

May 19–20, 2026

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iN'26
Forum

Integration & Inclusion

iN'26: Integration and
Inclusion Forum

Program

The conference moderator is:
Živilė Kropaitė-Basiulė,
journalist, TV and event host

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

- 08:30 – 09:00** **Welcome coffee and registration**
- 09:00 – 09:30** **Opening of the forum, welcoming remarks**
Inga Ruginienė
Prime Minister
Vladislav Kondratovič
Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
Dainius Babilas
Director of the Department of National Minorities under the
Government of the Republic of Lithuania
- 09:30 – 10:00** **Building resilience together: social
cohesion as an investment in
peace and security**
Speaker: Christophe Kamp
OSCE High Commissioner
for National Minorities
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Presentation of the Methodology for
Monitoring the Situation of
Ethnic Minorities**
Speaker: Dr. Monika Frejutė-Rakauskienė
Head of the Department of Ethnic Studies,
Institute of Sociology, LSMC



10:30 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:15

Migration: Improper use of subsidies can harm the economy

Speaker: Dr. Adomas Klimantas

Associate Professor at ISM University of Management and Economics, Economist at the Investors' Forum

11:15 – 12:45

Discussion: Multi-level integration and inclusion: Partnerships between local governments and civil society in the Nordic and Baltic countries

Discussion partners:
Public Institution „Diversity Development Group“

Panelists:

Helena Viks

Integration Project Manager,
Pärnu City Government, Estonia

Mads Ted Drud-Jensen

Senior Integration Consultant,
Danish Refugee Council, Denmark

Julie Breton

Executive Director of “Moniheli”, Finland

Gabriela Mickevič-Jara

Integration Coordinator,
Vilnius District Municipality, Lithuania

The discussion will be moderated
by Dr. Karolis Žibas

Founder of the Diversity Development Group,
Advisor on Research and Policy Issues

12:45 – 13:45

Break

13:45 – 15:15

Political debates: From 1926 to today — have we progressed in representing everyone?

In accordance with a resolution of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, 2026 has been designated as the Year of Lithuania's Ethnic Communities, as it marks the 100th anniversary of the inclusion of ethnic minorities in the Seimas' ruling coalition in 1926. To mark this anniversary, the Department of National Minorities invites you to participate in a discussion on the political representation of national minorities. Are national minorities represented today? Do politicians hear their needs and expectations? What could we do differently?

Participants of the debates:

Dalia Asanavičiūtė-Gružauskienė

Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Homeland Union–Lithuanian Christian Democrats



Ligita Girskienė

Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuanian Peasants and Greens Union

Prof. Raimundas Lopata

Director of the Liberalis Institute, Liberal Movement

Grzegorz Sakson

Electoral Action of Poles in Lithuania – Christian Families Alliance

Laurynas Šedvydis

Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Lithuanian Social Democratic Party

Tomas Tomilinas

Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, The Union of Democrats „For Lithuania“

The debate will be moderated by: Aleksandra Ketlerienė

Journalist, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of LRT.lt

15:15 – 16:15

Discussion: Experiences and Opportunities in Multicultural Education in Lithuania

Panelists: Prof. Alfredas Bumblauskas

Vilnius University

Ona Vyšniauskė

Director of the British Council in Lithuania,
Associate Professor at the Faculty of Economics
and Business Administration, Vilnius University

Aidas Gedminas

Director of the Public Institution “Youth Personal Development Center”

Agnė Klimčiauskaitė-Janavičienė

founder of Gravitas Schola, school principal, and head of education

The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Barbara Stankiewicz

Associate Professor at Mykolas Romeris University,
Founder of the NGO InBetween

16:15 – 16:40

Coffee break

16:40 – 17:40

Presentation: “Inconvenient Cinema” Class Session

Class 1: Bashir in Wonderland

Ten-year-old Bashir lives with his family in a Sahrawi refugee camp in the Sahara Desert. Days in the camp pass slowly and monotonously, especially during the summer when there are no classes. The boy dreams of swimming in the distant sea. One day, Bashir receives an invitation to spend his holidays in Barcelona with a Spanish family. Could this experience change his life?

Educator: Kristina Sagaidak

The session will be held in English.

Class 2: Two Homes of Jasmina

Jasmina's parents decide to move back to their homeland, Somaliland. The girl



is forced to face the biggest change in her life—saying goodbye to her favorite playgrounds and her best friend, Marijam. Jasmina is struck by how different Somaliland is from Finland: the streets are unpaved, people speak so loudly it seems like they are arguing, there are no playgrounds, people eat with their hands instead of using utensils, and camels walk through the streets. After recovering from the cultural shock, Jasmina discovers that there is something familiar here after all—no one looks at her strangely as they did in Finland. Maybe having two homes isn't so bad?

Educator: Jurgita Rudėnaitė

The session will be held in Lithuanian.

Class 3: The Second Home of Vilnius Roma

In Vilnius, there is an informal multicultural space called “Padėk Pritapti” (“Help to Fit In”), where young Roma can be themselves. The space’s leaders, Inga and Agnieška, talk about the challenges Roma children face in the education system. The young people themselves share how they learn to overcome these challenges by engaging in sports, cultural activities, and searching for a suitable profession. Will they manage to overcome discrimination?

Educator: Veronika Mačinskaitė

The session will be held in Lithuanian.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome coffee and registration

09:30 – 10:00

Trust in the media in a context of growing ethnic diversity – a prerequisite for integration

Marko Krapu

Executive Producer at Finland’s public broadcaster Yle

10:00 – 11:00

Discussion: Media Without Credibility: Freedom or Crisis in a Multilingual Society?

Participants in the process

Dr. Patricija Lenčiauskienė

Ph.D. in Communication and Information Sciences, co-founder of the „Mediasensus“ organization

Danil Lopatkin

Senior Specialist at the Cultura Foundation (Finland)

Monika Juškevičiūtė-Muravjova

journalist at the LRT Ethnic Communities Content Group

Walenty Wojnillo

Director of the WILNOTEKA Media Center, Member of the Council for National Minorities, and Chairman of the Association „Lithuanian Polish Media“

The discussion will be moderated by **Živilė Kropaitė-Basiulė**

journalist, TV and event host

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break



11:15 – 11:45

Hate speech against ethnic minorities in court cases: Aspects of the study “Characteristics and Criteria for Identifying Hate Speech: A Linguistic and Legal Analysis”

Speaker: Jūratė Ruzaitė

Researcher at the Department of Foreign Languages, Literature, and Translation Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Vytautas Magnus University

11:45 – 12:45

Discussion: Algorithms That Teach Us to Hate / Like, Share, Hate!

Participants in the discussion:

Ivanas Kvik

Member of the Council for National Minorities, Chairman of the Lithuanian Roma Community

Aleksandr Radčenko

Parliamentary Ombudsman

Dainius Radzevičius

Journalists' Ethics Inspector

Giedrė Zurbaitė

Data Analyst at Mediaskopas, a media monitoring and analytics company

dr. Vuk Vukotić

Vilnius universiteto docentas, skandinavistikos centro vedėjas ir VŠĮ „Sienos grupė“ steigiamasis narys

dr. Viktor Denisenko

Vice Minister of Culture

The discussion will be moderated by Ernest Alesin

Program Director at Radio R, Vice President for International Affairs of the Lithuanian Journalists' Union

12:45 – 13:45

Break

13:45 – 14:15

Refugees from Ukraine in Lithuania: Social and Economic Insights Based on the 2025 SEIS Study

Speaker: Renata Kuleš

UNHCR Liaison Officer to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

14:15 – 15:15

Ethnic Communities: Is the Potential of Non-Governmental Organizations Being Fully Utilized?

Belek Aidarov

Chair of the Kyrgyz Community in Lithuania

Liudvika Kardis

Director of the Ivano Luckevičius Belarusian Museum



Evelina Paulavičienė

Vice Chair of the Council for National Minorities,
Chair of the Greek Society of Lithuania "Patrida"

Olga Polevikova

Lecturer at EHU, member of the Council for National Minorities,
and chair of the association "Civic Dialogue Initiative"

Moderator: Eugenija Kovaliova

Head of Partnerships at the Open Lithuania Foundation

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30

**Youth Discussion and Vision Lab: "What's Next?
A Sketch for Lithuania"**

Discussion moderator: Aidas Gedminas

Director of the Public Institution "Youth Personal Development Center"

16:30 – 17:30

Final discussions and closing of the forum

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