



7th Annual Assembly of  
the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum  
**MOVING REFORMS  
FORWARD  
IN TESTING TIMES**  
19-21 November 2015, Kyiv, Ukraine

## AGENDA

Ramada Encore Hotel  
Stolichnoe Shosse 103

### Arrival day

#### 19 November, Thursday

15:00-18:00	Registration
15:00-16:00	Induction session for new participants
16:30-18:00	Panel discussion “Civil Society - Principle Driver of Reforms: Ukrainian case”
18:15-20:00	Interactive Projects and Networking Fair “ <i>Civil Society in Action</i> ”
20:00-21:30	Reception and presentation of awards for the best EaP CSF project ideas in 2015

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### Day 1

#### 20 November, Friday

8:30- 9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	<b>Opening session</b> followed by the Q&A session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Mikayel Hovhannisyan</b>, Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)</li><li>● <b>Johannes Hahn</b>, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy &amp; Enlargement Negotiations</li><li>● <b>Arseniy Yatsenyuk</b>, Prime Minister of Ukraine</li><li>● <b>Heidi Hautala</b>, Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly Moderator: <b>Iryna Sushko</b>, Ukrainian National Platform of the EaP CSF</li></ul>
10:00-10:15	<b>Presentation of a special award for the Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel</b> in recognition of her contribution to the European Union’s Eastern

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Partnership policy by Krzysztof Bobinski, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP

**10:15-12:00** Panel discussion **Eastern Partnership between a Fixed Formula and Menu a La Carte**

- **Katarina Mathernova**, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission
  - **Natalia Gherman**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (TBC)
  - **Andrei Yahorau**, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF
  - **Richard Youngs**, Carnegie Europe
- Moderator: **Dmytro Shulga**, International Renaissance Foundation

**12:00-13:00** Lunch

**13:00-14:30** **Key parallel sessions:**

**1. Tackling the systemic corruption: judiciary and public administration reforms in the EaP - state of play in 2015**

- **Ana Natsvlishvili**, Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, GYLA
  - **Igor Botan**, Association for Participatory Democracy, ADEPT
  - **Natalia Jaresko**, Minister of Finance, Ukraine (TBC)
  - **Dirk Schübel**, EEAS, Eastern Partnership Division – bilateral
- Moderator: **Paul Ivan**, European Policy Centre, EPC

**2. Defending human rights defenders in the Eastern Partnership countries**

- **Elena Tonkacheva**, Lawtrend, Belarus
  - **Ofelia Zalyan**, Helsinki Citizens' Initiative Vanadzor, Armenia
  - **Jaromír Štětina**, Member of the European Parliament
  - **Jenny Sundberg**, Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights, RFSL
- Moderator: **Brigitte Dufour**, International Partnership for Human Rights

**14:30-15:00** Coffee break

**15:00-16:30** **Working Groups initiated parallel sessions:**

- 1. Security and Trust-Building: Involving the Civil Society in the Policy**
- 2. Media Freedom and Media Sector Reform**

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3. Social Entrepreneurship in the EaP countries
4. Green Economy in the EaP countries
5. The Bologna Process: Challenges of Higher Education Reform for the EaP Countries
6. EaP CSF Effectiveness

**16.30-18.00**

### Parallel Sessions:

1. Reporting on the first year of provisional implementation of the political part of the AAs
2. EU funding (ENI) to EaP
3. Civil Service reform in the context of Association Agreements implementation in Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine
4. What EU Membership prospects for Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine?
5. Anti-discrimination policies in the Eastern Partnership countries

**18:00-18:30**

Closing of the day with presentation of major take-outs from parallel sessions

**19:30-21:00**

Dinner

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## Day 2

### 21 November, Saturday

**9:00-11:00**

### Working Group meetings including sub-group meetings:

- presentations from 6 national WGs
- annual report and results of WG projects
- plan for 2016 and developing ideas for joint projects
- election of WG Coordinators

**11:00-11:30**

Coffee break and election of Country Coordinators

**11:30-12:30**

### National Platforms initiated stakeholders meetings:

1. EU-Azerbaijan relations: what type of agreement is on the table?
2. New EU-Armenia agreement and mechanisms for civil society involvement
3. EU-Belarus Cooperation: Prospects for development of relations after the presidential elections
4. Progress in Reforms in Georgia and Moldova under DCFTAs

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### 5. Progress in Reforms under the Ukraine Association Agreement with the EU

12:30-13:30

Working Groups initiated stakeholders meetings:

1. Facing the Russian Propaganda
2. Visa Liberalization - State of Play by the End of 2015
3. Harmonisation of Digital Markets - New Innovative Sphere of CSF Activity
4. Cooperation on Energy Security and Sustainability
5. EaP Youth Window 2016-2018
6. Protection of social rights of people with disabilities in EaP countries

13:30-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:00

Plenary session moderated by Andrei Yahorau, EaP CSF Co-chair

- Presentation of the candidates for the position of EU Coordinators
- Adopting resolutions
- Priorities for the Forum in 2016

16:00-16:30

Coffee break and voting for the EU Coordinators

16:30-17:30

Conclusions and announcement of the results of the selection of the new Steering Committee of the EaP CSF

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## **Departure day, 22 November, Sunday**

Participation in activities dedicated to the anniversary of EuroMaidan in Kyiv and departures

WG4 capacity-building activities

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