

Program of the International conference
LGBT issues and the European Integration of Ukraine

15 March 2016, Tuesday

9:00-9:30 Registration & Welcome coffee

9:30-11:00 (Part 1) Opening and Keynote remarks

Welcome from organiser, partners and sponsors of the conference

Andrii Kravchuk, LGBT Human Rights NASH MIR Center

Judith Gough, British Ambassador to Ukraine

Keynote opening speech:

Sophie in 't Veld, vice-president of the LGBTI Intergoup in the European Parliament

Speakers: **Aksana Filipishina**, the Representative of the Ukrainian Ombudsman on the Rights of the Child, Non-discrimination, and Gender Equality

Video-message of Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights **Nils Muižnieks**

Serhiy Petukhov, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine on the issues of the European Integration

Svitlana Zalishchuk, Member of Parliament of Ukraine (Petro Poroshenko Bloc);
Chairperson of Subcommittee on Euro-Atlantic Cooperation and Euro-integration,
Committee on Foreign Affairs

Tanel Tang, Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 (Part 2) Situation of LGBT people in Ukraine

Presentation: **Situation of LGBT people in Ukraine in 2015**

Andrii Kravchuk, Nash Mir Center

Presentation: **Analysis of the problems faced by LGBTI people in conflict area in Eastern Ukraine: defusion of Russia-sponsored homophobia to the territories, not under control of the Ukrainian government**

Inesa, Expert of anti-discrimination Center *Memorial*, Belgium

Olexandra Romantsova, Center of Civil Liberties, Ukraine

Panel: Representatives of Ukrainian LGBT organisations from the regions will present the current situation – LGBT community, trends, and challenges.

Moderator: **Svyatoslav Sheremet**, Gay Forum of Ukraine, Coalition on Combating Discrimination in Ukraine

Participants: **Olena Shevchenko**, Insight, Kyiv

Yuri Osipov, East-Ukrainian Association Equinox, Donetsk

Oksana Kokoshkina, T-ema, Kyiv

Stas Mishenko, KyivPride and Munich Kyiv Queer, Kyiv

Elena Romanetc, Charitable Foundation Avante, Lviv

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 (Part 3) LGBTs and society

Presentation: **Human Rights for LGBT and EuroMaidan 2013-2014**

Tamara Martsenyuk, PhD in Sociology, Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"

Presentation: **Sociological data on the attitude of Ukrainians towards their LGBT compatriots**

Olexandr Zinchenkov, Nash Mir

Panel: LGBT issues and the church, public education, raising tolerance, pride movement etc. What could be done to decrease social tensions and promote emancipation of LGBT community into wider society.

Moderator: **Maryna Shevtsova**, PhD, Doctoral researcher at Berlin School of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, Berlin

Participants: **Anatoliy Yerema**, TV producer

Serhiy Leschenko, Member of Parliament of Ukraine

Victor Kovrey, representative of the language policy unit of the Department for Religions and Nationalities of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine

Svitlana Dubyna, Education centre VIS', expert of Coalition on Combating Discrimination in Ukraine

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 (Part 4) Situation of LGBTI people in the region: challenges, perspectives and strategies for the protection of rights of LGBTI

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Anastasia Smirnova**, Programmes and Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe

Participants: **Bjorn van Roozendaal**, Programmes Director, European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA- Europe)

Artiom Zavadovsky, Genderdoc-M, Moldova

Anna Iluridze, Identoba, Georgia

Nvard Margaryan, PINK Armenia

Mehmet Akin, SPoD, Turkey

18:00-20:00 Aperitifs and dinner

09:00-11:00 (Part 5) Strategies for the Advocacy of LGBT issues

Presentation: **The LGBT component in the Action Plan to the National Strategy on Human Rights**
Olexandr Zinchenkov, Nash Mir Center

Panel: The concrete steps and priorities to realize human rights of LGBT people in the process of the European integration of Ukraine and countries of Eastern Partnership

Moderator: **Andrii Kravchuk**, Nash Mir Center

Participants: **Svyatoslav Sheremet**, Gay Forum of Ukraine, Coalition on Combating Discrimination in Ukraine

Adéla Horáková, lawyer, member of the executive board of PROUD (Czech Republic)

Vladimir Simonko, Lithuanian Gay League

Klaus Jetz, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany LSVD

Bogdan Globa, Fulcrum, Ukraine

Jej Perfekcyjność, LGBT Business Forum Foundation, Poland

11:00-11:30	Coffee break
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11:30-13:00 (Part 6) Discrimination and hate crimes

Keynote speech: **The problems of combatting discrimination and hate crimes on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity in legislation and practices**

Cristina Finch, Head of ODIHR's Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, ODIHR / OSCE

Panel: The best European practices and recommendations to the Ukrainian authorities and human rights organisations on protection of LGBTs from manifestations of homophobia

Moderator: **Nigel Warner**, ILGA-Europe Council of Europe adviser, Great Britain

Participants: **Cristina Finch**, Head of ODIHR's Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, ODIHR / OSCE

Oksana Pustova, Head of Unit of Principal Investigation Department, National Police of Ukraine

Dmytro Mazurok, Lawyer, the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

Artiom Zavadovsky, Genderdoc-M, Moldova

Edwin Baltes, Secretary Pink In Blue Amsterdam, Police Unit Amsterdam, Netherlands

13:00-14:00	Lunch
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14:00-15:30 (Part 7) Registered same-sex partnership

Keynote speech: **A registered partnership law for same-sex couples in Ukraine? European obligations and the United Kingdom's model of civil partnership**

Robert Wintemute, Professor of Human Rights Law at King's College London, Great Britain

Keynote speech: **Same-sex partnership in Ukraine – facts and legal problems**

Andrii Kravchuk, Nash Mir Center

Panel: Prospects on adoption of same-sex partnership legislation in Ukraine in the medium-term.
The European trends

Moderator: **Robert Wintemute**, Professor of Human Rights Law at King's College London (Great Britain)

Participants: **Marina Usmanova**, Inshar, Ukraine

Tamás Dombos, Háttér Society, Hungary

Nigel Warner, ILGA-Europe Council of Europe adviser, Great Britain

Olena Shevchenko, Insight, Ukraine

15:30-16:00	Coffee break
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16:00-16:50 (Part 8) Perspectives of regional cooperation. Recommendations to stakeholders

Panel: Participants from the countries of Eastern Partnership will discuss perspectives of deepening cooperation on the regional level, and will suggest recommendations to partners

Moderator: **Gennady Roshchupkin**, Eurasian Coalition on Male Health

Participants: **Artiom Zavadovsky**, GENDERDOC-M Information Centre, Moldova

Nvard Margaryan, PINK Armenia

Svetlana Zhakarova, Russian LGBT Network

Sven Stabroth, TERGO, Ukraine

Yuri Yoursky, Gay Alliance Ukraine

16:50-17:00 Gratitude and final remarks

Working languages: Ukrainian, Russian and English

Conference venue: Premier Hotel Rus, 4 Hospitalna str., Kyiv

Conference materials are available at Nash Mir's website at: www.gay.org.ua/conference2016/