

THE ARARTEKO ACT. PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE. **Rethinking Ombuds institutions**

PROGRAMME

12 June. First Day

09:30 Opening statements

BAKARTXO TEJERIA OTERMIN

President of the Basque Parliament.

EMILY O'REILLY

European Ombudsman.

ÁNGEL GABILONDO PUJOL

Spanish Ombudsman.

DESPINA CHATZIVASSILIOU-TSOVILIS

Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

MANUEL LEZERTUA

Ararteko - Basque Ombudsman.

10:00 Keynote speech

The Ararteko and Guaranteeing Citizens' Rights

MANUEL LEZERTUA

Arartekoa / Ararteko.

10:30 Break

11.00

Introductory Lectures

Genesis and Approval of the Law of the Ararteko. Experience in its Implementation. Procedure to Reform Act 3/1985

Speakers:

ÁLVARO GIL ROBLES.

Former Spanish Ombudsman and former Human Rights Commissioner of the Council of Europe.

ALBERTO LÓPEZ BASAGUREN

Full Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of the Basque Country.

ANDONI ITURBE MACH

Chief Counsel of the Basque Parliament

Moderator: INÉS IBÁÑEZ DE MAEZTU

Deputy to the Ararteko.

12:15

Lecture I

New Standards and Expectations for Ombuds Institutions: Outlook for the Ararteko.

GUILLERMO ESCOBAR

Full Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Alcalá.

Moderator: INMACULADA DE MIGUEL

Director of Social Relations, Research and Modernisation, Ararteko.

13:00 Lunch

14:30

Roundtable I: First part

New Standards and Expectations for Ombuds Institutions.

- The Mediation Model of the Ombuds of Andalusia.
JESÚS MAEZTU GREGORIO DE TEJADA.
Ombudsman of Andalusia.
- Overseeing Private Companies Managing Public Interests or Universal or General Services.
ESTHER GIMÉNEZ-SALINAS Y COLOMER.
Síndica de greuges of Catalunya (Catalan Ombudswoman)
- The Experience of the Institution of the Valedor do Pobo as Transparency Commissioner.
MARÍA DOLORES FERNÁNDEZ GALIÑO.
Valedora do Pobo (Galician Ombudswoman)
- Legal Measures to Respond to Non-Complying Administrations.
PATXI VERA DONAZAR.
Ombudsman of Navarra

Moderator: FAUSTINO LÓPEZ DE FORONDA
Secretary-General of the Ararteko.

16:30 End of the first session

13 June. Second day

09:00

Roundtable I: Second part

New Standards and Expectations for Ombuds Institutions

- The Role of the French Ombuds in the Fight Against Discrimination and the Promotion of Equality.

GEORGE PAU-LANGEVIN

Deputy to the Ombuds of France in charge of the fight against discriminations and promotion of equality.

- The Role of the Ombuds institutions in the Defence of Children and Adolescents.

EMILY LOGAN.

First Ombuds for Children in Ireland.

Moderator: MONTSERRAT AUZMENDI DEL SOLAR

Director of Research at the Basque Parliament.

10:00

Roundtable II

Best European Practices and New Standards at European Level

- The Venice Principles and European recommendations on Ombuds institutions.

DESPINA CHATZIVASSILIOU-TSOVILIS

Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

- The Ombuds Institutions and Digitalisation.

ÜLLE MADISE

Chancellor of Justice of Estonia.

- Best Practices of the Dutch Ombudsman when Working with Vulnerable Groups.

REINIER VAN ZUTPHEN.

Ombudsman of the Netherlands.

Moderator: MARÍA LUISA AGUIRRECHE

Head of International and European Affairs Office, Ararteko.

11:15 Break

11:45

Roundtable III

New Needs, New Competencies, New Functions?

Representatives of the Basque Parliament political groups

Moderator: IÑAKI GURIDI
Journalist from Euskadi Irratia.

13:45 Discussion

14:00 End of the Session