







## Women's Rights Institute

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#### Conference

## CONSUMPTION BUDGET AND REDUCING INEQUALITIES: ARE WE READY?

National Library of Latvia, M floor, AsiaRes hall 3, Mukusalas Street, Riga November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

### **WORK PROGRAM**

10:00	Registration of conference participants
10:30	Opening of the conference with the participation of NGO experts from Denmark,
	Norway, Poland, Russia, Estonia and Lithuania
10:35	The speech "Women's Rights Institute's tasks aimed at reducing inequality" by Laila
	Balga, Chairwoman of the Board of Women's Rights Institute
10:40	The speech "NGO network's contribution to the equality policy in the Baltic Sea
	region" by Aldona Droseikiene, Secretary General of Lithuanian Multiple Sclerosis
	Union
	10:50 - 11:00 Foreign guests go to Room 216 to have a meeting
10:50	Information on the work progress. Video. Invitation to a panel discussion.
	Moderator <b>Egils Rutkovskis</b>
11:00	Participants of the panel discussion share their views:
	Jurgis Klotins, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Latvia
	Andris Burtnieks, Doctor of Economics, member of the EAPN-Latvia Reference
	Budgets working group
	Anta Pranevica, Head of the Research group, Fontes Management Consulting
	Viktors Veretjanovs, Senior methodology expert, Social statistics methodology

Elina Celmina, Director of the Department of social inclusion policy, Ministry of

Evita Zalite-Grosa, Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, New

department, The Central Statistical Bureau

Andris Suvajevs, Political researcher, think tank "Providus"

Welfare

Conservative fraction

12:45 Other specialists get involved in the discussion:

**Aiga Lukasenoka**, Senior expert at the Social inclusion policy department, Ministry of Welfare

**Rita Strode**, Leader of the European Social Fund project "Research and monitoring of inclusive labor market and poverty risks", Ministry of Welfare

**Liga Rasnaca**, Associate professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia

Irena Liepina, Deputy chairperson of Latvian Free Trade Union Confederation

13:15 Opinions, questions and answers of the conference participants

13:30 Summary of conference results. Closing of the conference.

Andris Burtnieks and Egils Rutkovskis

13:40-15:00 Lunch at the bistro restaurant "Kliversala" on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the National Library of Latvia

Language of the conference: Latvian (Russian and English will be used at the opening of the conference). Technical support for PP presentations and water is available.

Conference participants are encouraged to adhere strictly to the requirements of the National Library of Latvia: outerwear should be placed in the cloakroom, personal belongings should be placed in a special folder, bags should be placed in the locker (security fee - 1 Euro).

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YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE CONFERENCE!