



International conference

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Mental Health Care

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The Palace of the Grand  
Dukes, Vilnius, Lithuania

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Service users and mental health professionals can both benefit from accessible and acceptable mental health services. But how to make sure services actually are accessible and appropriate to as many users as possible and how to empower health staff to provide services and treatments with a sustainable and positive impact?

The conference will provide a forum to exchange ideas on enhancing accessible and acceptable mental health care: what do we talk about? How do we talk about it? With whom? What are the perspectives, experiences, and expectations of service users and mental health professionals and how do we integrate them in service development?

Among the more than forty international speakers are internationally renowned experts on mental health care: persons with lived experience, mental health professionals and other experts from more than a dozen countries in Europe, Africa, North America and Oceania.

The conference language is English, Russian simultaneous translation will be provided.

The program of the conference includes a top level social program, including a concert by the renowned Odessa concert pianist Aleksei Botvinov and the play "Be a Wolf" by the Icelandic National Theatre based on the book by Hedinn Unsteinsson.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Health and mental health professionals
- Community-based organizations
- Policy makers
- Government decision-makers
- Researchers
- Persons with lived experience and their family/carers



## CONFERENCE CITY

### Vilnius. Rich in history and modern activities

Vilnius charms with its labyrinthine UNESCO-listed Old Town, sleek business district, elegant city centre with many open squares and parks, and its historic suburbs. The city is compact and walkable, and its major meeting facilities, hotels, cosy restaurants and attractions are all within walking distance.

Whereas Vilnius rivals its European counterparts in terms of what it offers international meeting and event guests, when it comes to contemporary cultures, the city prefers to dance to the beat of its own drum. This is evident in its thriving culinary scene, diverse events calendar, and dynamic artistic community, which is always looking for new ways to inspire, innovate and collaborate with like-minded people.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

### The Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

The conference will take place in an extraordinary venue – the Palace of the Grand Dukes, located in the heart of the Old Town of Lithuania's capital Vilnius. During the 15th, 16th centuries and the first half of the 17th century the Palace of the Grand Dukes was a political, diplomatic, administrative and cultural center of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, at that time the biggest country in Europe.

At the beginning of the 19th century, at the initiative of the Tsarist Russian administration, the residence of Lithuanian rulers was destroyed. It was restored only in 2013. It is currently active as museum and conference center, and the venue will offer an incredible experience to the conference participants.

Conference participants will be able to take part in a wide range of guided tours and visits to important sites, such as the old Medieval castle at Trakai and the interwar capital Kaunas, which is in 2022 a European Cultural Capital with an extensive cultural program.

## REGISTRATION

Registration fees are dependent on your country of origin and background. Special fees are available to students and to persons with lived experience. Your fee not only enables us to organize this high-level conference but also to make it possible for as many persons with lived experience to participate. The conference is organized without any financial support from pharmaceutical industry.

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