



”GENDER IDENTITY AND HEALTH CARE”

- a national conference arranged by the Danish Health Authority

Venue: Scandic Copenhagen, Vester Søgade 6, Copenhagen V

Moderator: Bente Dalsbæk

12.00 – 12.30	Registration & Sandwich
12.30 – 12.35	<u>Welcome</u> Søren Brostrøm, Director General Danish Health Authority
12.35 – 13.05	<u>The Dutch experience</u> Prof. Peggy T. Cohen-Kettenis, Amsterdam
13.05 – 13.25	<u>The Swedish experience</u> Prof. Stefan Arver, Stockholm
13.25 – 13.45	<u>A human rights perspective on trans-specific healthcare</u> Richard Köhler, Berlin
13.45 – 14.15	Q & A
14.15 – 14.45	Coffee
14.45 – 15.15	<u>The Danish experience - the professionals</u> Dr. Birte Smidt, Copenhagen Dr. Astrid Højgaard, Aalborg
15.15 – 15.45	<u>The Danish experience – the activists</u> Linda Thor Pedersen, LGBT Danmark Helle Jacobsen, Amnesty Julia Ro Robotham, Transpolitisk Forum
15.45 – 16.30	Q & A
16.30 – 16.40	<u>Wrap-up and take home messages</u> Søren Brostrøm, Director General Danish Health Authority



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[Peggy Cohen-Kettenis](#) is a psychologist and PhD from Utrecht University, where she was a professor of psychology from 1987 to 2002. From 2002 to 2013 she was a full professor at the VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam. She has extensive clinical and scientific experiences in the areas of gender identity, gender studies, human sexology, psychosexual development etc. Prof Cohen-Kettenis is a pioneer in setting up and developing care for gender dysphoria in the Netherlands. She is also a member of the World Health Organizations Working Group on the Classification of Sexual Disorders and Sexual Health (WGDSH), the European Network for the Investigation of Gender Incongruence (ENIGI), and she was a coauthor on the latest edition of the Standards of Care of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). She is currently Professor Emerita and still active in the field. In 2013 she was knighted for her contributions (Order of the Netherlands Lion).

[Stefan Arver](#) is a medical doctor and endocrinologist, specializing in andrology and sexual medicine. He is an Associate Professor at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. He is the Director of the Center for Andrology and Sexual Medicine at Karolinska University Hospital, a multidisciplinary group encompassing endocrinology, psychiatry, behavioral science, laboratory medicine, preclinical cell and molecular biology as well as nursing.

[Richard Köhler](#) leads the advocacy and policy work of Transgender Europe (TGEU), a European human rights NGO with 130 member organizations in 42 countries in Europe and beyond. Richard co-authored the Best Practice Catalogue “Human Rights and Gender Identity” and “Legal Gender Recognition in Europe”, and he contributed to the first fully trans-inclusive Recommendations by the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers, and he worked closely with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on its historic resolution “Transgender Discrimination in Europe” (April 2015). Richard holds a degree in International Business Administration with specialization in Eastern European Transformation Countries.

[Bente Dalsbæk](#) is a Danish lawyer, author and journalist. She has previously worked as a civil servant in the Danish government and Parliament, and is currently host of a debate program on national radio.

[Linda Thor Pedersen](#) is the spokesperson on transgender issues for LGBT Denmark – The Danish national organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons. She is a 51-year-old woman assigned male at birth and a volunteer at LGBT Denmark fighting for transgender rights.

[Julia Ro Robotham](#) is activist at Trans Political Forum - A group providing a platform for transgender activism. Ro is a neuropsychologist, who has experience from working in the Danish health care system.

[Helle Jacobsen](#) is the program lead for gender, LGBT and women’s rights at Amnesty International Denmark. She has worked with transgender access to health and work as well as LGBTI rights the last 8 years.

[Birte Smidt](#) is a consultant psychiatrist and she heads the sexological clinic of the Mental Health Services in the Capital Region of Denmark.

[Astrid Højgaard](#) is a consultant gynecologist-obstetrician and associate professor, and she heads the sexological center at Aalborg University Hospital.

[Søren Brostrøm](#) has since 2015 been the Director General of the Danish Health Authority.