



**“LGBTI Rights AND Freedom of Religion”  
‘Which practical roads to follow to counter the oppositional debate between the  
freedom of religion & belief and LGBTI Rights?’**

**Side event organized by European Forum of LGBTI Christian Group and Human Rights Committee  
of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe  
Strasbourg, room 8 Palais de l’Europe  
9 April 2019, 13.00-14.00**

**PROGRAMME**

Welcome by:

- Simon Matthijssen, Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Conference of International NGOs of the Council of Europe
- Rev Wielie Elhorst, Co-president of the European Forum of LGBT Christian Groups

Introduction and moderation by Misha Cherniak, Programme Officer of the European Forum of LGBT Christian Groups

**Speakers:**

- Ján Figel, Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU (TBC)
- Rev Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches
- Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of SOGI Unit, Council of Europe
- Evelyne Paradis, Executive Director of ILGA-Europe (TBC)
- Leyla Jagiella, queer Muslim and working for Netzwerk LSBTTIQ Baden-Württemberg,
- Florin Buhuceanu, Christian LGBT and Executive President of ECPI, Euregional Center for Public Initiatives (Romania)

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