrid Bar prepared a guidance in business and human rights for European law societies.

This report will be sent to all members of the Commission to be discussed on the next meeting in Barcelona.

11. Proposal for the activity of the commission for the next 6 months

a. Competition for young lawyers on human rights in Europe: 7th April 2017 – Poznan

The participants should be young lawyers from all European Bars to participate to a mock trial in the field of Human rights;

Each team will have 3 members: a lawyer, a judge, a prosecutor

There should be about 10 teams.

The competition will take place in the hearing room of the school for young lawyers in Poznan.

The subjects of the competition should be equally known for all participants: they should be chosen in the jurisprudence of the European Court for Human Rights.

The members of the commission should look for interesting cases.

This subject needs a financial support for the organization of the competition and to cover the costs of the young lawyers participating.

The commission will write to all most important European Bars to ask for their support (500-1.000 €?).

b. Budget of the FBE-Commissions

There is a general problem of the financial subject of the FBE-Commissions.

There are some commissions non very active; there should be closed or integrated with other commissions.

It seems that the finances of the FBE (budget presented in October 2016 in Luxemburg) could support the budget of the active commissions (as some Bars don't want to support the budget of the commissions).

c. The Commission decides the following prior topics for the action of the commission for 2017:

- Turkey
- Ukraine

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- Poland