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Speeches

Welcome address by H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania, at the conference "Horizons of Social Sciences and Humanities"

Dear Participants of the Conference,
Dear Organizers and Guests,

As Lithuania presides over the Council of the European Union this half year, it seeks to consolidate the Community as an open, credible and creative family of nations united by shared values and common vision.

Therefore, we focus not only on the political and economic agenda, but also on other aspects that enable modern Europe to move forward on the path of progress and prosperity.

Prominent European researchers and university lecturers of social Sciences and humanities, representatives of political science institutions, the business community, and non-governmental organizations are attending this international conference.

Together you will address many important issues relating to role of social sciences and humanities in delivering the Horizon 2020 Programme.

Social sciences and humanities allow us to better perceive ourselves and the surrounding environment as well as to understand our expectations, ideas and our own place in the world.

Social sciences and humanities help find the answers to existential questions, issues of general welfare, global stability and peace.

These sciences deliver knowledge and experience to address conflicts and achieve peace through negotiations, collaborative work and communication - not by force or arms. In particular, they are behind our expertise to solve the essential problems of stability, welfare and peace.

Studies in social sciences and humanities offer people and society a humanistic and holistic approach to their surroundings, the basic principles of communication and a broad cultural outlook.

It is the human mindset and behavior - not machines, technology or arms - that predetermine our future. Social sciences and humanities have a mission to develop these competences and social innovations.

It is here that you will build a road to the Europe of tomorrow - a modern and strong Europe where innovation and the integration of sciences and humanities will be a strong driver of our path to the future.

So as I extend my greetings to the participants of this conference, I invite you first of all to share your insights about the man and society of today and tomorrow - the source of all and everything.

I wish you many interesting moments and inspiring discussions!

Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania

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