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invite to the

## SEMINAR

**“Administration of justice in Poland –  
reflections on report by the Council  
of Europe Commissioner for Human  
Rights”**

The seminar will take place on 20th September 2016  
in the Commissioner's for Human Rights Office  
(Długa 23/25 street, Warsaw) between 15:30 - 17:30 p.m.

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The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 published a report on Polish judiciary. The Polish Commissioner for Human Rights in cooperation with the CoE Commissioner organizes a seminar concerning the current state of administration of justice in Poland in the light of citizens' right to fair trial standards.

The Commissioner in his report expresses concern inter alia on:

- expanding the powers of law enforcement agencies, police forces and security services without establishing the necessary safeguards to avoid abuse as well as lack of a democratic, independent and efficient system of control of surveillance activities;
- new amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure and to the Law on Prosecution and provisions on the use of illegally obtained evidence;
- threats for human rights connected with recent public prosecution reform;
- Ministry of Justice supervision over courts in the light of judges' independence.

## Programme

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In the panel discussion will take part:

- Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights ,
- dr Adam Bodnar, Polish Commissioner for Human Rights,
- Irena Kamińska, Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court, President of Judges' Association THEMIS,
- Waldemar Żurek, Judge of Regional Court in Kraków, spokesman of the National Council of the Judiciary,
- Arkadiusz Tomczak, Judge in the Voivodship Administrative Court in Warsaw, member of the management board of the Polish Judges' Association IUSTITIA,
- Paweł Osik, Chairman of the Human Rights Section, Regional Bar Association in Warsaw,
- dr Piotr Kładoczny, secretary of the management board in Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights,
- Bartosz Pilitowski, President of the Foundation Court Watch Poland,
- Representative of the National Council of Legal Advisers.

Moderation: Mirosław Wróblewski, Head of Constitutional, International and European Law Department, Commissioner's for Human Rights Office.