
Agenda

to the first Equality Summit & to the Opening Conference of
the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All

1ST CONFERENCE DAY: JANUARY 30, 2007

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| 09:00 – 11:00 | Registration |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Opening of the 2007 European Year for Equal Opportunities for All
by Ursula von der Leyen , German Federal Minister for Family Affairs,
Dr Vladimír Špidla , EU-Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and
Equal Opportunities and Anna Záborská , Member of the European
Parliament, Slovakia |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Presentation of the results of the Eurobarometer survey on discrimination in
the European Union by Leendert de Voogd , Managing Director,
TNS Opinion, Belgium |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Keynote speech „Diversity: Challenge and Opportunity for the 21st
Century Europe” by Prof Dr Rita Süßmuth , former President of the
Bundestag, Germany |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | “Young people’s stories”:
Young People from Europe and their expectations for 2007. |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | Panel discussion: “Let’s make equality a reality”
under the participation of:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Azouz Begag, Minister delegate for the Promotion of
Equal Opportunities, France- Ursula von der Leyen, Federal Minister, Ministry for Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany- Thérèse de Liedekerke, Director for social affairs, BUSINESSEUROPE- Anne-Sophie Parent, Chairperson of The Social Platform –
The Platform of European Social NGOs- Catelene Passchier, Confederal Secretary,
European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)- Martine Roure, Member of the European Parliament, France- Pedro Silva Pereira, Minister, Ministério da Presidência, Portugal- Dr Vladimír Špidla, EU- Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and
Equal Opportunities, European Commission
Moderator: Trevor Phillips, Chairman,
Commission for Equality and Human Rights (CEHR), Great Britain |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee Break |

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16:30 – 18:00

Four parallel workshops (part 1):

1) “Rights – Making legislation work”

- **Chairperson: Niall Crowley**, Chief Executive Officer, Equality Authority, Ireland
- **Manfred Bruns**, Member of the Board, Lesbian and Gay Association in Germany (LSVD), Germany
- **Richard Howitt**, Member of the European Parliament, United Kingdom
- **Viktória Mohácsi**, Member of the European parliament, Hungary
- **Claude Moraes**, Member of the European parliament, United Kingdom
- **Irmingard Schewe-Gerigk**, Member of the German Bundestag, Germany

Moderator Day 1: PD Dr Matthias Mahlmann,
Free University Berlin, Germany

2) “Representation – Making all voices heard”

- **Chairperson: Dr Katalin Lévai**,
Member of the European Parliament, Hungary
- **Sevim Dağdelen**, Member of the German Bundestag, Germany
- **Jutta Dalhoff**, Center of Excellence Women and Science (CEWS), Germany
- **Lee Jasper**, Director of Equalities and Policing,
Greater London Authority, United Kingdom
- **Ria Oomen-Ruijten**, Member of the European Parliament, The Netherlands
- **Bashy Quraishy**, Chairperson, European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

Moderator: Paul Campayne, Managing Director,
Focus Consultancy Ltd, United Kingdom

3) “Recognition – Highlighting the benefits of diversity”

- **Chairperson: PD Dr Heiner Bielefeldt**,
German Institute for Human Rights, Germany
- **Robert Biedroń**, Chairperson, Campaign against Homophobia (KPH), Poland
- **Jean Lambert**, Member of the European Parliament, United Kingdom
- **Cem Özdemir**, Member of the European Parliament, Germany
- **Donal Toolan**, Chairperson, Forum of People with Disabilities, Ireland
- **Mariam Yassin**, Chairperson, Young Women from Minorities, Italy

Moderator: Kene Umeasiegbu, Group Inclusiveness Manager,
Cadbury Schweppes plc, United Kingdom

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4) “Respect – *Eliminating stereotypes and prejudices*”

- **Chairperson Day 1: Martine Roure**,
Member of the European Parliament, France
- **Chairperson Day 2: Prof Dr Christa Tobler**,
Europa Institute of the University of Basel, Switzerland
- **Lissy Gröner**, Member of the European Parliament, Germany
- **Zita Gurmai**, Member of the European Parliament, Deputy Chairperson of
the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality, Hungary.
- **Prof Dr Uta Klein**, University of Kiel, Germany
- **Bart de Steur**, Vice-President, European Older Peoples Platform (AGE)
- **Yannis Vardakastanis**, Chairperson, European Disability Forum (EDF)

Moderator: Martine Lévy, Deputy Chairman,
European Women’s Lobby (EFL)

Moderator: Sabine Brandi,
freelance Journalist and TV host (WDR), Germany

20:00

Gala Dinner und Cultural Program

hosted by Conny Czymoch, TV host (Phoenix), Germany

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2ND CONFERENCE DAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

09:00 – 11:00

Four parallel workshops (part 2):

- **“Rights – Making legislation work”**
- **“Representation – Making all voices heard”**
- **“Recognition – Highlighting the benefits of diversity”**
- **“Respect – Eliminating stereotypes and prejudices”**

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Reports of the workshops to the plenary session

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Panel discussion “Maximising the benefits of diversity”

Presentation of sample projects by **Armin Laschet**, Minister, Ministry for Generations, Family, Women and Integration of the federal state North-Rhine-Westphalia, and **Dr. Uwe Franke**, Chairman of the Board, German BP AG.

- **Prof Dr Maria Böhmer**, Minister of State in the chancellery of the Federal Republic of Germany, delegate for Migration, Refugees and Integration, Germany.
- **Ilze Brands Kehris**, Director, Center for Human Rights, Latvia
- **Armin Laschet**, Minister, Ministry for Generations, Family, Women and Integration of the federal state North-Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.
- **Jean Baptiste Renard**, Vice-President, Regional Group BP Europe.
- **Ursula Schwarzenbart**, Director Global Diversity Office, DaimlerChrysler, Germany
- **Dr Tina Weber**, Policy Officer, European Center of Enterprises with Public Participation (CEEP)

Moderator: Conny Czymoch,
TV-Host (Phoenix) Germany

15:30 – 16:00

Final statement by Nikolaus van der Pas, General Director for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission and **Gerd Hoofe**, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Moderator: Sabine Brandi,
freelance Journalist und TV Host (WDR), Germany