



ECAD 24 MAYORS' CONFERENCE
KAUNAS: JUNE 12-13, 2017

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SAFE CITIES WITHOUT
DRUGS:
PREVENTING, PROTECTING,
POLICING



June 12-13, 2017
Kaunas, Lithuania
Hosted by the City of Kaunas

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

On June 12-13, 2017 the City of Kaunas will host the 24th ECAD Annual Mayors' Conference "Safe Cities Without Drugs. Preventing, Protecting, Policing".

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in this important conference and to share successful examples of prevention, discuss common problems and find common solutions.

Safe cities without drugs are the cities preventing effectively, policing crime, protecting the citizens and their health.

Contribution of every single specialist, expert and politician is crucial, as every decision influences us. All the decisions together shape the drug prevention policy. I believe that dedicated and strong people and timely investment into primary prevention can give results.

Among our guests I welcome European cities' Mayors and politicians, representatives of police, civil servants, addiction specialists, medical practitioners, - all having a possibility to share their knowledge.

I wish you to discover in Kaunas the formula of success in reducing the abuse of illicit substances in our communities!



Mayor of KAUNAS

Visvaldas Matijošaitis

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINE

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH

Arrivals

19.00-20.30 Welcome Reception for those who arrived.
Best Western Santaka Hotel, 21, J. Gruodžio g.

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

The Conference

8.00 -9.00 **Registration**

9.00 Opening and Welcome Speech: Mayor of Kaunas
Viggo Lütcherath, Chairman of ECAD
Keynote Speeches

19.00 Mayor's Reception at Kaunas Town Hall (15, Rotušės sq.)
hosted by Kaunas Municipality

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH

9.00 **Keynote speeches continue**

13.00 LUNCH

Cultural programme of your choice:

- 14.00**
- A) Excursion to KGB Atomic Bunker
 - B) Visit Interwar Modernist Architecture guided tour and Ciurlionis National Museum of Art
 - C) Visit to the "Full House Community", Panara village

SELECTION OF SPEAKERS:

SAFE CITIES : PREVENTING

Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis:

Cities lead way in large scale reduction of drug use

- Cities and local governments are key in addressing the global drug problem. Reykjavik, ECAD member city, reduced its level of adolescent substance use from the highest in comparison with all the European countries in 1998 to the lowest in 2017. The Icelandic methodology of evidence based primary prevention is now being exported to 40 countries across the globe.

Inga Dora Sigfusdottir, PhD in Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, is a founder and director of research at the Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis and project director for the research part of Youth in Europe Project (YiE).

[Read about the Icelandic Model explained at Independent.co.uk](http://Independent.co.uk)

OSCE: ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Preventing Terrorism and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that lead to Terrorism: A community and Intelligence Led Policing Approach

There has been a growing recognition that the broader public, individuals and communities are stakeholders and partners in countering terrorism, rather than simply the passive object of law enforcement activities.

Community and intelligence led policing, with its focus on establishing police–public partnerships for proactive problem solving, can make a tangible and durable contribution to broader strategic efforts to prevent terrorism and counter violent extremism.

Maica Wurmboeck, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE

SAFE CITIES : PROTECTING

ESCAPING ADDICTION? FULL RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE!

Experience of San Patrignano -

the world's largest therapeutic community

- There is a growing movement of former drug users and practitioners, who advocate a recovery approach to substance dependence. The recovery approach emphasizes and supports a person's potential for full recovery.

Italian recovery community San Patrignano has given a new chance to more than 25,000 young people suffering from addiction for the last 35 years at minimum cost for tax payers. San Patrignano has also inspired treatment centres and municipalities in Europe to better organize treatment services.

ECAD and San Patrignano are currently implementing a EU project on Rehabilitation for Recovery and Reinsertion for addicts.

Monica Barzanti, Head of International Relations, San Patrignano Community.

Monica Barzanti is an active member of many international networks of professionals dealing with drug addiction in the EU and works also at the UN level.

SAFE CITIES : POLICING

EUROPOL: EUROPEAN ILLICIT DRUG MARKET AND ITS CONNECTION TO OTHER FORMS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Laimonas Vasiliauskas, Senior Operations Specialist, Europol drugs coordinator, based in Haag, the Netherlands.

NEXUS BETWEEN DRUGS, ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM

- The lines between large scale trafficking in drugs, organized crime and terrorism are becoming increasingly blurred. Perpetrators of recent terrorist attacks in Europe are often found among petty criminals and drug traffickers. How can this be explained and what can be done about it?

Daniela Irrera, Ass. Professor of Political Science and IR, University of Catania, Italy, elected President of European Peace Research Association, EuPRA.

Daniela Irrera is an Associate Professor of International Relations and Global Civil Society at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Catania.

Conference

- June 11** Arrivals, rooms available for national network and other meetings.
Evening: Welcome reception for those who arrived
- June 12-13** Conference program

Venue

Kaunas City Municipality, Grand Hall, *Laisves av.94*

Accommodation

You book your accommodation yourself, contact your chosen hotel and state that yours is an ECAD booking.

[The Kaunas Hotel](#) (single room with breakfast 55 € + 0,50€ a pillow tax per night) Deadline for booking at this rate is May 1, 2017 (www.kaunashotel.lt).

[Best Western Santaka Hotel](#) (single room with breakfast 45 € + 0,50€ a pillow tax per night) Deadline for booking at this rate is May 1, 2017 (Contact the hotel: hotel@santakahotel.eu Or <http://santakahotel.eu/LTKaunas>).

[Best Western Santaka Hotel](#) and [The Kaunas Hotel](#) are available for ECAD conference guests at a special negotiated price by May 1, 2017.

It is very convenient to use both hotels` shuttle service offer to get to Kaunas if you arrive at Vilnius airport. The service costs 80 € and you will receive this offer when your booking is received and approved by the hotel you choose.

Conference booking

Conference Booking Form is available at www.ecad.net

Languages

The conference language is English

Travel / Airport Transfer

Nearest airports:
Kaunas Airport, www.kaunas-airport.lt
Vilnius Airport, <http://www.vilnius-airport.lt/en/>

Conference fee

For ECAD member cities: one delegate per member city is free of charge

All other members: 80€ and non-members: 100€ per person
We invoice you when we receive your booking.

Further information

[Www.ecad.net](http://www.ecad.net)

