



The Riga Conference
Building on Diversity in a Unified Europe
9-11 March 2000

PROGRAMME

Location of conference rooms:

Atrium Gallery, Bremen and De Rome 4th floor
Kamīnzāle 7th floor

Location of restaurant:

Otto Schwarz 7th floor

Thursday, 9 March

- 15.30 **Briefing for Chairs and Rapporteurs of working groups**
Atrium Gallery
- 16.00 **Press Conference**
Atrium Gallery
- 19.15 Bus transfer from the *Hotel de Rome* to *Melngalvju Nams*
- 19.30 **Banquet in *Melngalvju nams***

After the banquet the bus will take the participants back to the Hotel de Rome.

Friday, 10 March

- 09.00 - 09.15 **Conference opening: welcome and introductions**
Ian Stewart
De Rome
- 09.15 - 09.30 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Neil MacCormick
De Rome



Friday, 10 March (continued)

- 09.30 - 10.00 **Setting the scene**
George Schöpflin
De Rome
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Case Study 1: Wales**
Questions to the Speaker and issues for discussion
Graham Day
De Rome
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee in *Atrium Gallery*
- 11.30 - 13.00 **Working group discussion on Case Study 1: European Union, state legislation, language issues, nationality and identity**
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| Group 1 | Chair: Jennifer Monahan | <i>De Rome</i> |
| Group 2 | Chair: Anna-Mária Bíró | <i>Bremen</i> |
| Group 3 | Chair: Nils Muižnieks | <i>Kamūrzāle</i> |
- 13.00 - 14.30 Buffet lunch in *Otto Schwarz*
- 14.30 - 16.00 **Plenary presentations by group Rapporteurs**
Plenary discussion
De Rome
- 16.00 - 16.30 Tea in *Atrium Gallery*
- 16.30 - 17.30 **Case Study 2: Bradford**
Questions to the Speaker and issues for discussion
Charles Husband
De Rome
- 17.30 - 18.15 **Baltic Panel**
Chairman: George Schöpflin
De Rome
- 18.15 - 18.30 **Chairman's remarks**
Neil MacCormick
De Rome
- 19.30 **Dinner Party in *Otto Schwarz***



Saturday, 11 March

- 09.00 - 09.15 **Chairman's remarks**
Neil MacCormick
De Rome
- 09.15 - 10.45 **Working group discussion on Case Study 2: social tolerance, civil society, media, education, individual rights**
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| Group 1 | Chair: Lord Alfred Dubs | <i>De Rome</i> |
| Group 2 | Chair: François Grin | <i>Bremen</i> |
| Group 3 | Chair: Axel Buyse | <i>Kamīnzāle</i> |
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee in *Atrium Gallery*
- 11.15 - 12.45 **Plenary presentations and discussion**
De Rome
- 12.45 - 13.15 **Chairman's summary and concluding remarks**
Neil MacCormick
De Rome
- 13.30 Buffet lunch in *Otto Schwarz*

Optional social programme

Please let staff at the Welcome Desk know if you wish to participate in any of these:

- 15.00 Tour of Old Riga
or
Guided tour of exhibition "Symbolism in Latvian Art" in National Arts Gallery
- 20.00 Dinner in *Otto Schwarz*

After the conference the National Car Rental Company will provide transport to Riga Airport in time for all departures. Please check arrangements with staff at the Welcome Desk.