



## **“Current Human Rights Issues in Latvia: An NGO Perspective”**

**22 October 2026**

Hotel “Monika”, 21 Elizabetes iela, Riga

9.30 -10.00 Registration, coffee

10.00-10.10 Opening of the Conference

*Anhelita Kamenska, Director, Latvian Centre for Human Rights*

### **Current Human Rights Issues in Latvia, Estonia and Poland: An NGO Perspective**

Human rights NGOs will provide an overview of current human rights issues, both positive and negative trends in the field of human rights, and future perspectives.

10.10-11.00 Current Human Rights Issues in Latvia: Civil and Political Rights

*Latvian Centre for Human Rights*

11.00-11.15 Current Human Rights Issues in Estonia

*Uljana Ponomarjova, Lawyer, Estonian Human Rights Centre (Eesti Inimõiguste Keskus)*

11.15-11.30 Current Human Rights Issues in Poland

*Marcin Wolny, Advocate, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland (Helsinki Fundacja Praw Człowieka)*

11.30-12.00 Questions/Answers/Comments/Discussion

12.00-12.45 Coffee Break

### **Hate Speech: Trends and Possible Solutions**

The Latvian Centre for Human Rights will present an overview of hate speech monitoring in Latvia and key findings since the EU Digital Services Act entered into force. The session will focus on hate speech

by politicians, relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights, and challenges related to political hate speech in Lithuania. A representative of an equality body will also share practical experience in responding to political narratives that target minority groups.

12.45-13.20 Hate Speech Monitoring in Latvia Following the Entry into Force of the Digital Services Act: Overview and Findings

*Anhelita Kamenska, Alise Hirša-Zandberga, Latvian Centre for Human Rights*

13.20 – 13.40 European Court of Human Rights Case Law: Hate Speech by Politicians

*Dr Arina Melse, Director of Legal Affairs/Board Member, Baltic Human Rights Society*

13.40 – 14.00 Hate Speech by Politicians in Lithuania

*Deimantė Juščiūtė, Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute (Žmogaus teisių stebėjimo institutas), Lithuania*

14.00-14.20 Responding to Political Narratives Targeting Minority Groups

*Kristijan Kevešević, Deputy Ombudsperson for Gender Equality, Croatia (TBC)*

14.20 -15.00 Questions/Answers/Discussion

The conference will be **live streamed from 10.00 to 15.00** (in Latvian).

Interpretation from Latvian into English will be provided throughout the conference.

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