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## International Conference

# *THE FUTURE BELONGS TO US: LGBT RIGHTS ON THE ROAD TO THE EUROPEAN UNION*

11-14 September 2014, Hotel Metropol, Belgrade

### Program

#### THURSDAY, September 11

Arrival of participants

#### FRIDAY, September 12

##### Plenary Sessions

08.30 – 09.00

**Registration**

09.00 – 09:15

**Welcome**

**Dragana Todorović**, LABRIS, Serbia

**Axel Hochrein**, Hirschfeld –Eddy- Foundation, Germany

**Timm Köhler**, Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”,  
Germany

09.15 – 09.45

**Key note speeches**

**Meho Omerović**, Member of Parliament, President of the Human Rights  
and Gender Equality Committee, Parliament of the Republic of Serbia

**Terry Reintke**, Member of the European Parliament

**Christoph Strässer**, Federal Government Commissioner for Human  
Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid, Germany

09.45 – 10.15

**History of Homosexuality in the Balkans**, Zorica Mršević, Institute of  
Social Sciences, Serbia

**10.15 – 10.45**      **Lessons from History: Prosecution of LGBT people in Germany**, Axel Hochrein, Hirschfeld –Eddy- Foundation, Germany

**10.45 – 11.15**      **Coffee break and press conference**

**Plenary Sessions**

**11.15 – 12.15**      **LGBT people in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for the Balkans**

H.E. Nils Ragnar Kamsvåg, Norwegian Ambassador to Serbia  
H.E. Laurent Louis Stokvis, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
H. E. Michael D. Kirby, US Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia  
Antje Rothemund, Head of the Mission of Council of Europe in Serbia  
Luca Bianconi, Head of Political Section, Delegation of the European Union  
Michael Uyehara, Acting Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia

Facilitator: Björn van Roozendaal, ILGA EUROPE, Brussels

**12.15 – 13.30**      **Economic Costs of Homophobia and Transphobia**

Marijn Pijnenburg, IBM, Netherlands  
Tatjana Greif, Škuc-LL, Slovenia  
Nathan Koeshall, Catalyst, Serbia  
Boban Stojanović, Belgrade Pride, Serbia

Facilitator: Dragana Todorović, Labris, Serbia

**13.30 - 14.30**      **Lunch**

**Panel 1 – Room 1**

**14.30 – 16.00**      **Leveraging inter (regional) cooperation to secure LGBT rights nationally**

Björn van Roozendaal, ILGA EUROPE, Brussels  
Krisztina Kolos Orbán, Transgender Europe, Germany  
Antonio Mihajlov, Subversive Front, Macedonia  
Naim Ajger, Center for Equality and Liberty, Kosovo  
Tijana Bukilić, LGBT Forum Progress, Montenegro  
Hayriye Kara, Kaos GL, Turkey  
Marko Ivković, National Democratic Institute, Serbia

Facilitator: Saša Gavrić, Sarajevo Open Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Panel 2 – Room 2**

**14.30 – 16.00 Sports vs. Homophobia: Building the Community and Raising Awareness**

Imke Duplitzer, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (Fencer, Olympic Games Competitor)  
Sanda Brumen, Lesbian Group Kontra / qSPORT, Croatia  
Boris Vrdoljak, qSPORT Zagreb, Croatia  
Tonči Kranjčević Batalić, qSPORT Split, Croatia  
Zorica Mršević, Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia

Facilitator: Dragoslava Barzut, FemSlam Sports Group, captain of the LBT football team, Serbia

**Panel 3 – Room 3**

**14.30 – 16.00 Respect for Private and Family Life and Access to Health Care**

Kristian Randjelović, Gayten – LGBT, Serbia  
Sanja Juras, Lesbian Group Kontra, Croatia  
Goran Marjanović, Association Rainbow, Serbia  
Simon Maljevac, Legebitra, Slovenia  
Dragana Drndarevska, Coalition for Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities, Macedonia

Facilitator: Jovanka Todorović, Labris, Serbia

**16.00 – 16.30**

**Coffee break**

**Plenary Session**

**16.30 – 17:30 Reports from the workshops and discussion**

Facilitator: Klaus Jetz, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany

**17.30 – 17.45 Outlook on day 2**

**19.00 – 20.30**

**Reception in the Belgrade City Hall  
Film screening: *My child***

## SATURDAY, September 13

### Plenary Sessions

**10.00 – 11.30**

#### **Building Alliances for LGBT Rights**

Ulrich Klicker and Inge Breuling, Federal Association of Parents, Friends and Relatives of Homosexuals (BEFAH), Germany  
Hasan Metehan Ozkan, LiSTAG - Families of LGBTs in Istanbul, Turkey  
Marina Grnja, Novi Sad School of Journalism, Serbia  
Laslo Čikoš, State Secretary for Gender Equality, Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, Serbia  
Aleksandar Stojmenović, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Serbia  
Mirjana Bogdanović, Gay Straight Alliance, Serbia

Facilitator: Srećko Šekeljić, PFLAG Serbia

**11.30 – 12.00**

#### **Coffee break**

**12.00 – 13.30**

#### **Do Anti-discrimination Policies Really Work?**

Jovana Stopić, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, Serbia  
Goran Miletić, Civil Rights Defenders, Serbia  
Saša Gavrić, Sarajevo Open Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Marko Jurčić, Zagreb Pride, Croatia  
Zsuzsanna Iricsek, Budapest Pride, Hungary  
Danijel Kalezić, Queer Montenegro, Montenegro

Facilitator: Alex Cooper, Central European University, USA

**13.30 - 14.30**

#### **Lunch**

#### Panel 4 – Room 1

**14.30 – 16.00**      **LGBT Path to the Institutions: Sectoral LGBT Anti-discrimination Policies**

Mirjana Maksimović, SIPRU – Social inclusion and poverty reduction team, Serbia  
Lazar Pavlović, Gay Straight Alliance, Serbia  
Jelena Vidić, Gayten – LGBT, Serbia  
Marko Milenković, YUCOM, Serbia  
Lazara Marinković, IDAHO Belgrade, Serbia

Facilitator: Mladen Antonijević-Priljeva, Forum for Ethnic Relations, Serbia

#### Panel 5 – Room 2

**14.30 – 16.00**      **Political Participation of LGBT Persons**

Volker Beck, Member of the German Bundestag (Committee on Internal Affairs)  
Robert Biedron, General rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people, PACE  
Dušan Maljković, Centre for Queer Studies, Serbia  
Milan Pantelić, Gay Straight Alliance, Serbia  
Terry Reintke, Member of the European Parliament  
Miha Lobnik, Legebitra, Slovenia

Facilitator: Luis Abolafia, Gay and Lesbian Victory Institute, USA

#### Panel 6 – Room 3

**14.30 – 16.00**      **The Position of Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans Women: from Community Building to Mainstreaming Efforts**

Natia Gvianishvili, Women's Initiatives Supporting Group, Georgia  
Olga Lenkova, Coming Out, Russia  
Anastasia Danilova, Genderdoc-M, Moldova  
Urška Sterle, Škuc-LL, Slovenia  
Rajmonda Sylbije, Center for Equality and Liberty, Kosovo  
Svjetlana Timotić, Out of Circle – Vojvodina, Serbia  
Krisztina Kolos Orbán, Transgender Europe, Germany

Facilitator: Dragana Todorović, Labris, Serbia

**16.00 – 16.30**

**Coffee break**

## Plenary Session

**16.30 – 17:15**    **Reports from the workshops and discussion**

**17:15 – 18:30**    **Outlook: LGBT rights in Serbia in the next years**

Terry Reintke, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)  
Robert Biedron, General rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people, PACE;  
Volker Beck, Member of the German Bundestag (Committee on Internal Affairs)  
Emila Spasojević, Head of the Department for Research, Analytics and Reporting in the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, Serbia

Facilitator: Klaus Jetz, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany

**18:30 – 18:45**    **Closing Remarks**

**20.00**            **Opening of the Exhibition “Berlin-Yogyakarta: From Hitler’s terror against homosexuals to human rights today”**

**22.00**            **Party**

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