

First EaP CSF Civil Society Summit

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How can Eastern Partnership civil society boost enlargement reforms? From 19 to 21 November 2024, over 250 civil society and institutional representatives from the Eastern Partnership countries and the European Union will meet in Vienna to answer this question.

Ahead of the 7th Eastern Partnership Summit, civil society and institutional representatives will discuss the future of the Eastern Partnership multilateral cooperation and the role of civil society therein.

They will assess the changes that have occurred within the Eastern Partnership policy and region following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and share insights into the challenges they encounter in times of authoritarianisms and democracy deficiencies.

The Summit will look into the cooperation between the European Union, its Member States, Eastern Partnership governments, and societies. The Summit will particularly focus on effective implementation of rule of law reforms. Discussions will revolve around creating an enabling environment for civil society and the enlargement policy agenda. Strengthening security resilience and interconnectivity will also be key topics, addressing how the EU and the EaP countries can strengthen one another through closer cooperation.