

Conference Sessions and Schedule

Including Law Enforcement, Judicial and Human Rights Defenders Training

(For Judges, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Human Rights Defenders and civil sector)

Friday, September 2

16:30 **Registration**

17:00 – 18:15 **Opening Ceremony**

Duško Marković, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of Montenegro

Leopold Maurer, Ambassador, The Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro

Laurent Louis Stokvis, Ambassador, Royal Netherlands Embassy in Belgrade

Sue K. Brown, U.S. Ambassador to Montenegro

Kenneth Sooley, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of Canada, Belgrade

Moderated by Jovan Kojičić, Adviser to the Prime Minister of Montenegro on Human Rights and Protection against Discrimination; Assistant Professor in European Law (FAES); Post-doc, Lund University, Sweden; Visiting International Scholar, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, United States; Member, European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Montenegro

18:30 – 20:00 **Plenary: LGBT Rights and European Integration**

This panel will discuss the impact that European integration has had, and may be expected to have, on the situation of sexual minorities in Montenegro.

Video message to the participants

Ulrike Lunacek, Member of the European Parliament (Austrian Greens), Co-President of the Intergroup on LGBT Rights in the European Parliament

Ferhat Dinoša, Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Montenegro

Hannes Tretter, Professor of Law, Vice-Chairperson, The Executive Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

Catherine Knight-Sands, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Montenegro, United Kingdom

Jadranka Buljević, The Hon. Justice, Basic court, Novi Sad, Serbia

Moderated by Douglas Elliott, Past President of ILGLaw, Partner in Roy Elliott O'Connor LLP, Toronto, Canada, President of the Justice in the Balkans: Equality for Sexual Minorities Conference Council

Saturday, September 3

09:00 – 10:30 **Plenary: Implementation of CoE Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 of The Committee of Ministers to member states on measures to combat discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity**

Law Enforcement, Judicial and Human Rights Defenders Training

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On March 31, 2010, the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers adopted a series of recommendations to member states on measures to combat discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The recommendations cover a broad range of matters including hate crimes, employment discrimination and respect for family life. This

panel will examine the content of these recommendations and the steps that have been taken, and that still need to be taken, in Montenegro, to fulfill these recommendations.

Duško Marković, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of Montenegro*

Mats Lindberg, *Legal and Human Rights Capacity Building Division, DG Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe*

Ben Baks, *DH-LGBT Committee of Experts, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science - Gender & LGBT Equality Department, the Netherlands*

Ninoslav Mladenović, *Ludwig Boltzman Institute of Human Rights – Research Association Skopje (BIM-FV Skopje); Member for Macedonia, European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Macedonia*

Jovan Kojičić, *Adviser to the Prime Minister of Montenegro on Human Rights and Protection against Discrimination; Assistant Professor in European Law (FAES); Post-doc, Lund University, Sweden; Visiting International Scholar, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, United States; Member, European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Montenegro*

Moderated by Helmut Graupner, *Co-coordinator, European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Director, ILGLaw Europe, Austria, President, Rechtskomitee LAMBDA (RKL), Chairman of the Expert Committee of Justice in the Balkans Equality for Sexual Minorities*

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:15

Room 1

European Law, LGBT Rights and European Integration

Judicial and Human Rights Defenders Training

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This panel will provide an overview of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice and the implications for EU-candidate countries and Council of Europe members.

Mirosław Wyrzykowski, *Professor of Law, The Hon. Justice, Distinguished retired judge of the Polish Constitutional Court; Warsaw University, Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland*

Lilian Hofmeister, *The Hon. Substitute Justice, Constitutional Court of Austria, Austria*

Siniša Bjeković, *Member, European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Montenegro*

Helmut Graupner, *Co-coordinator, European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Director, ILGLaw Europe, Austria, President, Rechtskomitee LAMBDA (RKL), Chairman of the Expert Committee of Justice in the Balkans Equality for Sexual Minorities*

Moderated by Desanka Lopičić, *The Hon. Justice and Deputy President of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro*

10:45 – 12:15

Room 2

Police Encounters – A View From Inside: Protection for LGBT People

Law Enforcement Training

In countries such as those in the Balkans where homosexual acts are no longer criminal, the role of the police should be to protect the rights of LGBT people as they do all other citizens. This panel will discuss the evolving relationship between the police and the LGBT communities in Netherlands, Austria, Canada, Serbia, Croatia and the implications for the Balkan region. Special attention will be given to the challenges of police protection of Pride parades as seen recently in Belgrade and Split.

Herman Renes, *Chairman, The European Gay Police Association, The Netherlands*

P.M.J. van der Steen, *The European Gay Police Association, The Netherlands*

Josef Hosp, *Secretary and board-member of Gay Cops, Austria*

Tom Decker, *Ex-LGBT Liaison Officer of Toronto Police Service, Canada*

Tamás Dombos, *Researcher at the Center for Policy Studies, Central European University, Hungary*

Moderated by Robert Milkovich, *Canada*

12:15 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 15:00 **Room 1**
International Human Rights Law in Relation to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Judicial and Human Rights Defenders Training
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This session will be an overview of how international law applies to LGBT people and how the Yogyakarta principles can be used and will discuss the links between gender issues and the rights of sexual minorities, and law and social justice as a communal goal. This panel will discuss the extent to which international law and European law have helped to advance equality for sexual minorities.

Boris Dittrich, *Advocacy Director, LGBT Rights Program, Human Rights Watch, United States*
David Corbett, *The Hon. Justice, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Toronto, Canada*
Nenad Petković, *Lawyer, Researcher at the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, Belgrade, Serbia*
Frances Olsen, *Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, United States*
Douglas Elliott, *Past President of ILGLaw, Partner in Roy Elliott O'Connor LLP, Toronto, Canada, President of the Justice in the Balkans: Equality for Sexual Minorities Conference Council*
Moderated by Mirosław Wyrzykowski, *Professor of Law, The Hon. Justice, Distinguished retired judge of the Polish Constitutional Court; Warsaw University, Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland*

13:30 – 15:00 **Room 2**
Concrete Problems, Situations and Solutions

Law Enforcement Training

This panel will discuss the concrete problems faced by police and law enforcement in Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia and explore solutions found by other law enforcement departments. Topics will include protests, Pride parades and other demonstrations, hate crimes, and best practices for forming a good relationship between the police and LGBT communities.

Srđan Korać, *Police Directorate, Montenegro*
Herman Renes, *Chairman, The European Gay Police Association, The Netherlands*
P.M.J. van der Steen, *The European Gay Police Association, The Netherlands*
Tamás Dombos, *Researcher at the Center for Policy Studies, Central European University, Hungary*
Moderated by Tom Decker, *Ex-LGBT Liaison Officer of Toronto Police Service*

15:00 – 15:15 **Break**

15:15 – 16:30 **Room 1**
Legal Standards and Their Implementation

Judicial and Human Rights Defenders Training
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This panel will examine the current standards under European and international human rights law that protect sexual minorities. Options for enforcement of such rules domestically, regionally and internationally will be considered. The panel will also discuss barriers to implementation once appropriate laws are in place, including effective prosecution of hate crimes and access to justice for victims of discrimination.

Sanja Juras, *European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Croatia*
Goran Miletić, *Western Balkans Programme Director, Civil Rights Defenders, Sweden; European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Serbia*
Altin Hazizaj, *PINK Embassy, Albania*
Dario Krešić, *University of Zagreb, Faculty of Organization and Informatics, Varaždin, Croatia*
Moderated by Radoslav Stoyanov, *Independent LGBT Rights Activist, Bulgaria*

Special guest: Saša Gavrić, Executive director, Sarajevo Open Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina

15:15 – 16:30

Room 2

Gay Pride Parade: Montenegrin Initiative and Experiences of Other Countries

The modern LGBT rights movement began with the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969. LGBT communities around the world have commemorated this historic moment through Pride parades, aimed at overcoming the invisibility and shame of the LGBT community. The entitlement to hold such events is widely recognized as part of freedom of expression and association under international law. However, as we have seen in Belgrade and Split, such parades can be met with violent attacks from the far right. Montenegro is contemplating its first Pride parade; for every country or city there has been a “first time”. This panel will examine the lessons from the international community, and the necessary conditions for holding Montenegro’s first Pride parade.

Lazar Pavlović, *Belgrade Pride 2010, Gay Straight Alliance, Serbia*

Mirjana Bogdanović, *Belgrade Pride 2010, Gay Straight Alliance, Serbia*

Zofia Jablonska, *Legal Advisor in Training, Graduate of HFHR Post Graduate School of Human Rights, Coordinator of Legal Group of Campaign Against Homophobia*

Luka Amona, *CHRP, Board of Directors, Pride Toronto, Canada*

Moderated by Slobodan Stojanović, *Queeria Centre for Promotion of Culture of Non-Violence and Equality, Belgrade, Serbia*

16:30 – 16:45

Break

16:45 – 17:45

**Plenary Session:
National Structures for Promoting Equality and Combating Discrimination**

Montenegro, like many Balkan countries, has passed an anti-discrimination law. However, such laws are only effective if they provide effective remedies. In a climate of pervasive homophobia and transphobia, and limited government resources, providing effective mechanisms for redress of grievances is challenging. This panel will examine what structures, policies and practices have worked well in the region and problems that still need to be addressed.

Šučko Baković, *Ombudsman of Montenegro*

Irma Baraku, *Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, Albania*

Goran Selanec, *Senior legal adviser of the Gender Equality Ombudsperson, Croatia; Member, European Network of Legal Experts in the field of Gender Equality.*

Zorica Mršević, *Law Professor, Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia*

Moderated by Tamás Dombos, *Researcher at the Center for Policy Studies, Central European University, Hungary*

17:45 – 18:00

Break

18:00 – 19:15

Closing Keynote

Ulrike Lunacek, *Member of the European Parliament (Austrian Greens), Co-President of the Intergroup on LGBT Rights in the European Parliament*

Discussants:

Sabahudin Delić, *Deputy Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Montenegro*

Douglas Elliott, *Past President of ILGLaw, Partner in Roy Elliott O’Connor LLP, Toronto, Canada, President of the Justice in the Balkans: Equality for Sexual Minorities Conference Council*

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20:00 – 20:30

Presentation of the Movie **SASHA** on Montenegrin TV

Guest: **Dennis Todorović**, Movie Director/Writer

SYNOPSIS: Sasha, confronted with the everyday prejudice of his homophobic immigrant family, struggles with his urge to come out. When his beloved piano teacher Gebhard Weber plans to leave the city, the young man is heartbroken. The only person in whom he can confide his feelings is his best friend Jiao. After a failed audition, Sasha swears never to play piano again, but a consoling telephone call from Gebhard changes his mind – and causes a turn of events. The next morning all secrets are exposed and only his brother's intervention prevents Sasha's father Vlado from shooting Gebhard dead. But the gun still goes off...