

**Conference**  
**„Building together a better society for all –  
the fight against poverty and social exclusion in Latvia”**

University of Latvia, 19 Raiņa Blvd., Riga and  
Riga, EU House, 28 Aspazijas Blvd.  
29 October 2010

AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30** Registration and welcome, University of Latvia, 19 Raiņa Blvd.  
Facilitation by a moderator *Valdis Melders*
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Introductory speeches**  
Welcome by prof. *Mārcis Auziņš*, Rector of the University of Latvia  
Opening statements by *Iveta Šulca*, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Latvia and *Anne Degrand-Guillaud*, Coordinator of the European Year 2010 at the European Commission (Brussels)  
Keynote speech by *Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga*, European Ambassador for the European Year 2010
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Panel discussion**  
Key social challenges concerning poverty and exclusion, by *Taņa Lace*, Riga Stradiņš University, Latvia and the member of the EU network of independent experts on social inclusion  
The national strategy to fight poverty and exclusion, by *Ingus Alliks*, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia  
Tackling discrimination and building a society of diversity, by *Romāns Apsītis*, Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia
- 10:30 – 11:00** Comments by representatives from Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, Poland and Sweden  
Debate
- 11:00 – 11:30** *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 12:30** The role of the civil society for an inclusive society, by *Inete Ielite*, Chairperson of the Women`s NGO Cooperation Network of Latvia  
Latvian local government outlook, by *Guntis Libeks*, Chair of the Health and Social Affairs of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments  
A European outlook, by *Fintan Farrell*, Director of EAPN – European Anti Poverty Network (Brussels) which coordinates the Coalition of the European NGO networks for the European Year 2010  
Debate
- 12:30** **Closing speech by *Uldis Augulis***, Minister for Welfare, Latvia
- 13:00 – 14:00** *Lunch*

**14:00 - 14:15 Attendance in EU House,  
28 Aspazijas Blvd, Riga. See map enclosed**

**14:30 – 17:15 Practice sessions**

Four parallel sessions organised twice – from 14:30 to 15:45

and from 16:00 to 17:15

so that each participant can attend two out of the four sessions.

**14:30 – 15:45 SESSION I. COMBATING STEREOTYPES AFFECTING PEOPLE  
16:00 – 17:15 EXPERIENCING POVERTY**

Moderator: Kaspars Zālītis, Expert of human rights

Assistant of moderator: Evija Meiere, Ministry of Welfare

*14:30 – 14:40* **Stereotypes of poverty**, Elīna Ālere-Fogele, Member of Board of Crisis centre „Skalbes” (Latvia)  
*16:00 – 16:10*

*14:40 – 14:50* **Disability stereotypes, discrimination, poverty**, Gunta Anča, Head of Board of The Latvian Umbrella Body For Disability Organisations SUSTENTO (Latvia)  
*16:10 – 16:20*

*14:50 – 15:00* **Youth Campaign “Bike for diversity”**, Laura Bužinska, volunteer of Red Cross (Latvia)  
*16:20 – 16:30*

*15:00 – 15:10* **Practical guides for journalists – reporting on poverty and social exclusion in the European Union**, Antoine Saint-Denis, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (Brussels)  
*16:30 – 16:40*

*15:10 – 15:20* **The project “Try to do Something. It’s worth - European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion – Ostroda 2010”**, Kazimierz Wosiek, Municipal Social Assistance Centre in Ostroda Public Director (Poland)  
*16:30 – 16:40*

*15:20 – 15:45* Discussion

*16:50 – 17:15*

**14:30 – 15:45 SESSION II. BUILDING EFFECTIVE LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS  
16:00 – 17:15**

Moderator: Āris Ādlers, Member of Board of Latvian Rural Forum

Assistant of moderator: Zane Lasmane, Ministry of Welfare

*14:30 – 14:40* **Significance of the development of partnerships in Latvia**, Āris Ādlers, Member of Board of Latvian Rural Forum  
*16:00 – 16:10*

*14:40 – 14:50* **Partnership of Daugavpils district for the fight against poverty supporting local initiatives**, Inga Krekele, Coordinator of partnership "Neighbors" of Daugavpils and Ilūkste amalgamated municipalities (Latvia)  
*16:10 – 16:20*

*14:50 – 15:00* **Initiatives for the development of local community in Talsi amalgamated municipality**, Iveta Rorbaha, Chairman of Foundation of Talsi amalgamated municipality (Latvia)  
*16:20 – 16:30*

*15:00 – 15:10* **Significance of philanthropy projects in the improvement of life quality of local community**, Dzintra Zvejniece, Chairman of Foundation of Alūksne and Ape amalgamated municipalities (Latvia)  
*16:30 – 16:40*

*15:10 – 15:45* Discussion

*16:40 – 17:15*

**14:30 – 15:45 SESSION III. ACCESSING EU FUNDING**

**16:00 – 17:15** Moderator: Līga Vecā, Head of Project Unit of Society Integration Foundation  
Assistant of moderator: Inese Vilcāne, Ministry of Welfare

*14:30 – 14:40* **EU Funds – used and non-used opportunities by Latvia**, Baiba Traidase, Latvijas Bankas ekonomiste (Latvia)  
*16:00 – 16:10*

*14:40 – 14:50* **European Social Fund for employment and social inclusion**, Head of Unit of Department of EU Structural Funds, Ministry of Welfare (Latvia)  
*16:10 – 16:20*

*14:50 – 15:00* **Job Centre for unemployed people in Tartumaa - integration into the labour market through counselling, mentoring and trainings**, Kāgo Pilleriin, project leader of Johannes Mihkelsoni Keskus (Estonia)  
*16:20 – 16:30*

*15:00 – 15:10* **Building transnational projects funded by the European Commission**, Fintan Farrell, EAPN Europe director (Brussels) and Rytis Siautkulis, EAPN Lithuania director  
*16:30 – 16:40*

*15:10 – 15:45* Discussion  
*16:40 – 17:15*

**14:30 – 15:45 SESSION IV. INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AGAINST POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION**

**16:00 – 17:15** Moderator: Liesma Ose, Assoc.prof., School of Management and Social Work ATTISTIBA, Riga, Latvia, Program Director at the Soros Foundation, Latvia  
Assistant of moderator: Ilze Andresone, Ministry of Welfare

*14:30 – 14:40* **Social Innovations for Social Inclusion**, Liesma Ose, Assoc.prof., School of Management and Social Work ATTISTIBA, Riga, Latvia; Program Director at the Soros Foundation – Latvia (Latvia)  
*16:00 – 16:10*

*14:40 – 14:50* **A4e – solutions of social exclusion and unemployment**, Mr. Roy Newey, A4e Group Board Director (Great Britain)

*16:10 – 16:20* **Project „Oppurtunity Map”**, Dace Paegle, Coordinator of volunteers of Latvian’s Children Forum (Latvia)

*14:50 – 15:00* **Project „Mano guru”, Mrs Sutkuvienė Reda VsÁ "Socialiniai paramos projektai"/**  
*16:20 – 16:30* Mano guru NGO Gen. director or Mrs Cerniauskaite Aiste VsÁ "Socialiniai paramos projektai"/ Mano guru NGO Project manager (Lithuania)

*15:00 – 15:10* **Development of Charity shop „Otrā elpa” as example of social entrepreneurship in Latvia**, Elīna Žagare, Director of Charity shop „Otrā elpa” (Latvia)  
*16:30 – 16:40*

*15:10 – 15:20* **Project “Lubuski senior citizen - active senior citizen”**, Beata Kiecana, Department of Social Policy in the Regional Office of the Lubuskie Voivodeship Public Deputy Director (Poland)  
*16:40 – 16:50*

*15:20 – 15:30* **"ABF Malmo" project**, Lisbeth Jönsson, ABF Malmö Education Educational informant (Sweden)  
*16:50 – 17:00*

*15:30 – 15:45* Discussion  
*17:00 – 17:15*

**17:15 – 17:45 Conclusion**  
moderator Evija Meiere, Coordinator of European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010) in Latvia