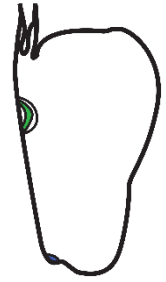


# DRAFT PROGRAM, "UPGRADE 2018!"

Embassy of Finland, Aura Hall, 26-27 September 2018

Address K. Kalinausko g. 24, Vilnius



## Wed 26 September 2018

9.30 a.m. Coffee & networking

10.00 p.m. INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE UPGRADE SEMINAR

Welcoming words by Drom

**OPENING SPEECH:** The President of Sankt-Petersburg Writer Union **Mr Valeri Popov**

Speech by H.E. Ambassador of Finland **Mr Christer Michelsson**

Video greeting by Finland former Prime Minister **Mr Paavo Lipponen**

Speech by Director of Lithuanian Russian Drama Theatre, Ms **Olga Polevikova**

*(Other ceremony speakers to be soon confirmed)*

11.10 Introduction to Cultural Counsellor Veijo Baltzar's life work

11.15 – 11.30 Cultural Counsellor **Veijo Baltzar's address**

11.30 – 12.10 Announcement of Cultural Counsellor **Veijo Baltzar's initiatives** for renewing European Union's policies of multiculturalism

12.10 Responses to Veijo Baltzar's law initiatives

*(speakers to be soon confirmed)*

13.30 – 14.30 LUNCH BREAK (at own cost)

14.30 **DISCUSSION** on Baltzar's initiatives. Forming a declaration committee and its chairman, that will present the results and mutual statement the next day

16.00-16.30 CONCLUSIONS

## Thu 27 September 2018

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee and networking

10.00 – 10.10 Cultural programme

10.10 Presentation (DROM) – 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?

10.40 "ROUND TABLE" – Cultural exchange among participants. Presentation of cooperation initiatives and potential ideas of future collaboration and their discussion

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH BREAK (at own cost)

14.00 - 15.30 DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS

15.30-16.30 Presentation of declaration and results of the conference, interviews