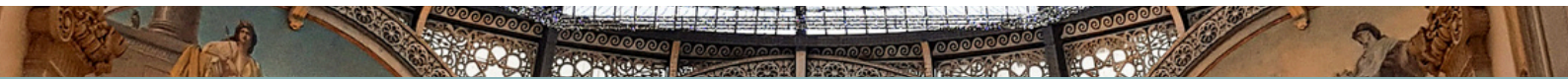




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Bridging Beliefs Strengthening Interfaith and Interconvictional Dialogue for Democratic Europe



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Agenda



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9.00 9.30

Welcome and informal networking

9.30 9.50

Institutional opening

- **Marco Boaria** - Executive Director and Deputy Secretary General of ALDA
- **Elena Buscemi** - Chair of the Milan City Council
- **Antonella Sberna** - Vice President of EP, Regional policy and cohesion, Territorial development Institutional relations between the EU and local/regional authorities (video message)
- **Mustafa Roma** - Secretary General COREIS

9.50 10.00

Overview of the project Bridging Beliefs - ALDA

10.00 10.30

Keynote speech: Interfaith and interconvictional dialogue in Europe: where do we stand?

- **Vincent Depaigne** - Coordinator for the Article 17 dialogue with churches, religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations, European Commission (online)
- **Teresa Albano** - Senior Programme Manager, The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)



10.30 11.30

Interactive Roundtable 1: The role of Interfaith and Interconvictional Dialogue and cooperation in fostering peace education and democracy

- **Carlo Luyckx** - EBU Vice President and manager of a Tibetan Buddhist temple in Brussels
- **Imam Yahya Pallavicini** - Vice President of COREIS
- **Rabbi Alfonso Arbib** - Jewish education, interreligious dialogue, and public engagement on religious and ethical issues in Italy TBC
- **Bhikkhunī Dhammadinā** - PhD, visiting professor for Buddhist studies at the University of California at Berkeley
- **Don Pietro Lorenzo Maggioni** - PhD, Professor of Theology of Religions and Ecumenism at the Seminary of Milan

11.30 12.00

Coffee break



12.00 13.00

Interactive Roundtable 2: Interfaith and Interconvictional Governance challenges and opportunities: From a global to a local perspective

- **Carlo Luyckx** - EBU Vice President and manager of a Tibetan Buddhist temple in Brussels
- **Amina Croce** - Youth Ambassador at Muslim Jewish Leadership Council
- **Benedetto Zacchioli** - President of European Coalition of Cities Against Racism
- **Eirini Mastora** - Project Manager at Equal Society
- **Mirela Despotović** - Founder ZAMAH Foundation

13.00 14.15

Lunch break

14.15 15.15

Interactive Roundtable 3: Interfaith and Interconvictional Governance for democratic decision-making and inclusive civil spaces: good practices and policies

- **Anna Scavuzzo** - Vice Mayor city of Milan
- **Livia Ottolenghi** - President of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI) TBC
- **Representative of Municipality of Brescia** - TBC
- **Fatima Zahra Dahir** - Member of Council of Siziano, PROMUS
- **Nejra Kadic Meskic** - Program manager at the Center for Cultural Dialogue

15.15 16.45

Parallel thematic groups: Building Inclusive Communities and Democratic Resilience

16.45 17.00

Closing remarks and evaluation questionnaire