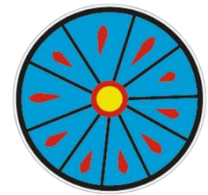


# International Networking meeting “UPGRADE 2018!”

**PROGRAM** 28-29 May 2018

House of European Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Fireplace Hall



**Mon 28 May 2018**

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Coffee & networking

11.00 p.m. **INAUGURATION OF THE UPGRADE NETWORK**

Welcoming words by Drom Association: Executive Director, Ms **Aino Sederholm**

Greetings by **Former Prime Minister of Finland Paavo Lipponen**

Greetings by H.E. **Ambassador of Finland Mr Olli Kantanen**

11.40 Introduction to Cultural Counsellor **Veijo Baltzar's** life work

11.45 – 12.00 Cultural Counsellor **Veijo Baltzar's** address

12.00 Announcement of **Cultural Counsellor Veijo Baltzar's** law initiatives for renewing European Union's policies of multiculturalism

13.00 Responses to **Veijo Baltzar's** law initiatives

- **Member of Parliament Mr Artis Gustovskis**
- **Prof., Dr.phil., Mr Juris Rozenvalds**, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Latvian University

13.45 – 15.00 **LUNCH BRAKE** (at own cost)

15.00 **DISCUSSION** on **Baltzar's** initiatives. At the end of the discussion will be selected declaration committee and its chairman, that will present the results and mutual statement the next day

16.15-16.45 **CONCLUSIONS**

## Tue 29 May

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee and networking

11.00 Morning greetings

11.15 Presentation (Drom Association) – How to upgrade the position and status of national minorities so that the whole society and its economic fabric will benefit? How should this be done in the field of arts and culture in the Baltic region and Europe?

11.45 “Round table” – Cultural exchange among participants. Presentation of cooperation initiatives and potential ideas of future collaboration and their discussion

13.30 – 14.30 **LUNCH BRAKE** (at own cost)

14.30 - 15.30 DISCUSSION, Conclusions

15.30 – Working of declaration committee

16.30-17.00 Presentation of the declaration and results of the conference

Among conference participants there will be following international guests and representatives:

Elena Larionova, Director of Music Theatre of Republic of Karelia,

Russia Kalev Kudu, Tartu Student Theatre, Director, Estonia

Denis Cooguy, Pskov Academic Theatre, Russia

Victor Polyakoff, Maardu Cultural Centre, Director, Estonia

Kamila Buchalska, Editor-in-chief, Publishing Company Książkowe Klimaty, Poland

Cultural Counsellor Veijo Baltzar, Finland

Drom Association & International Roma Writer Association, Finland