

UNDERSTANDING HUMANITARIAN ACTION:**FINDING THE SPACE****NOHA Awareness raising seminar****12th November, 2013****Vilnius****Category:** Event**Date:** 12-11-2013**Place:** Vilnius University, Universiteto g. 3, Vilnius, Lithuania**E-mail:** renata.vaisviliene@gmail.com**Framework:**

The second half of 2013 Lithuania takes the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The rotating Presidency is an opportunity to prove that the country is an honest and reliable partner, in order to enhance its positive image. The rotating Presidency also provides an opportunity to promote the interests of society in EU membership, and to involve citizens in the decision making process.

Organising Committee – Vilnius university, Law Faculty

Together with the Faculty of Law at Vilnius University, the Network of Humanitarian Action NOHA (International Association of Universities), organises an awareness raising seminar to discuss the challenges and scope of international humanitarian action, its potential and requirements.

Objective:

The main aims of this seminar are:

- To raise public awareness about humanitarian action globally, at the European level, and regionally (in particular the Baltic region) about challenges, requirements and opportunities for international humanitarian action.
- To reach Lithuanian civil society, the NGO sector, media, government representatives

Content:

The conference will focus on issues relevant to finding the space in international humanitarian action and building regional capacity. Main pannels are:

- Understanding reality of humanitarian aid.
- Understanding professionalism in humanitarian action.
- Understanding possibilities and constraints.

Afternoon session is devoted for working groups, that will be focusing on a finding a space for regional humanitarian actors, financial constraints, role sharing in implementing the EVHAC.