

AHEAD
Against Homophobia.
European local Administration Devices

WHITE PAPER PRESENTATION
Combating Homophobia.
Local Policies for Equality on the grounds of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

29th April 2011

Piedmont Regional Authority Meeting Center
Corso Stati Uniti 23, Torino

8.30 Registration Open

Morning Session

9.00 Welcome

- Welcome from the Equalities Councillor of the Turin City Council
- Welcome address from the President of the Italian Republic, Mr Giorgio Napolitano, in the letter sent by the Secretary-General of the Presidency of the Italian Republic, Mr Donato Marra, to the Turin City Council Equalities Councillor (*the text of the letter will be read to the Conference participants*)
- Welcome videomessage from Ms Viviane Reding, Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
- Welcome from Mr Matteo Bonini Baraldi, Programme Manager, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Welcome from Mr Massimiliano Monnanni, Director of the National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italian Department for Equal Opportunities, Presidency of the Council of Ministers

9.45 Presentation of the AHEAD Project

Albert de Gregorio, Barcelona City Council, Director of the Civil Rights Department

10.00 Presentation of the White Paper

LGBT equality policies: debates and challenges

Joan Subirats, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Head of the IGOP PhD Program (Institute of Government and Public Policies)

Discussant: Franca Bimbi, Professor, University of Padua, Sociology Department

Discussion

Moderator: Linda Freimane, ILGA Europe Co-Chair (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association)

11.40 Break

12.00 Local Governance and LGBT Policies in Italy

Beatrice Gusmano, University of Turin, CIRSDe (Research Centre for Women's and Gender Studies)

Discussion

Moderator: Luca Trappolin, University of Padua, Sociology Department, Coordinator of the EU project "Citizens in Diversity. A Four Nation Study on Homophobia and Fundamental Rights"

13.00 Buffet Lunch

Afternoon Session

14.15 Case studies presentation:

- Barcelona case studies presentation, Jordi Valls, Barcelona City Council, Director of the local Municipal LGBT Plan
- Rainbow families in Cologne, Christian Rahmfeld, Cologne City Council, LGBT Office
- Designing and testing innovative training models on LGBT issues addressed to civil servants and teachers, Roberto Emprin, Turin City Council, LGBT Office

Discussion

Moderator: Judit Takács, MTA SzKI Budapest (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Sociology)

15.45 Round table “The Local Governments Commitment”

Moderator: Vera Schiavazzi, Journalist and Journalistic Laboratories Coordinator, University of Turin Journalism Master

Participants

- Turin City Council, Equalities Councillor
- Province of Turin, Provincial Council member, Equalities Commission member
- Piedmont Regional Authority, Equalities Councillor
- Jordi Valls, Barcelona City Council, Director of the local Municipal LGBT Plan
- Andreas Wolter, Cologne City Council, City Council member, General Administration and International Affairs Commission member
- Roberta Padovano, GLBT Turin Pride Coordination, Turin
- Stefan Meschig, Association Rubicon (Counseling Center for lesbians and gays), Cologne

17.15 Conclusions: Turin City Council, Equalities Councillor

17.30 *End of conference*

AHEAD Project

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Turin City Council, LGBT Office

Cologne City Council

CIRSDe (Research Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies), University of Turin

MTA SzKI Budapest (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Sociology)

CYWS (Centre for Youth Work Studies), Brunel University West London

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GLBT Torino Pride Coordination

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