



EVL - EFHOH Conference 2025

"Achieving Equality for Hard of Hearing people"

Hosted by: Eesti Vaegkuuljate Liit and European Federation of Hard of Hearing People

Date: Friday, 25 April 2025

Location: Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel Tallinn

Address: 27 Toompuiestee, Paldiski mnt 4, 10149 Tallinn, Estonia

Time: 08:00-17:00 + Gala Dinner

Agenda

Time	Session
08:00-09:00	Registration, welcome coffee in Lobby room, first floor.
09:00-09:20	Welcome speech by President of European Federation of Hard of Hearing People (EFHOH) and Eesti Vaegkuuljate Liit (EVL).
Part 1: A Sustainable Work Life for Hard of Hearing People	
09:20 - 10:00	Keynote: Discrimination at the workplace, learnings from an Estonian court case by Dr Julia Laffranque , Justice at the Supreme Court of Estonia, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights 2011-2020.

10:00 - 10:20	"European Disability Card, a game changer for Europeans with disabilities?" by Meelis Joost , Chairman at Estonian Chamber of People with Disabilities.
10:20 - 10:40	"What Alternative Report for United Nations Convention for the Rights of People with Disabilities tells us about Hard of Hearing People in Europe" by EFHOH representative .
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee Break

Part 2: Hearing Care as Integral Part of Sustainable Working Life

11:10 - 11:30	Speaker to be confirmed.
11:30 - 11:45	"What is next for hearing care in Europe?" by Mark Laureyns , President, European Association of Hearing Aid Professionals (AEA).
11:45 - 12:00	Group Photo
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break (Buffet)
14:00 - 14:30	"Health services fit for hard of hearing people" by Riina Sikkut , Estonian Minister of Health.
14:30 - 14:50	"DNA tests and hereditary hearing loss" by Dr Kaarel Krjutškov , Head of Celvia, medical laboratory, and Associate Professor at the University of Tartu.
14:50 - 15:10	"Cochlear Implants and spatial hearing" by Dr Francesco Pavani , CHERISH Project.

Part 3: Developments in Technology Enabling Hearing Access

15:10 - 15:30	"Speech recognition in TV and a hybrid of speech to text and automatic subtitles" by Tanel Alumäe , Tallinna University of Technology.
15:30 - 16:00	"Soundfr: Estonian start-up, new technological solutions for hard of hearing" by Diana Legusš .
16:00 - 16:15	Demo: Latest hearing access technology.
16:15 - 16:45	Panel discussion: "Assistive Technologies for Hard of Hearing" chaired by EFHOH, with speakers above.
16:45 - 17:00	Closing words from EFHOH/EVL.
19:00	Gala Dinner with Estonian food and entertainment.

NOTE: *Conference Agenda is subject to change.*