



European Diversity 2025

European Diversity Month opening event & European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award

29 April 2025, 13:30 – 19:00 CET

Reception 19:00 – 20:30 CET

Brussels (hybrid event)

Agenda

12:30 – 13:30	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
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13:30	Welcome by the moderator Ali Al-Jaberi
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13:35 – 13:45	Opening address by Irena Moozova, Deputy Director-General of DG Justice & Consumer
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13:45 – 13:55	Standing strong together
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13:55 – 14:15	Taking a stand for diversity Diversity Charters
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14:15 – 15:15	Panel discussion <i>“United in Diversity – staying strong in defending and promoting our values”</i>
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Panel discussion :

Member of the Board of Diversity Charter Germany - Michaela Jaap, Head of Corporate Culture & Responsibility at Hays



Marko Podgornik Verdev, CEO of Mikro+Polo

Christophe Margaine, Member of the Board, European Pride Business Network

Ana Carla Pereira, Director for Equality and Non-discrimination, DG Justice & Consumers

15:15 – 15:25

Mindfulness break

15:40 – 16:30

Parallel working sessions

Tapping into pools of unused talent

Moderator: Raquel Santamaria

- Barbora Suisse, founder of an NGO Friendly to Autism, board member of Lithuanian Charter
- Inês Pimenta Costa, D&I Manager at NOS Comunicações

Diversity as competitive advantage

Moderator: Ali Al-Jaberi

- Melanie Hache-Barrois, Oracle

Data-driven diversity

Moderator: Laure Amoyel, Luxembourg Ministry of Equality and Diversity

- Yves Turi, CACEIS Consulting, CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch
- Irena Madej, Polish Diversity Charter

16:30 – 17:00

Networking coffee break

17:00 – 17:05

Start of the Award ceremony

17:05 – 17:15

Opening of the Award ceremony

17:15 – 17:40

Category cities under 50 000 inhabitants



17:40 – 18:05	Category cities over 50 000 inhabitants presented by Hadja Lahbib, Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management
18:05 – 18:30	Special award
18:30 – 18:40	Opening of the online voting for public vote winner
18:40 – 19:00	Speech and announcement of the public vote winner by Irena Moozova, Deputy Director-General of DG Justice & Consumers and a group photo of all shortlisted cities
19 :00	Closing by the moderator
19:00 – 20:30	Reception