

Dear Madame, dear Sir,

the Rule of Law Program South East Europe (RLP SEE) of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights (BLHR) are pleased to invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion on

**Safeguarding Human Rights in Europe:
The standing of victims in criminal proceedings - legal and factual situation
in Bulgaria**

which will take place in **Sofia, Bulgaria** on **Tuesday, November 06, 2007** from **16:00** to **20:00** h at the **Grand Hotel Sofia**, Room "Triadiza Nr.1", 1st floor (1 Gurko Street, 1000 Sofia).

This event is a follow-up of the roundtable discussion entitled "Safeguarding Human Rights in Europe: The Rights of Suspects/Accused and their Defense in Criminal Proceedings in South East Europe – Roundtable discussion regarding the legal situation in Bulgaria", which the RLP SEE organized in June in Sofia. The seminar supported the initiative of the German EU Council Presidency of the first half of 2007 the goal of which was to formulate and adopt a framework decision for minimum standards regarding the rights of suspected persons and their defense in criminal proceedings throughout the EU.

The November 6 seminar will be organized at the suggestion of the participants of the first roundtable discussion. They pointed out that although it is important to focus on the rights of suspects/accused and their defense in criminal proceedings, it is equally if not more important to also consider the rights of victims which are often neglected. The second roundtable aims at analyzing and discussing among experts the current legal and factual situation in Bulgaria regarding the standing of victims in criminal proceedings. Please find attached the conference program for your information.

Please confirm your participation in the roundtable discussion until October 29, 2007 via E-Mail to either me (stefanie.roos@kas.de) or my assistant, Mrs. Maria Hariton (maria.hariton@kas.ro) or to Mrs. Georgitsa Petkova (hrlawyer@blhr.org). You will also receive an invitation in Bulgarian from our local partner, the Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights.

The Conference language will be Bulgarian with translation into German.

We will be pleased to meet you at our roundtable discussion in Sofia.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. iur. Stefanie Ricarda Roos