

Programme

18 May 2016 **Arrival and Minority Market**

- from 18.00 hrs Congress registration of participants (room: Rolls-Royce)
Preparation Minority Market (room: Rolls-Royce)
- 19.00 hrs Departure shuttles from partner hotels to Haston Hotel
- 20.00 hrs **Minority Market – Official opening by FUEN President Hans Heinrich Hansen** and High Commissioner on National Minorities **Astrid Thors**
- 23.00 hrs Departure shuttles from Haston Hotel to partner hotels

19 May 2016 **Opening of the Congress and Situation of Minorities in Poland**

- 07:45 hrs Departure shuttles from partner hotels to Haston Hotel
- 08:30 hrs Congress registration of participants (room: Chrysler)
- 09.00 hrs Photo with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities Astrid Thors (room: Chrysler)
- 09.30 hrs Session I: Official opening with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities **Astrid Thors**

Address of Welcome

1. **Rafał Dutkiewicz**, Mayor of the city of Wrocław / Breslau
2. **Bernard Gaida**, Chair of the Association of the German Socio-Cultural Organisations in Poland (VdG)
3. **Hans Heinrich Hansen**, President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)

Opening Speech

4. **Astrid Thors**, High Commissioner on National Minorities at the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Coffee break

Greetings

5. **Hartmut Koschyk**, German Federal Government Commissioner for Matters Related to Ethnic German Resettlers and National Minorities
6. **Ryszard Galla**, Vice Chair of the Sejm-Committee for National Minorities
7. Additional greetings

12.00 hrs Lunch

13.30 hrs Session II: Poland and the challenges of the German Minority

1. **Rafał Bartek**, Co-Chair of the Joint Commission of the Polish Government and National Minorities – *The situation of the minorities in Poland, an opening statement, examples of political participation*
2. **Bernard Gaida, Chair of VdG** – *The condition of the German minority, 25 years after the German-Polish Agreements on Good Neighbourliness were signed*
3. **Dr Aleksandra Oszmianska-Pagett** – Member of the Committee of Experts for the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of the Council of Europe – *The situation of the minorities and languages in Polen from the perspective of the Expert Committee of the Council of Europe*
4. **Prof Tomasz Wichierkiewicz** – *If protection is insufficient ... The European instruments for language policy and endangered minority languages*

Coffee break

15.45 hrs Panel discussion with the minorities in Poland

17.30 hrs Dinner in Haston Hotel

Side-Events

18.30 hrs Meeting of the FUEN working groups

19.00 hrs Meeting of the Minority Council with BA Koschyk, MdB

20.00 hrs Meeting of FUEN sponsors (on invitation)

20.00 hrs Departure shuttles from Haston Hotel to partner hotels

Evening Programme, individual

Recommended parts of the programme of the Capital of Culture (there is the possibility to take shuttles to the city center, return trip happens on one's own responsibility)

20 May 2016

Quo vadis Europe? The multifaceted crisis of Europe

08.15 hrs Departure shuttles from partner hotels to Haston Hotel

08.30 hrs Congress registration of participants (room: Chrysler)

The crisis in Europe has many angles – the financial crisis was followed by the conflict in Ukraine and the refugees. What effect does that have on the autochthonous minorities? How can we contribute with our experiences and with our expertise? We want to discuss these questions together with you.

In a joint statement with YEN, the FUEN Presidium expressed its point of view about the relation of minority policy and refugee policy. It is the express wish of FUEN that its Members give their opinion and show their experience and expertise in conflict and crisis prevention and in the search for peaceful solutions: forming a common opinion on the renationalisation in Europe, the reinstatement of borders, of how we will live together in the future and the status of minority rights!

09:00 hrs Introduction **Olga Martens**, FUEN Vice President

Topic I OSCE: Minorities as bridge-builders

Keynote speech by **Joachim Bleicker**, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commissioner for Relations with EU Member States and cross-border and regional cooperation: “*The German 2016 OSCE Chairmanship and National Minorities as Bridge-Builders*”

Discussion with the FUEN Member Organisations

Coffee break

Topic II The minority situation in Europe

Can enacting legislation for national minorities solve conflict or give rise to conflicts?

Hard cases – the reality of Europe

Situation in Ukraine – Panel discussion
Implementation of minority rights
Experiences and instruments of conflict management

12.30 hrs Lunch

13.30 hrs Topic III Living together in Europe: Refugees and social integration

Keynote speech by **Anna-Carin Öst**, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Poland

Contributions, statements
Discussion with the FUEN Member Organisations

Conclusions

Moderation: Andreas Stopp, Deutschlandfunk Radio

15.45 hrs Excursion to the *European Capital of Culture 2016 Wroclaw / Breslau*

19.00 hrs Return from excursion to Haston Hotel

20.00 hrs Dinner in Haston Hotel

Evening Programme: joint evening in Haston Hotel

22.00 hrs Departure shuttles from Haston Hotel to partner hotels

21 May 2016 FUEN Assembly of Delegates

08.15 hrs Departure shuttles from partner to Haston Hotel

from 09.00 hrs Assembly of Delegates of Federal Union for European Nationalities (FUEN)

lunch bags

15:00 hrs Excursion to the *European Capital of Culture 2016 Wroclaw / Breslau*

18.30 hrs Return from excursion to Haston Hotel and partner hotels

19.30 hrs Departure shuttles from partner hotels to Haston Hotel

20.00 hrs Gala-Evening with cultural programme

Presentation of the EUROPEADA 2016 in South Tyrol
Ceremonious farewell to FUEN President Hans Heinrich Hansen

23.00 hrs Departure shuttles from Haston Hotel to partner hotels

22 May 2016

Departure

