

Conference organised during the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

“Tackling Gender Stereotypes and Sexism”

PROGRAMME

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Thursday 28 March 2019

2:00 – 2:30 pm Registration of participants

2:30 pm

Opening Session

Moderator: Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, United Kingdom

Welcome remarks

- ▶ **Annika Saarikko**, Minister of Family Affairs and Social Services, Finland
- ▶ **Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

Setting the scene

- ▶ **Kat Banyard**, Founder of UK Feminista, United Kingdom

3:15 – 3:45 pm

Coffee break/networking

3:45 pm

Session 1: Countering stereotypical forces at work and in the public space

Moderator: Dil Wickremasinghe, broadcast journalist and mental health service provider, Ireland

- ▶ **Nicole Abar**, Founder of the Liberté Aux Joueuses association, former international footballer, France
- ▶ **Roswitha Bocklage**, Head of Gender Equality Office, City of Wuppertal, & **Gabriele Wenner**, Head of the Office for Women, Frankfurt municipality, Germany
- ▶ **Salvatore Marra**, member of the European Trade Union Confederation Executive Committee/Italian General Confederation of Labour Adviser
- ▶ **Alvine Tremoulet**, Inclusion Lead Europe, PFIZER

Interactive discussion with the audience

5:00 pm

Close of 1st day

7:00 pm

Dinner offered by the Finnish authorities

Restaurant Pörssi, Pörssitalo - Fabianinkatu 14, Helsinki

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9:30 am **Session 2: Violence, sexual harassment and sexist hate speech as manifestations of the harmful effects of gender stereotypes**

Moderator: Sopo Japaridze, member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, Georgia

- ▶ **Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo**, General Rapporteur on violence against women, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ **Jacqui Hunt**, Director Europe and Eurasia office, Equality Now
- ▶ **Sanja Pavlovic**, Autonomous Women's Centre Belgrade, Serbia
- ▶ **Gareth Sansom**, Deputy-Director, Criminal Law Policy Section, Department of Justice, Canada

Interactive discussion with the audience

11:00 – 11:30 am **Coffee break/networking**

11:30 – 12:15 pm **Questioning our assumptions – interactive session**
Dil Wickremasinghe, broadcaster and mental health service provider, Ireland

12:15 – 2:00 pm **Networking lunch offered by the Finnish authorities**

2:00 – 3:30 pm **Session 3: Tackling gender stereotypes and sexist images - online and in the media**

Moderator: Ljiljana Loncar, member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, Serbia

- ▶ **Sári Halász**, Hungarian Women's Lobby
- ▶ **Julian Honkasalo**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Transgender Human Rights Activist, Finland
- ▶ **Martine Simonis**, Secretary General, Professional Journalists Association of Belgium
- ▶ **Andrei Sinelnikov**, Deputy Director, ANNA - Centre for the prevention of violence against women, Russian Federation
- ▶ **Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir**, Director, Icelandic Media Commission/Vice-President of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Media and Information Society

Interactive discussion with the audience

3:30 – 4:00 pm **Coffee break/networking**

4:00 – 5:00 pm **Closing session**

Moderator: Onur Dinçer, member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, Turkey

- ▶ **Minna Lyytikäinen**, Conference Rapporteur

Feedback from the audience

Closing remarks

- ▶ **Caterina Bolognese**, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe
- ▶ **Tanja Auvinen**, Director, Gender Equality Unit, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

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