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**Book presentation at the seat of the State Parliament at Innsbruck:**  
**„EOI – European Heart of Human Rights“**  
**presented by Nina Karpachova and Josef Siegele**

In the Rokokosaal of the Tyrolean Parliament EOI board member Nina Karpachova and EOI Secretary Josef Siegele presented their first book edited together.

The activist of human rights Nina Karpachova is the First Vice-president of the Union of Lawyers in the Ukraine, Professor at the Kiyv Law University of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, First Ukrainian Parliamentarian Commissioner for Human Rights and the first Ombudsman of Ukraine. Jurist Josef Siegele has been a staff member of the Ombudsman Office for Tyrol for many years and is now Deputy Ombudsman.

In the book such topics as the development of the Ombudsman concept in Europe, human rights between the conflicting priorities of the political reality and in practice, the independence of Ombudspersons in Europe, experiences of Human Rights Activists in Russia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Malta and China, the cooperation of Ombudspersons and public institutions and the democratic constitutional role of regional Ombudspersons in Europe are dealt with.

The President of the State Parliament of Tyrol Herwig van Staa valued in his laudation the significance of the European Ombudsman-Institute (EOI) with its seat in the House of Lawyers in Meraner Street at Innsbruck. „The reason, that the seat of this international institution is here at Innsbruck, lies in the fact, that the initiative for the establishment of the EOI emanated from jurists of the University of Innsbruck more than 25 years ago. Meanwhile, the EOI has in all 183 members from the areas Ombuds-Institutions, Ombudspersons and Human Rights Commissioners from all over Europe“. Especially by a regular exchange of experience on a scientific level and the transfer of European standards important support could be provided. „The EOI today has contacts all over Europe, especially also to many Eastern European States as Russia, Armenia, Azerbaidshan or the Ukraine. The cooperation especially with these countries is in times of crisis, as we are having now, of especial importance“, underlines the State

President of the Tyrolean Parliament van Staa and thanks Mrs. Karpachova for her efforts for decades in the realm of human rights in her home country.

Nina Karpachova presents at the end of the event President van Staa with the „Order of the rule of Law and Justice“ of the World Jurist Alliance honoring his merits as a member of the presidium for many years, as a multiple President as well as of the Chamber of Local Authorities as the Chamber of Regions and last but not least as a two-fold President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe. She, above all, thanked him for his efforts with regard to the pacification of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.

BU: f.l. Josef Siegele, Herwig van Staa, Nina Karpachova, EOI-President Dieter Burgard, Deputy Governor Josef Geisler

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