

## **The Nation State and Migration in the Baltics: Getting to Terms with the Past and the Future**

10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016, at Albert Hotel in Riga, Dzirnavu 33

10.00 – 10.30      **Arrival and registration of participants**

10.30 - 10.50      **Opening addresses**  
Dace Akule, PROVIDUS  
Dr. Werner Rechmann, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

10.50 – 12.30      **High-level panel discussion: Nation and Migration**

*Participants will be invited to reflect on migration as a significant element in the future of Europe and the Baltic States. How can we re-define our societies to accommodate the realities of demography and migration, how can we deal with fears and insecurities and learn to manage migration and integration in a constructive way?*

Participants: Baiba Rubesa, Rail Baltica; Pia Prytz Phiri, the Head of the UNHCR Regional Representation for Northern Europe; Dace Dzenovska, University of Oxford. Moderator: Maria Golubeva, PROVIDUS.

12.30 – 13.50      **Lunch**

13.50 – 15.40      **Parallel breakout sessions**

- **Discussing the identity of the Baltic States: what we see is what we get? (Room 1)**

*First-generation immigrants already living in the Baltic States and Baltic intellectuals will discuss the mixed attitudes towards migration in the Baltic societies. Key questions for this discussion are: Do Baltic societies currently appear open or unwelcoming to new migrants? Do we want to have a greater openness and integration potential? If not, why? If yes, what has to change?*

Participants: Anne-Ly Reimaa, Undersecretary for Cultural Diversity, Ministry of Culture of Estonia; Faruk Karacan, NGO Dialogu Nams, Latvia; Kao Viet Ngujen, artist, Latvia; Ģirts Dimdiņš, University of Latvia. Moderator: Dace Akule, PROVIDUS.



- **The Refugee Crisis and the Baltic States: Change of Policy Paradigm? (Room 2)**

*Policy analysts, local authorities and policy-makers will discuss the new approaches that the European refugee crisis may have brought to migration policy in the Baltic States. The discussion will combine a critical assessment of refugee resettlement and integrations plans with wider discussion on what should be the new paradigm of migration policy.*

Participants: Artjom Suvorov, Vice-Mayor, Tartu City Council, Estonia; Karolis Žibas, Diversity Development Group, Lithuania; Signe Grūbe, Ropaži municipality; Boriss Cilevičs, MP, Latvian Parliament. Moderator: Vita Tērauda, PASOS.

15.40 – 16.20	<b>Turkish coffee break &amp; Ebru art master class (co-sponsored by Dialogu Nams)</b>
16.20 – 17.00	<b>Keynote speech. Kenan Malik, author and presenter, UK</b>
17.00 – 17.15	<b>Q&amp;A with keynote speaker</b>
17.15 – 17.45	<b>Concluding session: reports from breakout sessions and joint discussion with the audience</b>
17.45 – 19.00	<b>Reception</b>