

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

Working Group 4 Meeting

29 June 2026, Online

Agenda

1. Introduction by the outgoing Working Group 4 (WG4) Coordinators
2. Round of introductions and presentation of the WG4 delegates
3. Introduction to the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) and WG4
4. Statutory elections and presentation of EU and EaP WG4 Coordinator candidates

Summary

On 29 June 2026, the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum organised the first online meeting for the 2026-2028 cycle of Working Group 4 (WG4) – Contacts between people.

The meeting began with a short introduction from the outgoing WG4 Coordinators, followed by a round of introductions from the Working Group delegates. In total, 37 organisations are part of the Working Group:

Country	Organisation
Armenia	Teach For Armenia educational foundation Women & Global Security Architecture NGO (WGSA) Youth Organizations Union of Armenia "Elegia" Educational-Cultural NGO "Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation (ACGRC)"
Azerbaijan	The Association for the Protection of Women's Rights after D.Aliyeva Youth Club Public Union "Intelligent Citizen" Enlightenment Center Public Union Young Leaders Education-Training and Development Public Union
Belarus	International Public Charitable Association "Seeing with the Heart" Belarusian National Youth Council "RADA" Association "New Group" Belarusian Association of Education and Science International NGO "EUROBELARUS" Belarusian Students' Association
EU – Cyprus EU – Germany EU – Greece EU – Latvia	Cyprus Turkish Teachers' Trade Union (KTOS) CRISP - Crisis Simulation for Peace e.V. Union of Ukrainian Women in Greece Donum Animus

EU - Netherlands EU – Poland EU – Slovenia EU – Sweden EU – Sweden	West–East Bridges Foundation "ART TRANSPARENT" Povod, Institute for culture and international relations in culture The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation Foundation Fryshuset
Georgia	Foundation Multiethnic Resource Center for Civic Education Development IDP Women Association Consent Youth Association for Social Sciences - Movement "Youth alternative" Tolerant, Association of the Samtskhe-Javakheti region
Moldova	AO "Institutum Virtutes Civilis" CIVIC ASSOCIATION "CAROMA NORD" Eco-Razeni Association National Youth Council of Moldova "MilleniuM" Training and Development Institute
Ukraine	Institute of Public Strategies (IPS) NGO Agency European Innovations NGO "League of Professional Women" (LPW) Non-Governmental Organization STAN

(For the full list of EaP CSF delegates, please consult this [page](#)).

Together, these organisations bring a diverse range of perspectives, expertise, and experience to the Working Group.

Following the introductions, the Director of the EaP CSF Secretariat delivered a brief overview of the Forum, explaining its role as the civil society dimension of the Eastern Partnership policy. He highlighted the Forum's mission to strengthen civil society in the Eastern Partnership countries, represent civil society in policymaking and implementation, and support democratic transition and European integration across the region.

The meeting then turned to the presentation of the Working Group 4, outlining its role in contributing to the improvement of the quality of education, advancing modern youth policies, and promoting inclusiveness across the EaP and EU countries. It covered the group's core activities as well as the different ways members can collaborate and share information.

In continuation, the Policy and Advocacy Manager outlined the EaP Civil Society Forum's advocacy work, highlighting its key policy outputs, including position papers (e.g. [WG4 - 2025](#), the [annual Resolution](#), and the [Eastern Partnership Index](#)). She also presented the main advocacy entry points, such as consultations with EU institutions, events, meetings

with Member State representatives, and participation in regional and other meetings and platforms. Finally, she provided an overview of the 2026 advocacy calendar, including Working Group meetings, contributions to the annual Resolution, the EaP Civil Society Summit in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova on 24-26 November, and opportunities to participate in regional events and ad hoc meetings.

The Communications Manager presented the EaP CSF's communication channels, including its website and a [dedicated section](#) on the Working Groups, bi-monthly newsletter for members and external audiences and the Members' Update for internal communications. She also explained how members can contribute by sharing success stories, best practices, event information, photos, and journalist contacts to increase the visibility of their work across the Forum's platforms.

The Governance Manager provided an overview of the responsibilities of Working Group Coordinators, including leading policy and advocacy work, coordinating members throughout the year, representing the Working Group within the Forum, engaging new civil society organisations, contributing to communications, and selecting experts to represent the Forum in external meetings.

Following this, the two applicants to the position of WG4 Coordinator presented their candidacies and shared their motivations for applying to the role.

The candidate from the EaP region was:

- **Ms. Liliana Palihovici**, Institutum Virtutes Civilis, Republic of Moldova.

The candidate from the EU was:

- **Ms. Raisa Lång Velazco**, Fryshuset, Sweden.

The meeting concluded with an announcement that the online election for the Working Group 4 Coordinators would open for 24h shortly after the meeting. Delegates were subsequently sent an email containing instructions on how and where to cast their votes.

The results were announced by email the following day as follows:

- **WG4 Coordinator from the EU:** Ms. Raisa Lång Velazco, Fryshuset, Sweden.
- **WG4 Coordinator from the EaP:** Ms. Liliana Palihovici, Institutum Virtutes Civilis, Republic of Moldova.