



**TAIEX Local Administration Facility
seminar on gender equality and
human rights of lesbian, gay,
bisexual, transgender and Intersex
(LGBTI) persons**

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organised in co-operation with

Committee of the Regions and

**Network of Associations of Local Authorities
of South-East Europe (NALAS)**

VENUE :

**DAY 1: Committee of the Regions,
room JDE 70, 7th floor, rue Belliard 99-101**

**DAY 2 and 3: European Economic and Social Committee
room TRE 7701, 7th floor, rue de Trèves 74**

BRUSSELS

24 - 26 November 2014

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Aim of the meeting :

The aim of this seminar is to give the representatives of local authorities coming from Western Balkans countries and Turkey the opportunity to be introduced to the EU policies and programmes related to equal treatment of men and women, fight against discrimination and Rights of LGBTI citizens, as well as to give the participants the opportunity to discuss the latest developments in the field of gender equality and antidiscrimination of LGBTI people at the EU level. Important aspect of this meeting would be exchange and networking opportunities among the participants and with other European-level institutions active in this field.

In addition to general information on the functioning and decision-making of the EU, the seminar will also cover: the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (recast); Council Directive 2004/113/EC of 13 December 2004 implementing the principle of equal treatment between women and men in the access to and supply of goods and services.

The seminar will be organized in cooperation with the Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS). Participants will be introduced to umbrella organizations working in the field of disability policy to exchange views and best practices with their counter parts in Member States.

The target audience of 35-45 participants will consist of elected representatives and senior administrative staff from municipalities (5 to 7 participants per beneficiary). The participants are selected by NALAS.

Beneficiary :

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Day 1 : Monday 24 November 2014

Chair: Bruno Selun, Kumquat Consult

09:15	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>
09:30	Round of table: brief verbal presentation and country presentations (5-7 minutes for each country)
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	The EU institutions and decision-making process Mr Paolo GOZZI , Institution Building Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	EU policies and legislation combatting discrimination against LGBTI people Mr Wester MEIJDAM , Non-Discrimination policies, DG Justice, European Commission
14:30	EU action supporting the fight against homophobia and transphobia and the mainstreaming of fundamental rights for LGBTI people under the EU Charter Ms Linda Maria RAVO , Fundamental rights and rights of the child, DG Justice, European Commission
15:00	Questions & Answers
15:15	EU Gender equality policies Ms Judith LITJENS , Gender Equality Unit, DG Justice, European Commission
15:45	Questions & Answers
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30	Combating discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity Ms Kerttu TARJAMO , Sexual orientation and gender identity Unit, Council of Europe
17:15	Questions & Answers
17:30	Closing of Day 1

Day 2 : Tuesday 25 November 2014

Chair: Bruno Selun, Kumquat Consult

09:00	Work and functioning of the Committee of the Regions Mr Klaus HULLMANN , Directorate Communication, Press and Protocol, Committee of the Regions
09:45	Questions & Answers
10:00	CoR activities in the field of protection of human rights, gender equality and rights of LGBTI citizens Mr Gordon KEYMER , Member of the CIVEX and COTER Commission, Committee of the Regions
10:45	Questions & Answers
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	Antidiscrimination in practice : overview of Dutch local LGBT policies Ms Juul van HOOFF , project manager Local LGBT policies and coordinator Rainbow Cities Network, MOVISIE - Netherlands Centre for Social Development
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	The role of local authorities and synergies with civil society in fighting against discrimination Mr Silvan AGIUS , Policy Coordinator, Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
14:45	Questions & Answers
15:00	Gender equality and LGBT issues: good practices in the City of Ljubljana Ms Simona TOPOLINJAK , Senior Adviser, The City of Ljubljana
15:45	Questions & Answers
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30	Cultural changes, safety and social acceptance of LGBTI persons (tbc)
17:15	Closing of Day 2

Day 3 : Wednesday 26 November 2014

Chair: Bruno Selun, Kumquat Consult

09:00	The Observatory of the European Charter for Equality of women and men in local life Ms Johanna TÖRNSTRÖM , Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
09:30	Questions & Answers
09:45	Antidiscrimination in practice: from laws to implementation Mr Silvan AGIUS , Policy Coordinator, Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
10:30	Questions & Answers
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15	Addressing homophobic and transphobic school bullying Ms Sophie AUJEAN , Senior Policy and Programmes Officer, ILGA-Europe
12:00	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Cooperation of the European Institute for Gender Equality with EU candidate and potential candidate countries Mr Kristaps PETERMANIS , European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
14:45	Questions & Answers
15:00	LAF and TAIEX: visibility aspects Ms Anne Marie BANESCU , communication officer, Institution Building Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission
15:15	Feedback and closing session of the event
16:00	End of seminar

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