



**Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen &  
The Commissioner for Administration and Protection of Human Rights of  
Cyprus**

**“The Venice Principles in strengthening the Ombudsman Institutions”**

**Nicosia 10 December 2019**

***Venue: Hilton Park Hotel- Nicosia***

**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 10 December 2019**

**9.00 – 9.30            Registration**

**9.30- 10 .00        Opening Speeches**

Mr Zacharias Zachariou, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Institutions, Merit & Commissioner for Administration for Cyprus

Mr. Peter Tyndall, President of IOI and Irish Ombudsman and Information Commissioner

Mr. Andreas Pottakis, President of AOM and Greek Ombudsman

Ms. Maria Stylianou- Lottides, Cyprus Commissioner for Administration and Protection of Human Rights

**10.00 – 10.30        *Coffee Break***

**10.30 – 12:30 Plenary Session 1** - Venice Principles as a strong tool in strengthening the independence of the Ombudsman

**Chairman:**

Dr Michael Frendo, Vice President Venice Commission

**Panelists:**

Ms. Emily O' Reilly, European Ombudsman Video Message

Mr. Peter Tyndall, President of IOI and Irish Ombudsman and Information Commissioner

Mr. Igli Totozani Expert, Venice Commission

Dr Richard Kirkham, University of Sheffield

Mr Jaume Saura Deputy Ombudsman, Sindic de Greuges de Catalunya

Interventions from **Albania, Austria, Greece, Serbia** & the final comments.

**12:30 – 14.00**    *Lunch*

**14:00 – 15.30 Plenary Session 2** – *The Challenges ahead for Ombudsman in taking forward the changes. Where we are, where we want to be.*

**Chairman:**

Mr. Andreas Pottakis, President of AOM and Greek Ombudsman

**Panel:**

Ms. Lydie Err, Member of the Venice Commission for Luxembourg

Mr. Myron Nicolatos, President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus, Cypriot Member of the Venice Commission

Ms. Caroline Martin, Legal Officer Venice Commission

Professor Edward Warrington, Professor Public Policy Dept. University of Malta

Interventions from **Albania, Spain, Portugal.**

Final Comments and wrap up

**15.30 -16.00**    **Concluding Remarks**