

# **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

**European Networking Conference** 

Queering Football: Addressing Homophobia at Mega-Sport Events

17.-18 November 2017 | University of Ljubljana

Dear friends and colleagues!

In mid November a networking conference takes place in the framework of the Queering Football project. We invite football clubs, supporter groups, NGOs, athletes, football activists, sport associations, academics, students and everybody who is interested to discuss about homophobia in football, the progress made and the challenges ahead.

## **About the conference**

In anticipation of the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2018 in Russia, SPOLINT in association with VIDC will host a two-day conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Homophobia – prejudices and violence against LGBTIQs – is still one of the main and untackled problems in European football.

The conference will bring together administrators from international and national sport organisations, including FIFA, UEFA, as well as representatives from grassroots organisations, NGOs, clubs, professional players and athletes, activists in LGBT rights, academics and sports professionals.

## **Target groups**

The aim of the conference is to foster the exchange of ideas how to tackle homophobia, and how to create awareness about discrimination in sports in particular in the framework of Mega-Sport Events. We are inviting fan groups, NGOs, athletes, activists, national and international sport associations, academics, students and everybody who is interested to this conference.

## **Programme**

The provisional programme of the conference can be found here.



















The programme and the list of speakers will be continuously up-dated. Conference language: English

## Registration

Registration is required until 8 November 2017. Please return the <u>Registration Form</u> to info[at]spolint.org

After your registration you will receive a letter confirming your participation (places are limited).

#### **Costs**

There is no conference fee; the costs of the conference are covered by the project, this includes catering and the networking dinner. All travel and accommodation costs have to be organised and paid by the participants.

#### Venue

University of Ljubljana - Faculty of Sport Gortanova ulica 22 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

## **Contact and further information**

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