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**FORUM 2023**

**Reykjavík - Iceland | 11 May**

**TOGETHER ALWAYS: UNITED IN DIVERSITY**



**A European Governmental LGBTI Focal Points Network's (EFPN) event hosted by the Government of Iceland with the support of the Council of Europe's SOGI Unit**

The annual IDAHOT+ Forum aims to strengthen cooperation and understanding of the rights of LGBTI+ people between European Governments, International Organisations, International Civil Society Organisations, Academics, and other key stakeholders. As the main European event to assess the progress of LGBTI+ rights in the continent, celebrate achievements and set new goals, it is highly anticipated by many. Every year, the organisation of the Forum is hosted by a different EFPN-member government.



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# PROGRAMME

ALL TIMES UTC (LOCAL TIME)

## 08:45-09:15 REGISTRATIONS

Outside room Norðurljós

Featuring a musical performance by Icelandic artist

**UNA TORFA**



### *Presenters:*

**Hanna Katrín Fríðriksson**, MP, Liberal Reform Party

**Orri Páll Jóhannsson**, MP, Left Green Movement

## 09:30-09:50 OPENING

- **Thórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland
- **Bjørn Berge**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- **Álfur Birkir Bjarnason**, Chair of Board, Samtökin 78

## 09:50-10:35 THE STATE OF LGBTI RIGHTS IN EUROPE IN 2023

Presentations by European civil society organisations on the state of LGBTI rights in Europe in 2023, including ILGA-Europe's Rainbow Europe Map and Index, TGEU Trans Rights Europe & Central Asia Index 2023, OII Europe's Good Practice Map and IGM Ban indicators and EL\*C's Observatory on Lesbophobia.

### *Speakers:*

- **Katrin Hugendubel**, Advocacy Director, ILGA-Europe
- **Richard Köhler**, Advocacy Director, TGEU
- **Dan Christian Ghattas**, Executive Director, OII-Europe
- **Ilaria Todde**, Advocacy & Research Director, EL\*C

## 10:35-10:55 KEYNOTE SPEECHES

- **Katrín Jakobsdóttir**, Prime Minister of Iceland
- **Helena Dalli**, EU Commissioner for Equality
- **Jeroen Schokkenbroek**, Director of Anti-Discrimination, Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe

## 10:55-12:10 ADDRESSING HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE ON GROUNDS OF GENDER EXPRESSION

Shedding a light on how gender expression impacts the experience of LGBTI people, by diving into the examples of specific forms of violence and discrimination rooted in lesbophobia and transmisogyny, to identify areas of improvement in policy-making.

*Moderator: **Evgenia Giakoumopoulou**, Head of the SOGI Unit, Council of Europe*

### **Speakers:**

- **Ilaria Todde**, Advocacy and Research Director, EL\*C
- **Francesca Sanders**, Senior Policy Officer, TGEU
- **Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo**, First Vice-Chairperson and rapporteur on violence and discrimination against LBO women, Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Commissioner **Roberta Clarke**, Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **Nancy Kelley**, Chief Executive Officer, Stonewall UK

## 12:10-13:30 LUNCH

## 13:30-13:45 KEYNOTE SPEECHES

**Dunja Mijatović**, Commissioner for Human Rights (Video message)

**Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson**, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Iceland

## 13:45-15:00 TOWARDS EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING IN ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF INTERSEX PERSONS

The current situation of the rights of intersex people in Europe, with a presentation of the preliminary findings from the EU study and a "deep dive" into the EU FRA data.

*Moderator: **Dan Christian Ghattas**, Executive Director, OII-Europe*

### **Speakers:**

- **Hubert Smoliński**, Policy Assistant, European Commission
- **Selma Stearns**, Senior Consultant, ICF
- **Cianan Russell**, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA Europe
- **Nikoletta Pikramenou**, Legal Expert, Intersex Greece
- **Kristian Randjelovic**, Director, XY Spectrum

## 15:00-15:30 COFFEE BREAK & MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY ICELANDIC BAND UKULELLUR



## 15:30-15:40 KEYNOTE SPEECH

- **Danijel Kalezić**, Executive Director, Executive co-director, ERA - LGBTI Equal Rights Association for Western Balkans and Turkey

## 15:40-16:55 SUPPORTING LGBTI HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS UNDER THREAT

Challenges faced by LGBTI Human Rights Defenders working in particularly hostile environments and the kind of meaningful support and cooperation that would be required from LGBTI Ambassadors/Envoys and Intergovernmental Institutions to ensure that they are able to continue their work in a manner which does not threaten their personal safety and wellbeing.

*Moderator: **Hallvard Gorseth**, Head of Anti-Discrimination Department, Council of Europe*

### **Speakers:**

- **Jean-Marc Berthon**, Ambassador for the Rights of LGBT+ persons, France
- **Fabrizio Petri**, Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTIQ+ Persons of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
- **Alisa Jamalyan**, Right Side NGO, Armenia
- **Javid Nabiyev**, Nafas LGBTI Azerbaijan Alliance
- **Luca Dudits**, Háttér Society, Hungary
- **Mirka Makuchowska**, KPH, Poland
- **Ólöf Bjarki Antons**, Chair of Board, Trans-Iceland

## 16:55-17:05 KEYNOTE SPEECH

- **Thomas Andersson**, Chair of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

## 17:05-18:20 BEST PRACTICES TO COUNTER HATE SPEECH AGAINST LGBTI YOUTH AND ADDRESS SOGIESC-BASED VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Government, research, and civil society voices to discuss their different roles, challenges faced in promoting a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for LGBTI youth in schools.

*Moderator: **Gabi Calleja**, Senior Policy Advisor, SOGI Unit, Council of Europe*

### **Speakers:**

- **Ru Avila Rodriguez**, Policy & Research Manager IGLYO
- **Marie-Anne Valfort**, OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs
- **Sylvain Séguy**, Associate Programme Specialist, UNESCO
- **Aaron Giardina**, SOGIGESC Unit, Human Rights Directorate, MHSR, Malta
- **Elias Fjellander**, President RFSL Ungdom
- **Hrefna Þórarinsdóttir**, Director, Youth centre for LGBTI children and youth

## 18:20-18:25 KEYNOTE SPEECH

- **Karen Ellemann**, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

## 18:25-18:30 HANDOVER OF THE IDAHOT+ FORUM



## 19:00-22:00 DINNER RECEPTION & EUROVISION SCREENING VENUE: PETERSON SUITE INGOLFSSTRAETI 2A, 3RD FLOOR