



International Ombudsman Institute  
Institut International de l'Ombudsman  
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the federal Ombudsman  
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## CONFERENCE

# THE OMBUDSMAN IN AN OPEN AND PARTICIPATORY SOCIETY

General Assembly IOI-Europe  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IOI  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the federal Ombudsman

## PROGRAMME

Brussels | Senate  
1-2-3 | 10 | 2018

## MONDAY 1 | 10 | 2018

10:00-11:45 Guided tour – Magritte Museum - Brussels

NB! Pre-registration required

13:15-14:00 Welcoming and registration of participants to the General Assembly

**14:00-16:30**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY IOI-EUROPE**

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

Registration of participants to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony

**17:00- 20:00**

### **CEREMONY FOR THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOI**

Senate - Hemicycle and Presidential lounges

Speeches, reception and walking dinner

## TUESDAY 2 | 10 | 2018

9:00- 9:30 Welcoming and registration of participants to the Conference

**9:30-10:00**

### **OPENING SESSION**

- Welcome address by the Senate's Speaker, Ms Christine Defraigne
- Welcome speech by Mr Guido Herman, federal Ombudsman of Belgium
- Opening remarks by Mr Rafael Ribó, IOI-Europe President and Ombudsman of Catalonia

**10:00-12:30**

**THE OMBUDSMAN IN HIS/HER RELATIONS TO ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND TO TRANSPARENCY**

Chair : Peter Tyndall, Irish Ombudsman and President of the IOI

Summary report: Professor David Renders and Ms Pauline Abba  
[Catholic University of Louvain]

Presentation of three Ombudsmen's experiences:

- Ms Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman
- Mr Andreas Pottakis, Greek Ombudsman
- Ms Elisabeth Rynning, Chief Parliamentary Ombudsman of Sweden

11:00 -11:30 Coffee break

Remarks by Ms Ingrid Opdebeek, Professor of Administrative Law  
[University of Antwerp]

Questions / debate

12:30-14:00 Lunch and group photo

**14:00-16:30**

**THE OMBUDSMAN AS A CATALYST FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Chair: Chris Field, Ombudsman Western Australia and Second Vice-President of the IOI

Summary report: Professor Didier Caluwaerts [VUBrussel]

Presentation of three Ombudsmen's experiences:

- Mr. Günther Kräuter, member of the Austrian Ombudsman Board,
- Ms. Ülle Madise, Chancellor of Justice of Estonia
- Mr Reinier Van Zutphen, National Ombudsman of the Netherlands

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

Remarks by Mr Min Reuchamps, Professor of Political Science  
[Catholic University of Louvain]

Questions / debate

**16:30-16:45**

**SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN AOM AND IOI**

**19:00-22:00**

**GALA DINNER**

Egmont Palace - Brussels

NB! Pre-registration required

Speech by Mr Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for  
Foreign Affairs, followed by the dinner.

**WEDNESDAY 3 | 10 | 2018**

9:00-9:30 Welcoming

**9:30-12:00**

**THE OMBUDSMAN AS A GUARANTOR OF INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITMENTS**

Chair: Ms Géraldine Mattioli-Zeltner, Advisor to the Commissioner for  
Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Summary report: Professor David Renders and Mr Luca Ceci  
[Catholic University of Louvain]

Presentation of three Ombudsmen's experiences:

- Dr. Arman Tatoyan, Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia
- Mr Petri Jääskeläinen, Parliamentary Ombudsman of Finland
- Mr Jacques Toubon, Defender of Rights of France

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Remarks by Mr Paul Lemmens, judge at the European Court of Human Rights

Questions / debate

Closing remarks by Ms Catherine De Bruecker, federal Ombudsman of Belgium and Vice-President of IOI-Europe

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 Welcoming

### **14:00-16:00**

#### **DELIVERY OF THE REPORT OF THE CITIZEN'S FORUM MAKE MY ADMINISTRATION**

Moderator : Ms Litte Frooninckx, Office of the federal Ombudsman

Welcome speech by Mr Guido Herman, federal Ombudsman of Belgium and Chair of the Belgian Network of Ombudsmen

Presentation of the Forum by Professor Didier Caluwaerts [Vrije Universiteit Brussel]

Official delivery of the results of the Forum by citizens

Debate

16:00-16:30 Welcoming

### **16:30-19:00**

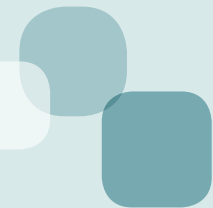
#### **CEREMONY FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL OMBUDSMAN**

House of representatives – Toots Thielemans room

Anniversary address by Mr. Siegfried Bracke, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speech by Ms Catherine De Bruecker and Mr Guido Herman, federal Ombudsmen of Belgium

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