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Draft Agenda

Private Donor Convening for Philanthropic and Government Funders in the LGBTQ field

Wednesday October 28th, Athens

Venue: [Divani Caravel Hotel](#)

The Road Ahead for LGBTI Funders

Why is this meeting important to funders?

This meeting aims to enhance the impact of grant-making for LGBTQI equality in Europe by fostering a shared understanding of the needs of the LGBTQI field and encouraging alignment between diverse grant-makers.

Five good reasons to be there:

1. Meet key private and government donors who work globally.
2. Learn and share about the state of European LGBTQI grant-making.
3. Build shared awareness of the European funding map: who is funding where, what are the gaps?
4. Create and identify mechanisms for sustaining our work.
5. Together, identify priorities for all funders for the next 12 months.

This meeting is for grant-makers only and will be solicitation free.

Outline of the Day

Pre-Athens donors meeting: 09.00 – 17.00

ILGA-Europe Conference: 18.00 onwards

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and Coffee

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome and Introduction

Welcome and tour of info packet

Evelyne Paradis - Executive ILGA Europe

Cees van Beek - Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Overview of the day and breakdown of sessions

Matthew Hart - Coordinator, Global Philanthropy Project

Introduction of Resource People

Gabi Calleja, coordinator Malta LGBT Rights Movement

Julia Ehrt, Executive Director, TGEU

Tamás Dombos (Hungary), Hatter

Polina Andrianova (Russia), Coming Out

Brian Sheehan (Ireland) Director, GLEN

09:45 – 10:15 Speed Introductions

Moderated by Matthew Hart

10:15 – 10:50 Where are we now and what lies ahead for LGBTI funders?

Beth Fernandez - Programme Officer, Sigrid Rausing Trust

Overview of the movement and what has been achieved and the most pressing issues that funders need to address.

10:50 – 11:10: Coffee Break

11:10 – 11:30 A Short Introduction to three complex issues and how they impact the movement. (5 minutes each)

- Closing Space for Civil Society - Tamás Dombos (Hungary), Hatter;
- Safety and Security - Polina Andrianova (Russia), Coming Out;
- Communications - Brian Sheehan (Ireland) Director, GLEN.

11:30 – 13:00 Breakouts (90 minutes each)

Please note: The sessions will run concurrently so choose the session that most appeals to you. During these interactive sessions, participants are encouraged to contribute and to share their experiences with each other. Present an overview of strategy, opportunities, and barriers. Who is doing what? What is being developed for alignment, synergy and shared appreciation of where the work can go etc. These sessions are led by private and government donors.

- Please see Guiding Questions for Breakouts.
- Please identify rapporteurs to document each conversation.

Breakout 1 - Closing Space for Civil Society

Oak (TBC)

Breakout 2 – Safety and Security

Happy Mwendu Kinyili, Mama Cash & Shalini Eddens, Urgent Action Fund

Breakout 3 - Communications

Addison Smith, Wellspring Advisors +1

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 Report Back / Discussion on Breakouts

15:15 – 16:30 Interview with Funders and Government Representatives

Jo Andrews - Director, Ariadne , European Funders for Social Change and Human Rights

- **Allison Jernow** - Program Director Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Program, Wellspring Advisors, LLC
- **Frans Timmermans** - First Vice-President of the EU Commission, in charge of Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights (TBC)
- **Randy Berry** - Presidential Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons
- **Mohamed Osman**- Head of Grants, Elton John AIDS Foundation

16:30 – 17:00 Closing Session

ILGA-Europe Conference: 18.00 onwards