

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

Parliamentary Conference on Diversity, inclusiveness and non-discrimination against racism and intolerance in Europe

PARIS HYBRID, MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2021

Council of Europe office
55, avenue Kléber, 75016 Paris
Hybrid manner

SUNDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2021

Arrival at hotels

17:30–18:30 Visit to the Swedish Institute, 11 rue Payenne F-75003 Paris

19:00–21:30 Dinner (by invitation only)

MONDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2021

09:15–09:45 Opening session

Introduction by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, member of the Swedish Riksdag, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance

Welcome remarks by:

- Dr Andreas Norlén, Speaker of the Swedish Riksdag
- Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Ms Boriana Åberg, member of the Swedish Riksdag, Chairperson of the Swedish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

09:45–12:00 **Session 1: Europe's political landscape in 2021 – the normalisation of racism**

Today, populist and radical right-wing political forces in Council of Europe member States are using xenophobic, racist and intolerant discourse and acts to promote and strengthen their position within national political establishments and mainstream political movements. Racism and radical rhetoric have become normalised and increasingly pervasive across the political spectrum. This session will seek to analyse the current situation and to identify effective measures to rise to challenges and prevent the erosion of the fundamental principles of human rights and democracy.



Moderator

Ms Petra Bayr, member of the Austrian Parliament, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Speakers

- Ms Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin, PhD Ambassador for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Ms Helena Dalli, EU Commissioner for Equality (video message)
- Ms Fadzi Whande, Senior Diversity and Inclusion Advisor, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr Daniel Poohl, CEO, EXPO Foundation
- Ms Rokhaya Diallo, journalist, France
- Ms Anna-Sara Lind, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

10:40–11:00 Break and Family photo

11:00–12:00 Discussion

12:00–13:30 Lunch break

13:30–15:10 Session 2: Combating racism: the need for an intersectional approach
Discrimination is often based on a combination of various grounds such as ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. An intersectional approach is necessary to identify and address discrimination effectively. How does such an approach translate into concrete measures? Speakers will have an opportunity to clarify this, including by sharing examples from Council of Europe member States and beyond.

Moderator

Ms Petra Stienen, member of the Netherlands Senate, 1st vice Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Speakers

- Ms Michaela Moua, European Union Anti-Racism Coordinator
- Mr Lars Arrhenius, Equality Ombudsman, Sweden
- Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, member of the Belgian Senate, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people
- Professor Irene Molina, Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism, Uppsala University, Sweden

14:10–15:10 Discussion

15:10–15:30 Break

15:30–17:15 Session 3: Racism in collective imagination and the cultural industry
Ethnic bias permeates, often unconsciously, traditional cultural expressions such as the figure of “Black Pete”, popular in several European countries. It can also be found in modern cultural industries, such as cinema and television, which have a deep impact on people’s mind-sets. Negative stereotyping paves the way for stigmatisation and should be identified and countered. What is the role of the media and the cultural industry in this process and how can they cooperate with the public authorities?

Moderator

Ms Alexandra Pascalidou, journalist, Sweden

Speakers

- Ms Kajsa Ravin, General Director at Swedish Arts Council
- Mr Younous Omarjee, Member of the European Parliament, Co-president of the Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI)
- Ms Anna Serner, former CEO of the Swedish Film Institute
- Mr Zhan Beleniuk, Member of the Verkhovna Rada, Olympic gold medalist

16:15–17:15 Discussion

17:15–17:30 Conclusions by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, member of the Swedish Riksdag, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance.

