

“Building Bridges”

Advancing Human Rights of Polish citizens, irrespective of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sex characteristics

10th December 2021 – Human Rights Day

Venue Centrum Konferencyjne, ul Zielna 37, 00-108 Warszawa, Poland

Agenda

2.00pm **Opening session**

- Jeroen SCHOKKENBROEK, Director of Anti-Discrimination Directorate, Council of Europe
- Krzysztof Śmiszek, deputy to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, chairperson of the LGBT+ Parliamentary Group on Equal Opportunity

2.20pm **Reality check: Positive developments of human rights of LGBTI persons in Poland**

Building on the Council of Europe Congress report: Actions and vectors for positive change, supportive public discourse.

- Marcin Wiacek, Polish Commissioner for Human Rights
- Andrew Boff, Rapporteur, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Mirka Makuchowska, Campaign Against Homophobia
- Municipality
- Anton Ambroziak, journalist, OKO.press

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3.30pm **Networking break**

4.00pm **LGBTI persons' lives in Poland: Learnings from Europe, forging strategic alliances between key stakeholders.**

- Fourat Ben Chikha, LGBTI rapporteur from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, rapporteur on Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe
- Urszula Zielińska, MP, Greens, member of Parliamentary Intergroup on LGBT+ Rights
- Dorota Stobiecka, stowarzyszenie „My, rodzice” („We, parents” association).
- Bartłomiej Ciążyński, Deputy Chair of Wrocław City Council

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5.15pm **Next steps: Summary of suggested targets, activities and realistic outcomes, following today's event**

- Anna Maria Żukowska, MP, deputy chair of the Intergroup
- Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of Council of Europe SOGI Unit.