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LGBTQ ΝΕΩΝ  
ΑΘΗΝΑΣ



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## **E.T.Ho.S. International Conference**

***Combating homophobic, transphobic and biphobic stereotypes and prejudices through  
and by mainstream media.***

**Athens, 13/12/2019**

**Conference Room of the Journalists' Union of the Athens Daily Newspapers (ESIEA)**

**Akadimias Avenue 20**

The conference room is provided charge free, after a decision made by ESIEA's Board Council

## **Registration – Welcome coffee, 09:30-10:00**

## **Welcome speeches – greeting messages 10:00-10:50**

Coordination: Thanasis Theofilopoulos, E.T.Ho.S. Project Manager and researcher (Colour Youth Athens LGBTQ Youth Community).

### Welcome speeches

- Ms. Alexandra Panagiotakopoulou, President of Colour Youth Athens LGBTQ Youth Community (Project Partner and Conference organizer).
- Dr. Antonia Torrens, President of KMOP - Social Action and Innovation Centre (Project Coordinator).

### Greeting messages

- Mr. Vasilis Karamitsopoulos, Office Director of the Secretary General for Information and Communication.
- Mr. Euthimios Diogos, Board Member Journalists' Union of the Athens Daily Newspapers (ESIEA).

## **The E.T.Ho.S. project, 10:50-11:10**

*The E.T.Ho.S. project in Croatia, Greece, Lithuania: objectives, activities, results, challenges.*

Mr. George Koulouris, Project coordinator (KMOP - Social Action and Innovation Centre).

## **Session A, 11:10-12:00**

*Mainstream media and the LGBTQI+ community in the EU: challenges, perspectives and the role of European institutions and networks.*

Coordination: Mr. Vladimir Simonko, Former Board Member of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA Europe), co-founder and Executive Director of the National LGBT Rights organization LGL and Ms. Eglė Kuktoraitė, E.T.Ho.S. Project Communication Manager, Researcher and Trainer (Lithuanian Gay League).

- Ms. Zuzana Dorazilova, Deputy Head of D1 Non-discrimination and Roma Coordination Unit of Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers - European Commission.
- Ms. Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of the Anti-Discrimination Department / SOGI Unit of the Council of Europe.

## **Coffee Break, 12:00-12:15**

## **Session B, 12:15-13:15**

### **LGBTQI+ community and mainstream media in Croatia, Greece and Lithuania: challenges, good practices and policy recommendations.**

Coordination: Ms. Silvia Žufić Dujmović, Project manager, researcher and trainer (Centre for Civil Initiatives Poreč).

- *Lithuania: Expression restrained: LGBT media in a hostile environment.*

Ms. Eglė Kuktoraitė, Project Communication manager, researcher and trainer (Lithuanian Gay League).

- *Greece: Two-speed LGBT reporting: Increasing visibility but still facing prejudice.*

Mr. Philippos Paganis, Project researcher and trainer (Colour Youth Athens LGBTQ Youth Community).

- *Croatia: A long way to go.*

Ms. Nataša Vajagić, Project researcher and trainer (Centre for Civil Initiatives Poreč).

## **Light dinner, 13:15-14:15**

### **Roundtable discussion, 14:15-15:45**

#### **Media portrayal of LGBTQI+ identities. Journalists, experts and the LGBTQI+ community discuss about the phenomenon of negative stereotypes and prejudices against the LGBTQI+ community by and through the mainstream media, in Greece and the EU.**

- Introduction speech: *“The way we talk as a protective or a discriminative factor: what hurts whom and why”.*

Dr. Nancy Papathanasiou, Visiting Professor of the Social Work Department/University of West Attica, Scientific Coordinator of Orlando LGBT Mental health without stigma.

- **Roundtable discussion of journalists and representatives of LGBTQI+ organizations.**

Coordination: Ms. Eleftheria Koumandou, journalist, ETHOS project trainer (KMOP - Social Action and Innovation Centre).

Journalists: Mr. Dimitris Angelidis (*Efimerida ton Syntakton*), Mr. Vasilis Thanopoulos (*Antivirus Magazine*), Ms. Melpomeni Maragkidou (*VICE Greece*).

Representatives of LGBTQI+ organizations: Ms. Irene Petropoulou (Lesbian and Gay Community of Greece OLKE), Ms. Marina Galanou (Greek Transgender Support Association), Ms. Stella Belia (Rainbow Families), Ms. Ioanna Alexandri (Rainbow School).

**Comfort break, 15:45-16:00**

**Closing, 16:00-16:15**

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