

36th European Conference of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association

18th ILGA-Europe conference

MOVEment: **Leading Sustainable Change**

Rīga 9 - 11 October 2014

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Rīga organising committee ILGA-Europe Conference 2014***

Notification – 13 June 2014

Dear co-leaders of change,

While another year of our persistent work for LGBTI equality is in full sway, the moment has come to invite you to the 18th ILGA-Europe annual conference which will be held in Rīga from 9 – 11 October 2014 under the theme “*MOVEment: Leading Sustainable Change*”.

We are grateful that our annual conference this year will be hosted by ILGA-Europe member Mozaika, (Rīga), which has immensely contributed to the improvement of the situation for LGBTI people in Latvia.

Register now!

The [Registration Form](#), [Scholarship Application Form](#), and [Workshop Proposal Form](#) are online. The deadlines for submitting these forms are as follows:

- Monday, 30 June 2014 – Calls for Scholarship Applications and for Workshops Proposals close
- Sunday, 24 August 2014 – Deadline for nominations/proposals and registration closes

Conference theme

Europe is a continent of diverse and at times even conflicting realities for the LGBTI community. While in some countries the long-lasting struggle of human rights activists has succeeded in widely expanding the range of legal recognition and social acceptance of LGBTI people, we are witnessing a decrease of political will in pushing forward anti-discrimination policies or even violent breaches of fundamental freedoms and rights of LGBTI people in others. Furthermore, the current wave of crisis rapidly moving through the economical, political, and social landscape of Europe is threatening already gained victories of the LGBTI movement. We –the leaders, members, and supporters of the European LGBTI movement - are standing at the crossroads of change.

The ILGA-Europe board believes that now is the right moment for us to look reflectively on the past and current developments of leadership strategies in the field of LGBTI activism and to

learn from our successes and failures. Most importantly, we want to think together how we can create a movement for now and in the future that can create the change that will lead us towards a European society based on the full realization of equality for all. Let's gather in Riga to *MOVE* forward together!

In accord with our tradition, this year we are hosting a great number of inspiring guests and speakers. At this stage we are thrilled to present you four already confirmed keynote speakers: **Charles Radcliffe** (Chief of Global Issues Section at the Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, and senior UN human rights adviser on sexual orientation and gender identity), **Eliza Byard** (Executive Director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network from the USA), **Helena Dalli** (Maltese Civil Liberties Minister), and **Graeme Reid** (Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch). This year's Conference Host responsible for reflecting on daily conference highlights will be **Miguel Vale de Almeida** (anthropologist, Professor at the University Institute of Lisbon, and LGBTI activist).

Conference mailings

This first official mailing includes the following documents:

1. Introductory letter by ILGA-Europe Executive Board
2. Welcome letter from Local Host
3. Nomination form for candidates for the ILGA-Europe Executive Board
4. Nomination form for ILGA Executive Board.
5. Endorsement of nominations for ILGA-Europe Executive Board
6. Endorsement of nominations for ILGA Executive Board
7. Delegation and proxy form
8. Guidance for the nomination of ILGA-Europe Executive Board members
9. Guidelines to submit Proposals or Resolutions to ILGA-Europe constitution or standing orders
10. Guidelines for organisations wishing to host ILGA-Europe conference 2016

The calendar of mailings and other important dates is as follows:

- **13 June 2014 – First Mailing**
- **30 June 2014 – Deadline for submission** of scholarship applications and for workshop proposals
- **4 July 2014– Deadline for submission** of proposals
- **11 July 2014 – Second Mailing**
- **24 August 2014 – Deadline for nominations** of candidates for the ILGA-Europe Executive Board, for amendments to proposals, for submission of proposals to host the 2015 conference
- **24 August 2014 – Deadline for registration** of conference participants
- **12 September 2014 – Third Mailing**

We look forward to meeting you in Rīga, and hope to see you in great numbers.

Yours sincerely,
Gabi Calleja and Paulo Côrte-Real
ILGA-Europe co-chairs