

**Meeting of Government Agents before the European Court of Human Rights**  
**Rīga, 6 October 2023**

**House of the Blackheads** (Rātslaukums 7, Rīga)

**Agenda**

<b>10.00 – 10.20</b>	<b>Registration, coffee</b>
<b>10.20 – 10.40</b>	<b>Opening remarks by State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr A. Pelšs</b>
<b>10.40– 13.00</b>	<p><b>SESSION 1: <i>Exchange of views: coordination in proceedings before the Court</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange of views and of experience concerning proceedings before the Court as joint respondents (<i>Duarte Agostinho and Others v. Portugal and 32 Other States</i>), including before and during the hearing of the case before the Grand Chamber;</li> <li>- Exchange of views and of experience concerning proceedings before the Court as joint third parties (<i>Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia</i>), further plans for coordination;</li> <li>- Discussion about the 2023 Practice Directions of the President of the Court “<a href="#">Third-party intervention under Article 36 § 2 of the Convention or under Article 3, second sentence, of Protocol No. 16</a>”.</li> </ul>
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch; House of the Blackheads</b>
<b>14.00 – 15.30</b>	<p><b>SESSION 2: <i>Exchange of views: processing of cases and friendly settlements</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow-up discussion after the meeting with the Registry of the Court on processing of impact cases, their impact for the States in practice: exchange of experience and views;</li> <li>- The Registry’s role in the conclusion of friendly settlements: exchange of experience.</li> <li>- Summary-formula judgments (after the 2-year test period): exchange of views;</li> <li>- Adaptation to developments in the case law of the Court following the introduction of an application before the Court: exchange of views.</li> </ul>
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16.00 – 17.30</b>	<p><b>SESSION 3: <i>Exchange of views: processing of cases and friendly settlements (cont.)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protocol No.16 to the Convention (sharing of experiences, role of the Agents, interest to be invited at the October Seminar which will be organized by the Court): discussion in the light of a future assessment of Protocol No.16 to be made in the CDDH following the 99<sup>th</sup> CDDH meeting;</li> <li>- Thematic committee for immigration cases (exchange of views): the Court has set up a thematic committee of three judges for immigration-related cases (Article 26 § 1 and Article 28 of the Convention, and Rule 27 of the Rules of Court). This is a transversal committee that will deal, for all the States Parties to the Convention, with cases on immigration matters falling within the Court’s well-established case-law (Committee cases concerning expulsions, extraditions and related issues). This is the first such thematic committee to have been set up by the Court (the Court’s press release: <a href="https://www.echr.coe.int/w/new-thematic-committee-for-immigration-related-cases">https://www.echr.coe.int/w/new-thematic-committee-for-immigration-related-cases</a>); discussions concerning potential other such formats.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow-up on the discussion about permanent badges for Agents to access CoE premises.</li> </ul>
<b>17.30 – 17.50</b>	<b>Concluding remarks/ conclusion: Kristīne LĪCIS, Advisor to the President of Latvia</b>
<b>17.50 – 18.30</b>	<b>Guided tour at the House of the Blackheads</b>
<b>19.00</b>	<b>Dinner at the restaurant “<a href="#">Whitehouse</a>” (Tērbatas street 2, Riga)</b>