

PSE LIBE-FEMM JOINT CONFERENCE***FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS FOR LGBT PEOPLE:
EU Role on the Eve of 2007*****BRUSSELS, 8-9TH NOVEMBER 2006
Room ASP 1G3**

Draft Programme
Interpretation available in EN, FR, DE, ES, IT, HU, PL

Wednesday, 8 November 2006**17:30 - 18:00 Introduction:**

- Magda Kósáné Kovács, Vice-President, PES Group, President of Horizontal Working Group *Citizens' Europe* (**CONFIRMED**)
- Lissy Gröner, PES FEMM Co-ordinator (**CONFIRMED**)

18:00-19:30 Panel I Chair: Lissy Gröner, PES FEMM Co-ordinator (**CONFIRMED**)
"The importance of action for fundamental rights on the eve of 2007 - the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All".

Speakers:

- **Patricia Prendiville**, Executive Director, ILGA-Europe (**TBC**)
- (representative of the Spanish authorities) Case study Spain: the Socialist government fostering fundamental rights for LGBT people in Spain (**TBC THIS WEEK**)
- **Genowefa Grabowska** (MEP, PL) on the need for action in the new Member States (**CONFIRMED**)

Discussion

20:30 Dinner hosted by PES Group (50 participants maximum) at *L'esprit de Sel* (Pl. Jourdan, 52-54).

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Thursday, 9 November 2006

9:00 - 11:00 Panel II: Chair: Martine Roure, PES LIBE Co-ordinator (**CONFIRMED**)
The Rise of Homophobia in Europe in 2006: Evaluating EU involvement in fighting discrimination and hatred

- **Tomasz Baczkowski**, President, *Equality Foundation*, (Poland): MEPs' and NGOs' action in relation to banned and sabotaged Gay prides and other activities in Poland (**CONFIRMED**)
- **Victor Makarov**, researcher, *Dialogi.lv* (Latvia) - "Homophobic Discourse, Public Attitudes and Policies towards LGBT: A Political Agenda for Latvia" (**CONFIRMED**)
- **Stefan Olsson** (Head of Unit, Action against Discrimination and Civil Society, European Commission DG EMPL), "Correct implementation of anti-discrimination legislation in the European Union and possibilities of encouraging the application of European fundamental rights standards beyond EU borders"; (**TBC**)
- **Lidia Geringer de Oedenberg, MEP, PL** "The EP's opportunities for helping the victims of homophobia" (**CONFIRMED**)

Discussion

11:00 - 12:15 Panel III: Chair **Lissy Gröner** (PES FEMM Co-ordinator):
Developing common Socialist strategies for safeguarding LGBT fundamental rights in Europe

- **Poul Nyrup Rasmussen** (MEP, EMPL). Networking for LGBT Rights in the Socialist Family (**TBC**)
- **Ralf-René Weingärtner** Council of Europe, responsible for the campaign: "All Different - All equal" European Youth Campaign for Diversity, Human rights and Participation. Influencing and creating a political culture committed to fighting homophobia; (**TBC**)
- **Joke Swiebel, Former MEP**, Fundamental Rights vs. Homophobia and Nationalism (**TBC**)
- **Sabine Gillessen**, policy adviser, (Queer Nations, LSVD), "The Socialist LGBT Network working Towards a Sustainable forward-looking strategy for 2007 and beyond" (**CONFIRMED**)
- **Rainbow Rose representative** (possibly: Joël Le Deroff, responsible for European LGBT matters for Homosexualités Et Socialisme (HES), **TBC**)

Discussion

12:30 -12:45 Concluding remarks: ***What Action for 2007?***

Lissy Gröner, FEMM (**CONFIRMED**)

Martine Roure, LIBE (**CONFIRMED**)