



Draft Programme (26/04/2010)

International conference "Human Rights Combating Fear and Prejudice" (in English and Lithuanian)

Date: 7th May 2010

Time: 09:30 - 17:45

Venue: Conti Hotel, Raugyklos str. 7, Vilnius, www.contihotel.lt

**8:40 - 09:30 Registration of participants**

*Opening of the Conference.*

*Welcoming speeches*

**Baltic Pride 2010: human rights for all - a norm or still a challenge in new EU member states?**

- 09:30 - 09:40 Vice-minister, Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania
- 09:40 - 09:45 Video greeting from the Vice President of the European Commission **Viviane Reding**
- 09:45 - 09:55 Member of Lithuanian Parliament **Marija Aušrinė Pavilionienė**
- 09:55 - 10:05 Swedish EU-minister **Birgitta Ohlsson**
- 10:05 - 10:15 Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands **Joep Wijnands**

**Panel discussions**

**Putting fundamental rights protection for LGBT on the EU and national agendas**

*Moderator: Member of Bundestag **Volker Beck***

- 10:15 - 10:25 Member of Bundestag **Volker Beck** (Germany)
- 10:25 - 10:35 Member of the Danish Parliament **Kamal Qureshi** (Denmark)
- 10:35 - 10:45 Advocacy Director of Human Rights Watch **Boris Dittrich** (USA)
- 10:45 - 10:55 Executive Director of ILGA-Europe **Evelyne Paradis** (Belgium)
- 10:55 - 11:05 Dutch Human Rights Ambassador **Arjan Hamburger** (Netherlands)
- 11:05 - 11:15 Member of the Estonian Parliament **Evelyn Sepp** (Estonia)

**11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break**

**Equal rights for LGBT people - going beyond legislation**

*Moderator: Swedish EU-minister **Birgitta Ohlsson***

- 11:45 - 11:55 Representatives of the Baltic Pride **Vytautas Valentinavičius**
- 11:55 - 12:05 Representative of Amnesty International **Nicolas Berger**
- 12:05 - 12:15 Deputy Secretary General on Family and Social Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs, **Riho Rahuoja** (Estonia)
- 12:15 - 12:25 Representative of HALDE, Ombudsman office for Equality (France)
- 12:25 - 12:35 Board chair of Mozaika **Linda Freimane** (Latvia)
- 12:35 - 12:45 Representative of EGN **Ilke Jaspers** (Estonia)
- 12:45 - 13:00 Discussion

**13:00 - 14:30 Lunch**

**13:15 - 13:45 Press Conference**

**Building sustainable partnerships for equality in society**

**Presentations**

- 14:30 - 14:45 *Benchmarking study: presentation and overview*, **Lars Jonsson**, RFSL (Sweden)
- 14:45 - 15:00 *"Partnership for equal rights": overview of best examples of collaboration*, **Vilma Gabrieliūtė**, LGL (Lithuania)
- 15:00 - 15:15 *Principles of partnership*, **Linda Elstad**, RFSL (Sweden)
- 15:15 - 15:30 *Education as a tool for a strong partnership*, **Karol Vieker**, RFSL (Sweden)
- 15:30 - 15:40 *Sharing good practice with Baltic States*, **Klaus Jetz**, LSVD (Germany)

**15:40 - 15:50 Discussion**

*LGBT strategic directions in Lithuania: steps forward*, **Vladimir Simonko**, LGL (Lithuania)

**15:50 - 16:20 Coffee break**

**Access to Justice**

**Presentations**

- 16:20 - 16:35 Co-President of The European Parliament's Intergroup on LGBT Rights **Michael Cashman** (UK)
- 16:35 - 16:50 *EU law and policy: non-discrimination and social inclusion of LGBT people*  
Director of the European Commission's Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, **Belinda Pyke** (Belgium)
- 16:50 - 17:05 *LGBT rights: international and national approach*, **Jolanta Samuolytė**, Human Rights Monitoring Institute (Lithuania)
- 17:05 - 17:20 *Proof in discrimination cases*, **Diana Gumbrevičiūtė-Kuzminskienė**, lecturer at Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

**17:20 - 17:45 Discussion**

*The Yogyakarta Principles – a new tool for Human Rights. Presentation of the book*. **Eduardas Platovas**, LGL (Lithuania)

**17:45 End of the conference**