

High-level Conference for ECRI's 25th Anniversary

On the Road to Effective Equality New responses to racism and intolerance needed?

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Venue: Ségur-Fontenoy Building, 20 Avenue de Ségur, 75007 Paris

Thursday, 26 September 2019

Security check, registration and welcome (12.30 - 1.30 pm)

Opening session (1.30 - 2.15 pm)

Welcoming words by [Jean-Paul Lehnert](#), Chair of ECRI

Opening statements

- Amélie de Montchalin, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Secretary of State for European Affairs, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
- [Gabriella Battaini-Dragni](#), Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

The Perspective of the European Convention on Human Rights

- Address by [Linos-Alexander Sicilianos](#), President of the European Court of Human Rights

The Perspective of the Parliamentary Assembly

- Nicole Trisse, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Chairperson of the French delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe

1st session – Reality check after 25 years: Are we winning or losing the struggle for equality?
(2.15 - 4.00 pm)

What have we achieved, where are the lacunae, and which good practices can we highlight?

Chair: [Jean-Paul Lehnert](#), Chair of ECRI

- [Kostas Tsiaras](#), Minister of Justice, Greece
- [Sam Tanson](#), Minister for Culture, Minister for Housing, Minister of Justice, Luxembourg
- [Simona Leskovar](#), State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
- [Dunja Mijatović](#), Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- [Nada Al-Nashif](#), Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- [Noureddine Amir](#), Chair of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

- Frédéric Potier, Interministerial Delegate for the Fight against Racism, Antisemitism and LGBT Hatred, France
- [Tena Šimonović Einwalter](#), Chair of the European Network of Equality Bodies; Member of ECRI

Interactive discussion with contributions from the floor

Coffee break (4.00 - 4.30 pm)

2nd session– Looking to the future: Reinforce existing actions or new approaches to achieving equality? (4.30 - 6.00 pm)

What are the main trends in the fields of equality and the fight against the different forms of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance, what action is needed in these fields, how can we improve impact and involve new generations?

Chair: [Isil Gachet](#), Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

- Keynote speaker: [Nils Muižnieks](#), Expert, former Chair of ECRI and former Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- [Trine Skei Grande](#), Minister of Culture and Equality, Norway
- [Kristine Grigoryan](#), Deputy Minister of Justice, Armenia
- Soledad Murillo, State Secretary for Equality, Spain
- [E. Tendayi Achiume](#), UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- [Jacques Toubon](#), Defender of Rights, France
- [Anja Olin Pape](#), Chair of the Joint Council on Youth and of the Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe
- [Evelyne Paradis](#), Executive Director, ILGA-Europe

Interactive discussion with contributions from the floor

Closing of the session by Maria Daniella Marouda, First Vice-Chair of ECRI

Musical event (6.15 - 7.00 pm)

Dyslexic Swing & The Silent Broccoli: *jazz manouche* from the 1930s-1940s

Dinner Buffet (7.00 pm)

Friday, 27 September 2019

Security check, registration and welcome (8.00 - 9.00 am)

Opening (9.00 - 9.15 am)

Opening speeches

- [David Stanton](#), Minister of State for Equality, Immigration and Integration, Ireland
- [Muhterem Ince](#), Deputy Minister of Interior, Turkey

3rd session – Inclusive societies: How to get it right? (9.00 - 10.45 am)

How can we achieve the sustainable inclusion of groups exposed to racism and intolerance in our societies, what should we focus on and what has worked in practice?

- Inclusive integration as a two-way process involving the whole of society
- Effective mechanisms to prevent and combat hate speech in political debate
- Good practices on inclusion at regional and local level

Moderator: [Snežana Samardžić-Marković](#), Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Panel discussion

- [Jean-Marie Delarue](#), President of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, France
- [Harald Bergmann](#), Representative and Thematic Spokesperson on Human Rights of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe; Mayor of Middelburg
- [Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos](#), Scientific Adviser, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
- [Michaël Privot](#), Director, European Network Against Racism
- [Thomas Huddleston](#), Research Director, Migration Policy Group
- [Mahira Karim](#), Activist, No Hate Speech Campaign

Interactive discussion with contributions from the floor

Coffee break (10.45 - 11.15 am)

4th session – New technologies and the Internet: How to use the opportunities and control the risks? (11.15 am - 12.45 pm)

What are the opportunities and risks related to new technologies and the Internet, how can we deal with them and what should we focus on?

- Using algorithms to prevent and combat bias, discrimination and exclusion
- Establishing an effective framework to combat hateful content on the Internet

Moderator: [Jeroen Schokkenbroek](#), Director of Anti-discrimination, Council of Europe

Panel discussion

- [Emmanuel Crabit](#), Director for Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law, European Commission

- [Gwendal Le Grand](#), Deputy Secretary General of the National Commission on Informatics and Liberty, France
- [Kirsi Pimiä](#), Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland
- [Anne Weber](#), Adviser to the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- [Gabrielle Guillemin](#), Senior Legal Officer, ARTICLE 19
- [Julien Cornebise](#), Research Director, Element AI

Interactive discussion with contributions from the floor

Conclusions – The future of the promotion of equality and the fight against racism and intolerance (12.45 - 1.15 pm)

Short conclusions

- [Domenica Ghidei Biidu](#), Second Vice-Chair of ECRI

Declarations

- [Jean Paul Lehnert](#), Chair of ECRI – ECRI's Roadmap to Effective Equality
- High representative of France – Declaration of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Closing words

- [Snežana Samardžić-Marković](#), Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe