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8th Annual Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)

*Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel
Avenue Louise 71, Brussels*

Arrival day

27 November, Sunday

- 11:00-18:00 Arrivals and registration of participants
- 18:00-19:00 Session on the EaP CSF and AA procedures for new participants by **Ulad Vialichka**, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee and **Natalia Yerashevich**, Director of the Secretariat (*Belvedere A&B*)

Day 1

28 November, Monday

- 8:00-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Introductory word by **Krzysztof Bobinski** and **Ulad Vialichka**, Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, EaP CSF (*Ballroom B&C*)
- 9:15-9:30 Opening speech by **Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations
- 9:30-9:50 Presentation of the **EaP CSF Pavel Sheremet Journalism Award 2016** by **Dovile Sukyte** and **Iryna Sushko**, EaP CSF Steering Committee members, to **Mykola Semena**, a persecuted Crimean journalist, received by **Nenad Pejic**, RFE/RL Vice President, and **Volodymyr Prytula**, RFE/RL Crimea.Reality project Chief Editor
- 9:50-10:00 Screening of the documentary dedicated to the life of Vaclav Havel
- 10:00-11:45 High-level panel **The Eastern Neighbourhood: a reliable partner or a source of mounting concerns for the EU?** (*Ballroom B&C*)
- Moderator: **Steven Blockmans**, CEPS
- Speakers: **Thomas Mayr Harting**, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service (EEAS)



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Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

H. E. Mikheil Janelidze, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia

H. E. Mykola Tochytskyi, Head of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU

H. E. Natalia Gherman, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Moldova

Lasha Tughushi, Coordinator of the Georgian National Platform, EaP CSF

11:45-12:00 Order of the day, presentation of election rules (*Ballroom B&C*)

12:00-13:00 Lunch (*Foyer, Ballroom A, Corridor*)

13:00-14:30 **Parallel panels based on the EaP CSF priorities**

1) The EaP countries within the EU energy framework: strengthening cooperation in face of common challenges (*Ballroom B*)

Moderator: **Murman Margvelashvili**, World Experience for Georgia

Speakers:

Hans van Steen, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy (DG Energy), European Commission

Svitlana Karpyshyna, Deputy Head of Unit, EaP Assistance Unit, Energy Community,

Andrey Ozharovsky, Belarusian Antinuclear Campaign

Oleksandra Gumeniuk, Good Deeds

2) Investing in the future: EU youth policies and the realities of the EaP countries (*Belvedere A&B*)

Moderator: **Hovsep Khurshudyan**, Working Group 4 Coordinator, EaP CSF

Speakers:

Vassilis Maragos, Head of Unit, DG NEAR

Marisa Fernandez Esteban, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Education and Culture (DG EAC), European Commission

Alexandra Kalatozishvili, Multiethnic Resource Center for Civic Education Development

Natalia Bichurina, Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association

3) Transparency and accountability of the EU funding in the EaP: involving civil society in programming, implementation and evaluation (*Ballroom C*)

Moderator: **Krzysztof Bobinski**, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee, EaP CSF

Speakers:

Lawrence Meredith, Director "Neighbourhood East", DG NEAR

Mikayel Hovhannisyanyan, Coordinator of the Armenian National Platform, EaP CSF

Shahla Ismayil, Women's Association for Rational Development

14:30-15:00 Coffee break (*Foyer, Ballroom A, Corridor*)



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- 15:00-17:15 Parallel Working Group meetings, including sub-group meetings (*WG1 - Ballroom B; WG2 - Belvedere A; WG3 - Belvedere B; WG4 - Ballroom C; WG5 - Bellevue B*)
- 17:15-18:00 Election of WG Coordinators
- 18:00-18:30 Coffee break
- 18:00-19:00 Internal debate on the EaP CSF reform and optimisation moderated by **Mikayel Hovhannisyan**, EaP CSF (*Belvedere A*)
- 19:00-20:30 High-level panel **The current state of global and EU affairs and the repercussions for the EaP** (*Ballroom B&C*)
- Moderator: **Joanna Rohozinska**, NED
- Speakers: **H. E. Margers Krams**, Ambassador, Director General of the Bilateral Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
H. E. Martin Povejsil, Ambassador, Head of the Czech Permanent Representation to the EU
Dirk Schuebel, Head of Division, EaP Bilateral, EEAS
Ian Bond, Centre for European Reform
- 20:30-21:00 Presentation of the EaP CSF awards for the best re-granting projects
- 21:00-22:00 Networking reception

Day 2

29 November, Tuesday

- 9:10-10:40 Parallel stakeholders' meetings initiated by the National Platforms
- EU-Armenia Framework Agreement and civil society's contribution in light of changing public opinion** (*Bellevue B*)
- Moderator: **Mikayel Hovhannisyan**, Coordinator of the Armenian National Platform, EaP CSF
- Stakeholder: **Razvan Stefan Rab**, EEAS
- EU negotiations with Azerbaijan after one year of silence** (*Ballroom C*)
- Moderator: **Avaz Hasanov**, Coordinator of the Azerbaijani National Platform, EaP CSF
- Stakeholders: **Asuncion Sanchez Ruiz**, EEAS; **Jari Haapala**, DG NEAR
- EU-Belarus relations after September elections: what is the strategy and what role will be given to civil society?** (*Ballroom A*)
- Moderator: **Ulad Vialichka**, Coordinator of the Belarusian National Platform, EaP CSF
- Stakeholders: **Diana Jablonska**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG NEAR; **Valerie Bandeira de Lima Sax**, EEAS



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EU-Georgia relations in light of the AA/DCFTA implementation (*Belvedere A*)

Moderator: **Lasha Tughushi**, Coordinator of the Georgian National Platform, EaP CSF

Stakeholder: **Isabella Torta**, EEAS

EU-Moldova relations after the presidential election (*Belvedere B*)

Moderator: **Ion Manole**, Coordinator of the Moldovan National Platform, EaP CSF

Stakeholder: **Rodolphe Richard**, EEAS

Conflict in Ukraine and EU sanctions against Russian individuals and companies: effectiveness, monitoring, further developments (*Ballroom B*)

Moderator: **Iryna Sushko**, Coordinator of the Ukrainian National Platform, EaP CSF

Stakeholder: **Martin Rosen**, EEAS

10:40-11:00 Election of Country Coordinators

11:00-11:20 Coffee break

11:20-12:30 Plenary session moderated by **Natalia Yerashevich**, EaP CSF Secretariat
(*Ballroom B&C*)

Presentation of the report on the EaP CSF activities in 2016 and discussion

12:30-13:00 Election of EU Coordinators

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Parallel stakeholders' meetings initiated by the Working Groups (WGs)

WG1 – Human rights and democratic principles are at the heart of good governance (*Ballroom B*)

Moderator: **Jeff Lovitt**, New Diplomacy

Stakeholders: **Boris Iarochevitch**, Head of Division, EaP, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EEAS; **Andris Kesteris**, Principal Advisor Civil Society and Media, DG NEAR

Discussants: **Boris Navasardian**, Yerevan Press Club; **Anar Mammadli**, Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre; **Ion Manole**, Promo-LEX; **Antonella Valmorbida**, European Association for Local Democracy ALDA

WG2 – EaP: Information society across borders (*Belvedere A*)

Moderator: **Yurii Vdovenko**, WG2 Coordinator, EaP CSF

Stakeholder: **David Ringrose**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission

Discussants: **Karen Chilingaryan**, Consumers` Consulting Center; **Ihar Lednik**, Our Belarus; **Nino Elizbarashvili**, Georgian Association "Women in Business"; **Kakha**



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Gogolashvili, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies; **Igor Samokhodskyi**, European Business Association

WG3 – The implementation of Association Agreements in the area of energy security and environment: opportunities and constraints (*Belvedere B*)

Moderator: **Ina Coseru**, National Environmental Center

Stakeholders: **Andreja Skerl**, DG Environment, European Commission; **Federico Tarantini**, DG Energy; **Hans Rhein**, DG Energy

Discussants: **Inga Zarafyan**, EcoLur; **Elchin Sultanov**, Azerbaijan Ornithological Society; **Maryna Dubina**, Ecohome; **Giorgi Mukhigulishvili**, World Experience for Georgia; **Ganna Golubovska-Onisimova**, UNENGO MAMA-86

WG4 – Latest developments in the areas of formal and non-formal education in the EaP countries (*Ballroom C*)

Moderator: **Katrin Denys**, Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V.

Stakeholders: **Raffaella Kihrer**, European Association for the Education of Adults; **Mette Moerk Andersen**, DG EAC

Discussants: **Hovsep Khurshudyan**, WG4 Coordinator, EaP CSF; **Andrei Yahorau**, Centre for European Transformation; **Gabriela Ojog**, Foundation for Advancement of Moldova; **Yegor Stadnyi**, Analytical Center CEDOS

WG5 – Labour Migration from the Eastern Neighbourhood to the EU: State of Affairs, Opportunities and Challenges (*Bellevue B*)

Moderator: **Vladimir Karyagin**, Republican Confederation of Entrepreneurship

Stakeholder: **Monica Alfaro**, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

Discussants: **Naira Arakelyan**, Armavir Development Center; **Siarhei Antusevich**, Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions; **Liliana Postan**, Labor Institute; **Goda Neverauskaite**, European Trade Union Confederation; **Andrzej Adamczyk**, European Economic and Social Committee

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:15 Adopting resolutions and presenting the EaP CSF Steering Committee 2016-2017 moderated by **Ion Manole and Yurii Vdovenko**, 2015-2016 EaP CSF Steering Committee members (*Ballroom B&C*)

17:15-18:00 Closing remarks (followed by a glass of wine)

Speakers: **Heidi Hautala**, Member of the European Parliament, Co-President of EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly; **Luc Devigne**, Director, Deputy Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia and OSCE, EEAS



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