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Invitation to the Final Conference of the Daphne Project

Active Against Forced Marriage

Wednesday 29 April 2009 at 5 p.m.
Hanse-Office, Brussels



Behörde für Soziales,
Familie, Gesundheit
und Verbraucherschutz



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Forced marriage is a severe violation of human rights. It offends against the law of all European states and represents an important political issue in Europe.

In order to protect the rights of the women (and men) affected it is important to forcefully combat this form of human rights violation. Therefore Hamburg's Ministry of Social and Family Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection launched the European project "Active Against Forced Marriage" two years ago, which has been co-funded by the Daphne Programme of the European Union. Together with our project partners from six countries we have developed guidelines for both politics and administration.

We would like to present and discuss these guidelines in our final event hoping that new and innovative approaches for action will be implemented – both on a national and a European level. The measures and strategies developed and practised in all partner countries give an important impulse in this direction.

The exchange and experiences within the project showed that an effective preventive fight against forced marriage should also be part of strategies towards an innovative European social, equality and integration policy. I wish that the findings of this project will inspire further discussions all over Europe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dietrich Wersich". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dietrich Wersich

Minister of Social and Family Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection,
Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Final Conference

of the Daphne project **“Active Against Forced Marriage”**

- 5.00 pm Registration and welcome coffee
- 5.15 pm **Welcome address**
Dr. Lars Friedrichsen
Acting Director of the Hanse-Office
- 5.20 pm **“The Spirit of Daphne”**
Ingrid Bellander-Todino
Daphne Programme Coordinator, European Commission
- 5.35 pm **Presentation of the guidelines of the Daphne project
“Active Against Forced Marriage”**
Senator Dietrich Wersich,
Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Social and
Family Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
- 5.55 pm **Panel debate:
Together Against Forced Marriage in Europe**
- Senator Dietrich Wersich*
Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg; Minister of Social and
Family Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
- Lissy Gröner*
Member of the European Parliament
- Ingrid Bellander-Todino*
Daphne-Programme Coordinator, European Commission
- Martha Franken*
Director, Coordinator International Equal Opportunities,
Ministry of Flanders
- Colette De Troy*
Director, European Policy Action Centre on Violence
against Women
- 7.00 pm Reception