Technical Info:

Working methods

Debates, workshops, trainings, presentations, political cafés, icebreakers, information market, cultural activities, excursions, open forum, sharing good practices.
We use formal and non-formal working methods.

Participants

The conference is planned for around 75 participants (living in the countries of the Council of Europe) who represent (inter)national human rights, antiracist, antifascist, refugee, and minority rights organisations. Active grass-roots groups from all over Europe are also invited. Participation is rotated from one conference to another.

Priority will be given to nominations from young delegates (under 30 years old) with a minority background. Preference is given to those organisations that are active in addressing fundamental rights and traditional values in society.

Participants should act as multipliers, spreading the information to as many people as possible. We will try to reach an equal balance of female/male participants and a good geographical distribution. Each organisation can nominate only ONE delegate.

Language

The conference language is English. All participants are expected to have at least basic knowledge of English. But don't worry; English is almost nobody's mother tongue. If you have difficulties in expressing yourself, surely we can help each other.

Financial conditions

Participation fee

The participation fee of the conference depends on the country where the nominating organisation is based:

120 Euro for participants from: A, B, CH, D, DK, F, FIN, GB, I, IS, L, N, NL, S

60 Euro for participants from: BG, CY, CZ, E, EE, GR, H, HR, IRL, LV, LT, M, P, PL, RO, SI, SK

50 Euro for participants from: AL, ARM, AZ, BH, BY, KZ, KY, MK, MNE, MD, RS, RUS, TR, UA, UZB, XZ

0 Euro for participants from Georgia

Full board & lodging & bus transfer to the venue & complete program are included.

Organisations that paid their 2014 supporter fee to the UNITED Network will receive a 50% reduction of the participation fee. More information on how to become a supporter you can find on our website.

Contribution to travel costs

Participants travelling from: A, B, CH, CY, D, DK, E, F, FIN, GB, GR, I, IS, IRL, L, M, N, NL, P, S, SI
UNITED can contribute maximum 75% to the costs of your travel, not more than 350 Euro.

Participants travelling from: BG, CZ, EE, H, HR, LV, LT, PL, RO, SI, SK
UNITED can contribute maximum 85% to the costs of your travel, not more than 300 Euro.

Participants travelling from:
AL, BH, BY, KZ, KY, MK, MNE, MD, RS, RUS, TR, UA, UZB, XZ
UNITED can contribute maximum 90% to the costs of your travel, not more than 325 Euro.

Participants travelling from Georgia, ARM, AZ
UNITED can contribute maximum 90% to the costs of your travel, not more than 60 Euro.

Please look for the cheapest and most environmentally friendly possibility to travel. We strongly encourage you to travel by night-train, bus or other cheaper means of transport to Tbilisi (from where we leave by bus to the venue).
For distances (one-way) under 800 km we can only contribute to costs of train or bus.

In order to be eligible for a contribution to your travel costs you are expected to attend the whole meeting and to prove your travel expenses providing an original invoice and all original tickets to UNITED.

UNITED can only contribute to travel costs made for the direct return route between your place of residence and Georgia.

UNITED conferences can only take place when participants make an effort to contribute financially to their travel costs. We ask you to find out if there are alternative possibilities of funding your participation. Sometimes it is possible to find small local grants (e.g. a travel grant from a foundation, a university, an embassy or another sponsor). We would very much appreciate your help, enabling us to invite more participants!

Since we have limited sponsored places, delegates that can cover (part of) their own travel costs have a higher chance to be selected.

Visa
The cost of your visa can be reimbursed by UNITED on the base of an original invoice from the Embassy.

Date and place
The conference will take place in a hotel situated 2,5 hours outside Tbilisi and will start on Monday 12 October 2014 at 12:00 in Tbilisi. After the opening, a transfer by bus will take us from Tbilisi City Centre to the venue near Borjomi.

Far most flights to Tbilisi arrive (also due to time difference) late night/ very early morning. We will organise 1 night hostel (shared bedrooms) in Tbilisi for those participants that have to arrive on 11 October or during the night.
Departure from Tbilisi is foreseen for 18 October 2014 after 15:00
If you wish to arrive earlier than 11 October or stay longer than 18 October in Tbilisi (at your own expense), we can help you to arrange your stay.

Further information
- Please fill in the online form completely providing all data as requested. If you invest more effort in the application it has more chance to be successful!
- Each organisation can nominate only ONE representative (living in Europe).
- Sending this form to UNITED does not guarantee that you will be selected for the conference - we receive many nominations.
- Only selected candidates will be informed about the result of their selection and receive further information via e-mail around 3 September 2014.