

Time for Change – Making Promises Reality ***The Position of LGBTI in the Western Balkans and Turkey***

**A Joint Event organized by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany
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Location: Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin, Lesehof

Date: November 21st, 2017, 14.00 – 18.00

Conference Language: English and German with simultaneous translation

Agenda:

13.30 **Doors open - Security controls (Registration is obligatory)**

14.00 **Official Start of the Event**

Welcome

- **Michael Roth**, Minister of State for Europe, Federal Foreign Office of Germany
- **Axel Hochrein**, Member, Executive Board of the Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation
- **Dragana Todorovic**, Executive Co-Director, ERA - LGBTI Equal Rights Association for the Western Balkans and Turkey

14.30 **Presentation:** Current Development of Conditions for LGBTI people in Turkey

- **Emirhan Deniz Celebi**, SPoD Istanbul

14.40 Panel I: In what way can we strengthen the conditions of Human Rights of LGBTI in Turkey?

- **Bora Bengisun**, Pink Life LGBTI Solidarity Association Ankara
- **Emirhan Deniz Celebi**, SPoD Istanbul
- **Tim Hülquist**, Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen
- **Dr. Bärbel Kofler**, Member of Bundestag, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy
- **Michelle, Müntefering**, Member of Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Chairwoman of the German-Turkish Parliamentary Friendship Group

Open Mic Session

Moderator: **Ebru Taşdemir**, Journalist/Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation

15.55 Break: Coffee and Tea

16.25 Presentation: Recent Results of a Study by the World Bank Group and ERA (in cooperation with other organisations) about the socio-economic effects on LGBTI people in the Western Balkans

- **Amarildo Fecanji**, Executive Co-Director, ERA

16.35 Panel II: Actions instead of Words – what has to be done to establish clear and noticeable progress for LGBTI people in the Western Balkans?

- **Vladana Vasić**, Sarajevo Open Centre
- **Kocho Andonovski**, LGBTI Support Center Macedonia
- **Boglarka Fedorko**, Transgender Europe
- **Frank Morawietz**, Regional Youth Cooperation Office of the Western Balkans

Open Mic Session

Moderator: **Jens Wagner**, Federal Foreign Office of Germany

17.50 Summary, Vision and Closing
Dragana Todorovic, ERA / **Klaus Jetz**, Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation

Followed by Reception (incl. Refreshments) at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany

Conclusion approximately 19:30