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**S&D EVENT**

**YES TO SOCIAL JUSTICE  
YES TO DIVERSITY  
NO TO DISINFORMATION  
THE SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS' AGENDA**

**11-13 April 2022  
13:00-16:00 (Riga time, EEST)**

**Digital Art House - Skolas iela 2, Rīga (Latvia)**

Event moderated by Nils Ušakovs  
Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 11 April 2022**

**Unity in Diversity - Multilingual Europe and Education**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82046177192?pwd=b2hNN295UkMvU3pOQVlQb1Zxc0RoZz09>

**13:00 - 13:15 OPENING ADDRESS**

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**Iratxe García Pérez**, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Spain

*on stage*

**Jānis Urbanovičs**, Chairman of the Board of the “Saskaņa” Party, Latvia

**13:15 – 14:00 MULTILINGUAL STORIES OF POLITICIANS WITH MINORITY BACKGROUND**

*remote*

**Klára Dobrev**, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Hungary

**Evin Incir**, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Sweden

**Biljana Borzan**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Croatia

**Mohammed Chahim**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Netherlands

*on stage*

**Andrejs Kameņeckis**, Member of Riga City Council, Latvia

**Elizabete Krivcova**, Lawyer, Former Member of Jurmala City Council, Latvia

**Konstantīns Čekušins**, Member of Riga City Council, Latvia

**Anna Vladova**, Member of Riga City Council, Principal of Riga secondary school Nr. 80, Latvia

**Guntars Jirgensons**, Member of Riga City Council, Principal of Riga secondary school Nr. 28, Latvia

**+ Q&A**

**14:00 - 14:15 EXPERT INTERVENTION**

*remote*

**Francesco Palermo**, Professor, Former Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Former Senator, Italy

**+ Q&A**

**14:15 - 15:00 EXPERIENCE OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN EU AND PERSPECTIVES OF MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION**

*on stage*

**Alexander Ott**, Educational coordinator of bilingual International Lomonosow Schools in Berlin and Bilingual Kindergartens MITRA, Germany

**Irina Bobrova**, Head of the bilingual kindergarten and “Alye Parussa” primary school in Paris, France

**Maarit Kaunisto**, Head of the Municipal bilingual Finnish-Russian school of Helsinki, Finland

**Elena Pinskaya**, Head of the Věda multilingual and linguistic school in Prague, Czechia

**Tatiana Mlecico (MD)**, Coordinator of the European Association VIA LIGHT - an International professional association supporting multilingual education, Moldova

**Marina Burd**, CEO of Mitra Lomonosow-Schulem gGmbH, and the MITRA bilingual Kindergarten gGmbH, Germany

#### CLOSING REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR

**Tuesday, 12 April 2022**

### Narrowing the Gap - Europe and Social Justice

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82046177192?pwd=b2hNN295UkMvU3pOQVlQb1Zxc0RoZz09>

#### 13:00 - 13:15 OPENING ADDRESS AND DEBATE WITH PES PRESIDENT AND SASKAŅA PRESIDENT

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**Sergei Stanishev**, President of the PES, Bulgaria

*on stage*

**Jānis Urbanovičs**, Chairman of the Board of the “Saskaņa” Party, Latvia

+ Q&A

#### 13:15 - 14:15 S&D APPROACH TO TACKLE ECONOMIC CRISIS

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**Heléne Fritzon**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Head of the Swedish Delegation to the S&D Group, Sweden

**Margarida Marques**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Portugal

*remote*

**Eero Heinäluoma**, Member of the Bureau of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Finland

**Victor Negrescu**, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Romania

*on stage*

**Regīna Ločmele**, Member of the Parliament, Latvia

**Aleksandrs Bartaševičs**, Mayor of Rezekne, Latvia

**Andrejs Elksniņš**, Mayor of Daugavpils, Latvia

Ivars Zariņš, Member of the Parliament, Latvia

+ Q&A

14:15 - 15:00 TRADE UNION DIMENSION TO DEAL WITH CRISIS

*recorded video*

**Gabriele Bischoff**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs in the European Parliament, Germany

**Agnes Jongerius**, Head of the Netherlands Delegation to the S&D Group, Coordinator to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Netherlands

*remote*

**Liina Carr**, Confederal Secretary at European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Estonia

*on stage*

**Egils Baldzēns**, Chairman of the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS), Latvia

**Inga Vanaga**, Chairwoman of the Latvian Trade Union of Education and Science Employees (LIZDA), Latvia

**Valdis Keris**, Chairman of the Board of Latvian Trade Union of Health and Social Care Employees (LVSADA), Latvia

CLOSING REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR

**Wednesday, 13 April 2022**

**Fighting Disinformation - Media and Multilingualism**

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13:00 - 13:15 OPENING ADDRESS S&D APPROACH

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**Katarina Barley**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Germany

*on stage*

**Jānis Urbanovičs**, Chairman of the Board of the "Saskaņa" Party, Latvia

13:15 - 14:00 EXPERTS

*on stage*

**Bojan Brezigar**, Member of the Board of MIDAS - European Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional Languages, Italy

**Sergejs Kruks**, Prof. Dr. sc. Inf., Head of the Study Programme 'Communication Culture and Multimedia' at Riga Stradiņš University, Latvia

**Boriss Cilevičs**, Member of the Parliament, Latvia

*remote*

**Lutz Güellner**, Head of Strategic Communications at European External Service, Germany

**Petra Kammerevert**, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Coordinator to the Committee of Culture and Education, Germany

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**Elena Yoncheva**, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Bulgaria

**+Q&A**

**14:00 - 15:00 DISINFORMATION AND ENHANCING MINORITY LANGUAGE MEDIA IN THE EU**

*on stage*

**Vadims Radionovs**, Journalist, the author of YouTube channel "И Грянул Грэм", Latvia

**Inna Plavoka**, Editor-in-chief of the "Chayka.lv" portal, Latvia

**Anatoly Golubov**, Editor-in-chief of RusDelfi.lv, Latvia

**Jeļena Brokāne**, Manager of JCDecaux, Latvia

**Galina Timčenko**, Editor-in-chief of "Meduza" portal, Russia

**Alex Dubas**, Journalist, Russia

*remote*

**Boris Feldmann**, Editor-in-chief of RusMedia.de, Germany

**Andrei Titov**, Editor-in-chief of the Russian edition of ETV, Estonia

**Alexei Venediktov**, Editor-in-chief of the Echo of Moscow, Russia

**Ilya Ber**, Publisher and chief editor of the project "Provereno.media", Russia

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