

EuroNGOs Conference

Advancing Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights Internationally: What Role for the Enlarged EU?

8 June 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania

8.00-8.50 Registration

9.00-9.15 Welcome and Introduction

Birute Vesaite, President, Family Planning and Sexual Health Association, (FPSHA), Lithuania, Member of Parliament

Frans Baneke, EuroNGOs Chair, Executive Director, World Population Foundation (WPF), The Netherlands

9.15-9.45 Opening Addresses

Priorities for Lithuania Development Cooperation Policy

Rokas Bernotas, Director of Multilateral Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Relationship between the European Commission and European civil society organisations

Gérard Legris, Head of Unit, Transparency, Relations with Stakeholders and External Organisations, Secretariat General, European Commission

9.45-11.00 Mobilising Europe for Universal Access to Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) - Successes and Challenges

Chair: Hilikka Vuorenmaa, Development Cooperation Coordinator, Family Federation of Finland (Väestöliitto)

Global perspective: UNFPA/civil society partnership in the EU

Safiye Cagar, Director, Information, Executive Board and Resource Mobilization Division, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Civil society perspective: The need for continued European leadership

Dr Steven Sinding, Director General, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), represented by Vicky Claeys, Director, IPPF European Network

New Member State perspective: Outcomes of the Baltic Roundtable on SRHR and Development Cooperation

Marija Pavilionene, Member of the Lithuanian Parliament

Developing country perspective: Video presentation on SRHR study tour in Sri Lanka with EU parliamentarians

Birute Vesaite, President, Family Planning and Sexual Health Association, (FPSHA), Lithuania, Member of Parliament

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 What Can Be Done to Further Advance SRHR Internationally by the Enlarged EU - Constraints and Opportunities?

Chairs: Ros Davies, Chief Executive, Interact Worldwide, United Kingdom and Hedi Jemai, UNFPA Representative to the European Commission

- 1. Funding mechanisms for SRHR**
Suzanne Ehlers Senior Associate, International Advocacy, Population Action International, United States
Mercedes Mas de Xaxas, International Advocacy Consultant, Population Action International, United States
- 2. Panel Discussion (short presentations followed by an interactive debate):**

Strengthening political support for SRHR

Marija Pavilionene, Member of the Lithuanian Parliament

Creating an enabling environment for SRHR policies

Vicky Claeys, Director, IPPF European Network

Strengthening and broadening partnerships in the enlarged EU

Vince Caruana, Chairperson of the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (Concord) Working Group on Enlargement, Member of the Maltese NGDO Platform

Mobilising the next generation

Pedro Vaz, National Board Member, Portuguese Socialist Youth

13. 00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Working Groups

Each group will discuss best practices and how lessons learned can support developing the Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights agenda.

Group 1: EU level advocacy: Understanding processes and sharing best practices

Joyce Haarbrink, EU Advocacy Manager Marie Stopes International, United Kingdom
Eef Wuyts, EU Liaison Officer, IPPF EN

Group 2: SRHR in the changing EU aid framework

Ann Blanc, Programme Officer, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, United States
Karen Hoehn, Director European Affairs, German Foundation for World Population (DSW)

Group 3: SRHR and Poverty Reduction: Advocating for SRHR in the Millennium Development Goals

Marielle Hart, Stop AIDS Alliance, Belgium
Zonibel Woods, Senior Advisor, International Policy
International Women's Health Coalition, United States, *tbc*

Group 4: Building on synergies between HIV/AIDS and SRHR advocacy

Shannon Kowalski-Morton, Global Advocacy Programme Officer, Family Care International, United States
Serge Rabier, Executive Director, Equilibres et Populations, France

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.30 Feedback from Working Groups

Chairs: Frans Baneke, EuroNGOs Chair, Executive Director, WPF, Birute Vesaitė, President, FPSHA

17.30-18.00 Conclusions

18.30 Reception

EuroNGOs Membership Meeting

9 June 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania

Closed day for Members and invited Observers

8.00-8.50 Registration

9.00-10.00 Welcome and Introduction

Frans Baneke, EuroNGOs Chair and Esmeralda Kuliesyte, Executive Director, Family Planning and Sexual Health Association (FPSHA), Lithuania

"Speed Dating" Session: New Member States NGOs Get to Know EuroNGOs Members

Chairs: Marie-Ange Kalenga, EuroNGOs Coordinator and Esmeralda Kuliesyte, Executive Director, FPSHA

10.00-10.30 Membership Admissions and Steering Group Elections

10.30-11.30 Panel Discussion: Benefits of Networking at EU level - Good Practices and Expectations

Chair: Manuela Sampaio, Associação para o Planeamento da Família (APF), Portugal

Panellists:

Niall Behan, Chief Executive, Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA), Ireland

Edina Boros, President, Astarte Foundation, Hungary

Wanda Nowicka, Chair, Central and Eastern European Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASTRA), Poland

Ann Svensen, Director of External Relations, Swedish Association for Sex Education (RFSU), Sweden

Frances Camilleri-Cassar, Project Manager, Solidarity & Overseas Services (SOS), Malta

11.30-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-13.00 Strategy Setting Session: What future for EuroNGOs?

Chairs: Hedi Jemai, UNFPA Representative to the European Commission and Paula Evans, Consultant, UK

This session will provide a contextual analysis of the current position of the EuroNGOs network and give members time to discuss EuroNGOs future strategy.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Speakers' Corner

Are You For 86? Mifepristone in Australia: Australian pro-choice experience of removing legal barriers to medical abortion

Christina Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Reproductive Health Alliance (ARHA), Australia

"Made in Asia: Short Stories from Young Filmmakers": Video exploration of youth SRH made by young people and about young people

Interact Worldwide, United Kingdom, *speaker tbc*

Meaningful Youth Participation

Cliff Shelton, Member of YouAct - European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, United Kingdom

Protecting the Next Generation: HIV and pregnancy prevention among 12-19 year olds in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi and Uganda

Melanie Croce-Galis, Communications Program Associate, Guttmacher Institute, United States

The Potential of Microbicides: Meeting the Challenge of HIV prevention in women

Tessa Mattholie, European Liaison Officer, International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) and Arwa Meijer, Assistant, Global Campaign for Microbicides Europe, Belgium

Presentation on the proceedings and outcomes of the Young Decision Makers meetings in Spain and Portugal

Portuguese Family Planning Association (APF), Spanish Family Planning Association (FPFE), Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (IEPPFD), Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), *speakers tbc*

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.00 Concluding Session: Feedback and Forward Planning

Chairs: New Chair of EuroNGOs and Esmeralda Kuliesyte, Executive Director, FPSHA