

**Programme  
High-Level Expert Conference**

# **Implementing the Copenhagen Declaration – An Informal Meeting on the Convention System**

**Wednesday 31 October to Friday 2 November 2018  
Kokkedal Castle, Denmark**

As foreseen in the Copenhagen Declaration, Denmark will host a High-Level Expert Conference in Kokkedal on 31 October to 2 November 2018.

This will be an opportunity for the States Parties and other stakeholders to follow-up on the points agreed in the Copenhagen Declaration and to discuss general developments in the jurisprudence of the Court, with respect for the independence of the Court and the binding character of its judgments (para. 41 of the Declaration).

The goal is to build further on the constructive dialogue established at the 2017 High-Level Expert Conference in Kokkedal where representatives of the Council of Europe Member States met with representatives of the European Court of Human Rights (the Court), officials of the Council of Europe, national parliamentarians and judges, as well as leading legal experts from academia and civil society, to address both the immediate problems facing the Convention system and develop ideas for the long-term future.

The overall purpose of the Conference will be to explore ways to build a common human rights culture and to facilitate discussions on the caseload challenge and European supervision.

The programme is comprised of keynote speeches followed by panel discussions with participation envisaged by speakers, chairs and panel participants. The audience is encouraged to ask questions and actively participate in the discussions.

In order to encourage a free and open discussion and the sharing of information, the Conference will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

## Wednesday 31 October

16:00-18:00	Participants arrive (sandwiches available)
19:00-19:45	<b>Welcome to Kokkedal</b>  <b>Søren Pape Poulsen</b> Danish Minister of Justice  <b>Guido Raimondi</b> President of the European Court of Human Rights  <b>Hans-Jörg Behrens</b> Chair of CDDH
19:45	Reception followed by welcome dinner hosted by the Danish Minister of Justice

## Thursday 1 November

07:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:00-09:10	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Rasmus Kieffer-Kristensen</b> Head of the Danish ECHR Initiative, Danish Ministry of Justice
09:10-09:45	<b>1a. Building a Common Human Rights Culture: Political Dialogue post Copenhagen</b>  <b>Facilitator and panel chair: Mikael Rask Madsen</b> Professor of Law and Director of iCourts, Center of Excellence for International Courts, University of Copenhagen  <b>Keynote speaker: Armin von Bogdandy</b> Professor of Law at the University in Frankfurt and Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg
09:45-10:45	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mikhail Lobov</li><li>• Simon Matthijssen</li><li>• Damir Arnaut</li></ul>
10:45-11:15	Photograph followed by coffee/tea break

11:15-11:45	<b>1b. Building a Common Human Rights Culture: Judicial Dialogue</b>
	<b>Keynote speaker and panel chair: Lord Jonathan Mance</b> Former Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
11:45-12:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnfinn Bårdsen</li> <li>• Mattias Kumm</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	<b>1c. Building a Common Human Rights Culture: Third Party Interventions</b>
	<b>Facilitator and panel chair: Chanaka Wickremasinghe</b> Agent of the UK before the European Court of Human Rights, Legal Counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
	<b>Keynote speaker: Roderick Liddell</b> Registrar at the European Court of Human Rights
14:30-15:15	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debbie Kohner</li> <li>• Chanaka Wickremasinghe</li> </ul>
15:15-15:45	Coffee/tea
15:45-16:15	<b>2. The Caseload Challenge Revisited</b>
	<b>Facilitator and panel chair: Vít Alexander Schorm</b> Agent of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights
	<b>Keynote speaker: Hans-Jörg Behrens</b> Chair of CDDH
16:15-17:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roderick Liddell</li> <li>• Mikael Rask Madsen</li> </ul>
19:30	Dinner (informal)

## Friday 2 November

07:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:00-10:00	<b>3. European Supervision</b>  <b>Facilitator and panel chair: Jonas Christoffersen</b> Director of the Danish Institute of Human Rights  <b>Keynote speaker: Laurence Burgogue-Larsen</b> Professor of Law at the Sorbonne Law School
10:00-10:30	Coffee/tea
10:30-11:45	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kristīne Līcis</li><li>• Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir</li></ul>
11:45-12:00	<b>Closing of Conference</b>
12:00-12:30	Participants departure