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Speakers



Fabienne Stordiau (Germany)

is the founder and the Managing Director of Allround Team GmbH (since 1999). This company has a strong commitment to diversity, integration and inclusion and signed the Diversity Charter in 2016. Fabienne is an active member of LGBTI community organisations, and beside many other activities she has been a Board member of EuroPride, an organiser of Pride Cologne, a sponsor of Jugend Zentrum Anyway and Member of the Foerderkreis Magnus-Hirschfeld-Stiftung.



Alf Kjeller (Sweden)

has an impressive track record of successful working with Pride festivals on and off since year 2000. Most recently he was the festival manager and communication manager for the well-known Stockholm Pride and the project manager for the Euro Pride 2018 Stockholm & Gothenburg. He is now active in InterPride, the world-wide organisations for Pride Festivals and also supports the SGLCC - The Scandinavian LGBT Chamber of Commerce.



Stefan Petrovski (North Macedonia)

is a Project Coordinator and Communications Officer at Subversive Front, a leading LGBTI NGO in Macedonia. He began his voluntary work with Subversive Front in July 2017, and from March 2018 he specialized on S-Front's social media and PR. For the moment he is a student of English Language and Literature at the "Blazhe Koneski" Faculty in Skopje. Earlier he studied at the University of Utah through the Global UGRAD program in 2017 – of which he is one of the honour students.



Mamikon Hovsepyan (Armenia)

is an LGBTI activist and a Human Rights Defender in Armenia. He started his activism in 2002 and founded Pink Armenia in 2007, the leading LGBTI organization in his country. Currently, as Executive Director of Pink Armenia, He advocates the LGBTI community empowerment and human rights protection on national and international levels. He is part of the Eastern European Coalition for LGBTI+ Equality. Recently he joined the board of the Non-Discrimination and Equality Coalition in Armenia.



Mayank Shah (The United Kingdom)

the CEO & founder of MSDUK, the UK-based organisation that focuses on supporting the role of Ethnic Minority-owned businesses. This entrepreneurial community, representing 7% of all UK SME's, bring with them innovation, flexibility and cultural insight that helps supply chains become more competitive and profitable. MSDUK under Mayank's great leadership has an impressive track record in Britain, but also work with progressive global corporations that understand supplier chain diversity.



Ralph de Chabert (USA)

possesses 30 years in the global Diversity & Inclusion field. Prior to Brown-Forman, Ralph held successive positions in Northern California as Chief Diversity Officer, Vice-President of Employee Relations & Diversity and Head of Executive Development and Diversity for Safeway, Corp, McKesson, Corp, and American President Lines respectively. Current Board service includes The Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Louisville Central Community Centers and The Centre for Global Inclusion.



Jon Miller (The United Kingdom)

is the founder Open for Business, a coalition of global companies promoting LGBT+ rights. His reports on the economic case for LGBT+ inclusion have helped to reframe the debate, and he is listed as one of the Financial Times' Top 100 LGBT+ Executives. Jon is a Partner at Brunswick, where he co-leads the global Business & Society team. He is also the co-author of Everybody's Business, which looks at how big business can be a force for positive social progress.



Deb Bubb (USA)

leads the organization responsible for executive leadership and management development, corporate learning, and executive search and integration. With her team, Deb guides IBM's award-winning diversity and inclusion efforts, and spearheads the company's employee engagement and agile organizational initiatives. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and a master's degree in social work from Smith College.



Alex Nusselt (Germany)

joined Siemens in 2004 as a Project Manager in Financial Services IT. As is often the case in large corporates, Alex went through many organisational changes which made him end up with a burn-out. But he came back and in 2014 he was one of the founders of the Global Siemens PRIDE diversity network. He started several initiatives to help people understanding what a culture of creativity, innovation and adaptability means and feels like.



Melinda Miklos (Hungary)

is the CEO of WeAreOpen, the diversity initiative, founded by Google, Prezi and Espell which has become today a community of over 1,000 diversity advocate companies and organizations, including global brands and local SMEs in Hungary. WeAreOpen has mission to show millions of people that openness is a value for organizations and it help businesses and employees experience, learn, and demonstrate the benefits of inclusion.



Martin Mesenhuber (Austria)

worked in consulting business for nine years with Accenture where he first got in touch with being out at the workplace enjoying a diverse and gay-friendly environment. Since almost 6 years he's now with Raiffeisen Bank International working as a Senior Delivery Manager. As an active member of the recently founded ERG Embrace he's one of the guys who drives further development and involves himself in the BRich organization



Dragana Todorovic (Serbia)

is the Executive Co-director of ERA – LGBTI Equal Rights Association for Western Balkans and Turkey and a member of the Governing Board of the ELC – EuroCentral Asian Lesbian Community. For the past 15 years she has been involved in different types of work and activities related to human rights and gender equality, with focus on LGBTI rights. She cooperated with the World Bank of executing a survey on the status of the LGBTI community in her region. She is based in Belgrade, Serbia.



Czeslaw Walek (Czech Republic)

is a graduate from the Law Faculties of Jagiellonian University and the Central European University. As the Czech Deputy Minister for Human Rights he was responsible for creation, adoption and implementation of domestic policies on human rights protection. Since 2011 Czeslaw chairs the Prague Pride association. Up till 2015 he was the Executive Director of the Prague Pride festival and he navigated its growth to become the biggest pride festival in post-communist countries.



Yves Aerts Jacobs (Belgium)

is a board member of ILGA-Europe and an European representative to the ILGA world board. Since 2007, he worked as the Executive Director of çavaria, the LGBTI+ umbrella organization in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium. The organization strives for the well-being and fights for the rights of lesbians, bisexuals, homosexuals, trans* and inter* people in all aspects of everyday life. Çavaria also co-organizes the Belgian Pride.



Simeon Vasilev (Bulgaria)

is the Chairman and Co-founder of the GLAS (Gays and Lesbians Accepted in Society) Foundation in Bulgaria and this since 2014. He has over 7 years of experience in the non-profit sector and a background of public relations and event management, which he uses in an impressive way as LGBTI activist. He is the founder of HUGE, the leading gay online magazine in his country. Simeon has a bachelor's degree of Public Relations from the Sofia University.



Peter Zerp (The Netherlands)

is a very passionate Supplier Inclusion & Diversity Manager from Amsterdam. In a team of 9 he drives a program that aims to build more inclusive supply chains for Accenture and its clients. Accenture's Global Supplier Inclusion & Diversity Program develops and connects businesses that are owned by women, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender persons, ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities. Peter serves on the Board of WEConnect International too.



Laco Hudec Šubrt (Czech Republic)

founded in 2017 VecizVeci.cz and aims for changing how world look at used clothing. As a small Registered LGBTI Business he specializes in the manufacture of fashion and conference bags made of recycled materials, and by this greatly contributes to sustainability. He is not only the author of our 2019 East meets West Conference goody-bags, but is well known also for his successful musical career, which includes starring in Cats, Rent, Dance of Vampire, Mamma Mia, Aida, Flashdance... etc.



Armin Kohlberger (Austria)

is a Personal Coach and Crossfit Trainer (CF-L3). He works in an Industry that is a lot frequented by members of the LGBT+ community. Meeting People from all different Kinds and helping them to reach healthy goals he likes most. The career of Armin began at John Harris Fitness. Meanwhile he is self-employed since almost six years and offers a variety of personal and group trainings.



Iago Romero Ogando (Spain)

is an architect, a postgraduate teacher at the School of Architecture in Madrid and an entrepreneur with a strong commitment to use high technology to face social challenges. He is a co-founder at Urban Data Eye, a start-up that uses the latest advances in Artificial Intelligence to help design better and inclusive public spaces for cities like Pittsburgh PA or Madrid. They are now part of TechStars, probably one of the most demanding and competitive acceleration programs in the world.



Tamara Littleton (The United Kingdom)

is founder and CEO of The Social Element, a consultancy-led social media agency advising some of the world's biggest brands on how to use social to solve business challenges. She founded the company in 2002 before the explosion of social media with the ambition of challenging the conventional agency model; pioneering and building her global business (now 300+ strong) predominantly through a remote working model, that to this day is truly innovative in the agency market.



Tobias Holfelt (Sweden)

is the founder of MB Market Makers. But we know him much better as the President and driving force of the SGLCC (Scandinavian Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce). SGLCC connects now already 20 companies and by doing this, it turns the for many abstract concept of 'supplier diversity' into a real business concept valid also for the LGBTI community. Tobias is co-founder of EGLCC, the European LGBTI Chamber of Commerce.



Norbert M. Grillitsch (Italy)

is the Member of the Board of the IGLBC – The Italian Gay Lesbian Business Chamber Rome. He is German, living in Rome since 1996, after 10+years of experience in HR and organisational development consultancy and in 2012 together with a partner, he started his own consultancy business ModusMaris which operates from Rome and Milan serves clients in the EMEA. He's a member of EDGE - Excellence & Diversity by LGBTI executives. Norbert is the co-founder of EGLCC.



Irena Moozová (Europe)

is a Director at the European Commission for Equality and Union Citizenship in its department for Justice (DG JUST). She is a Czech national and joined the Commission in 2006 as Head of EU Representation in Prague. Between May 2010 and April 2017 she was heading the Unit in charge of supporting the Commission Representations, in the Directorate-General for Communication. She graduated at the Prague Charles University Faculty of Law and completed postgraduate studies at Diplomatic Academy in Madrid.