

Conference

# Best practices in the protection of the national minorities in Europe

11 June  
2026

🕒 Starting At:  
09:00AM

📍 Location:  
Mykolas Romeris  
University,  
Ateities str. 20, L-414



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THE DEPARTMENT OF  
NATIONAL MINORITIES

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

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WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

8:30–9:00

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OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE, WELCOMING REMARKS

9:00–9:30

**ASSOC. PROF. SAULIUS SPURGA**, DEPUTY RECTOR  
OF THE MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY  
**HENRYKA MOŚCICKA-DENDYS**, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND  
**DAINIUS BABILAS**, DIRECTOR  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL MINORITIES UNDER  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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SESSION I

9:30–10:50

**MANAGING THE DIVERSITY: STATE POLICIES  
AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS REGARDING NATIONAL  
MINORITIES ACROSS EUROPE**

MODERATOR: DR HAB. ALEKSANDRA KUCZYŃSKA-ZONIK,  
INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL EUROPE

**BARBARA ALIAŠEVIČIENĖ**, VICE-MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROTECTION OF NATIONAL  
MINORITIES IN LITHUANIA**

**PROF. VASSILIS PETSINIS**, CORVINUS UNIVERSITY  
OF BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

**HUNGARIAN MINORITIES IN SERBIA**

**DR HANNA VASILEVICH**, EURAC RESEARCH, INSTITUTE  
FOR MINORITY RIGHTS, ITALY

**MINORITY LEGISLATION IN UKRAINE**

**PROF. TOMASZ WICHERKIEWICZ**, ADAM MICKIEWICZ  
UNIVERSITY, POLAND

**MANAGING EUROPE'S LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY:  
POLICIES REGARDING LINGUISTIC MINORITIES  
ACROSS CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

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COFFEE BREAK

10:50–11:10

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SESSION II

11:10–12:30

## NATIONAL MINORITIES' RIGHTS IN EDUCATION: TEACHING IN AND TEACHING OF MINORITY LANGUAGES

MODERATOR: PROF. DR KATARZYNA BOGDZIEWICZ,  
MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY

**DR SAURO CIVITILLO**, EUROPEAN RESEARCH CENTER  
ON MIGRATION AND ETHNIC RELATIONS (ERCOMER),  
UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS

WHAT HELPS AND UNDERMINES SCHOOL BELONGING  
AMONG ETHNIC MINORITY STUDENTS? INSIGHTS  
FROM GERMANY AND BEYOND

**DR MONIKA HABER**, VILNIUS UNIVERSITY, LITHUANIA  
MINORITY LANGUAGES AS SPACES OF MEMORY  
AND RITUAL CONTINUITY: BEYOND INSTITUTIONAL  
PROTECTION

**KAROL KWIATKOWSKI**, CENTRAL COUNCIL OF ROMA  
IN POLAND, INTERNATIONAL ROMANI UNION, POLAND  
EDUCATION POLICY FOR ROMA MINORITY IN EUROPE

**PROF. JOLANTA URBANOVIČ**, MYKOLAS ROMERIS  
UNIVERSITY, LITHUANIA, **DR BARBARA JUNDO-  
KALISZEWSKA**, UNIVERSITY OF ŁÓDŹ, POLAND  
DISCURSIVE CONSTRUCTIONS OF NATIONAL MINORITY  
EDUCATION IN LITHUANIA

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COFFEE BREAK

12:30–12:50

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SESSION III

12:50–14:10

## **PRESERVING NATIONAL MINORITIES' CULTURE AND TRADITIONS: THE ROLE OF MEDIA, MEMORY, CULTURE AND POLITICS IN INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES**

MODERATOR: DR MONIKA HABER, VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

**PROF. JENNY STENBERG-SIRÉN**, UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, FINLAND

MINORITY LANGUAGE MEDIA

IN THE SWEDISH-FINNISH BORDER REGIONS

**DR AGATA TATARENKO**, INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL EUROPE, POLAND

MEMORY POLITICS AND NARRATIVES OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN MUSEUMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

**PROF. KYRIAKI TOPIDI**, EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MINORITY ISSUES (ECMI), GERMANY

DIGITALIZATION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN EUROPE

**DR ENRIQUE URIBE**, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY, UNITED KINGDOM

MINORITY LANGUAGE MEDIA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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CLOSING REMARKS

14:10–14:30

**ANDRZEJ DUDZIŃSKI**, CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND TO THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

**EWELINA DOBROWOLSKA**, FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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LUNCH

14:30–15:30

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