Seminar on "National Action Plans as effective tools for the promotion and protection of human rights of LGBT people"



Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Hlboká cesta n.2, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

PROGRAMME

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8.15 – 9.00 a.m. Registration of participants

Opening session – Words of welcome

- 9.00 9.30 a.m. > Monika Jankovská, State Secretary of Justice, Slovak Republic
 - ► Gianluca Esposito, Head of Equality and Human Dignity Department, Council of Europe
 - **Ben Baks**, European Governmental LGBT Focal Points Network

Session 1 – Drafting human rights action plans – why, when and how?

- 9.30 11.00 a.m. > Patricia Prendiville, Council of Europe Expert
 - **Bjørn Lescher-Nuland**, Directorate for children, Youth and Family Affairs, Norway
 - ► Sophie Kurt Torun, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe

Discussion with the audience

11.00 – 11.15 a.m. Coffee break

Session 2 – Preparation and implementation of national action plans: the perspective of member states

Moderator: Marije Cornelissen, Council of Europe Expert

- 11.15 12.30 p.m. Moderated panel discussion
 - Ilda Bozo, Albania
 - Johanna Suurpää, Finland
 - Alessandra Barberi, Italy
 - Gordana Mohorović, Serbia
 - Lucy McQueen, United Kingdom

Discussion with the audience

12.30 – 2.30 p.m. Lunch (Mercure Hotel, Zabotova Street 2, Bratislava)

Session 3 – Preparation and implementation of national action plans: partnership with civil society

Moderator: Marije Cornelissen, Council of Europe Expert

- 2.30 4.00 p.m. Moderated panel discussion
 - Marian Filčik, Slovak Republic
 - **Silvan Agius**, Malta
 - **Katrin Hugendubel**, ILGA-Europe
 - Helen Belcher, TGEU
 - Representatives of Slovak non-governmental organisations

Discussion with the audience

4.00 – 4.30 p.m. Key findings and challenges

Summary of the discussions, key findings and challenges

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- Rapporteur: Bruno Selun, Council of Europe Expert
- 4.30 p.m. Closing remarks

Evening programme

5.00 p.m. Reception hosted by the European Governmental LGBT Focal Points Network Hotel Loft, Stefanikova 4, Bratislava

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