



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

- 13:00-14:30            Event registration at the reception desk of Ramada Encore Hotel
- 15:00-16:00            Induction session for new participants (**Event Hall**)
- Continuation of registration at the Event Hall
- 15:00-16:30            Preparation of Interactive projects and Networking Fair “*Civil Society in Action*”
- 16:00-16:30            Coffee break
- 16:30-18:00            Presentation of awards to Maidan activists (**Event Hall**)
- Panel discussion **Civil Society - Principal Driver of Reforms: Ukrainian Case**
- **Oleksandr Sushko**, EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform, International Renaissance Foundation
  - **Yevhen Hlibovytsky**, Pro.mova strategic communications company
  - **Andrey Dligach**, Advanter Group
  - **Oksana Nechyporenko**, Reanimation Package of Reforms
- Moderator: **Inna Pidluska**, International Renaissance Foundation
- 18:15-20:00            Interactive Projects and Networking Fair “*Civil Society in Action*”  
(**Event Hall**)
- 20:00-21:30            Reception and presentation of awards for the best EaP CSF project ideas in 2015  
(**Event Hall**)
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### Day 1

#### 20 November, Friday

- 8:00- 9:00 Registration (outside Kyiv Ballroom) and extra security check (passport required)
- 9:00-9:50 **Opening session** followed by the Q&A session (**Kyiv Ballroom**)
- **Mikayel Hovhannisyan**, EaP CSF Steering Committee
  - **Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations
  - **Arseniy Yatsenyuk**, Prime Minister of Ukraine
- Moderator: **Iryna Sushko**, Ukrainian National Platform of the EaP CSF
- 9:50-10:00 **Presentation of a special award to the Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel** in recognition of her positive contribution to the EU's Eastern Partnership policy by **Krzysztof Bobinski**, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF, received by German Ambassador to Ukraine **Dr Christof Weil**. **Approval of election assessors** by the General Assembly
- 10:00 **Press conference** with Commissioner **Johannes Hahn** and Prime Minister **Arseniy Yatsenyuk** (**Meeting room Amsterdam/Singapore**)
- 10:00-11:45 Panel discussion **Eastern Partnership between a Fixed Formula and Menu a la Carte** (**Kyiv Ballroom**)
- **Katarina Mathernova**, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission
  - **Iryna Herashchenko**, Chair of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada on issues of European integration
  - **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 (13th floor)
- 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** (**Kyiv Ballroom**)
- **Ana Natsvlishvili**, Georgian Young Lawyers Association, Georgia
  - **Igor Botan**, Association for Participatory Democracy ADEPT, Moldova
  - **Andriy Kukharuk**, Anti-Corruption Expert, Ukraine
  - **Dirk Schubel**, Head of Division for Bilateral Relations with EaP countries, EEAS

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- **Oksana Markarova**, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ukraine  
Moderator: **Paul Ivan**, European Policy Centre, Belgium

### 2. **Defending human rights defenders in the Eastern Partnership countries (Meeting room Amsterdam/Singapore)**

- **Elena Tonkacheva**, Lawtrend, Belarus
- **Ofelya Zalyan**, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly-Vanadzor, Armenia
- **Leila Alieva**, Center for National and International Studies, Azerbaijan
- **Brigitte Dufour**, International Partnership for Human Rights, Belgium  
Moderator: **Ion Manole**, Promo-LEX, Moldova

### 14:40-16:00 **Parallel sessions based on the current/future priorities of the EaP CSF Working Groups**

#### 1. **Media Freedom and Media Sector Reform (Kyiv Ballroom)**

- **Taras Shevchenko**, Media Law Institute, Ukraine
- **Nata Dzvelishvili**, Georgian Charter of Journalistic Ethics
- **Nadine Gogu**, Independent Journalism Center, Moldova  
Moderator: **Jeff Lovitt**, New Diplomacy, Czech Republic

#### 2. **Security and trust-building: involving the civil society into the policy (Meeting room Amsterdam/Singapore)**

- **Alexander Vinnikov**, Head of the NATO Liaison Office in Ukraine
- **Ostap Kryvdyk**, Advisor to the First Deputy Chairman of Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
- **Jan Pieklo**, Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation PAUCI, Poland  
Moderator: **Hennadiy Maksak**, Polissya International and Regional Studies Foundation, Ukraine

#### 3. **Energy Security and Energy Union (Meeting room London)**

- **Murman Margvelashvili**, World Experience for Georgia
- **Oleh Hychka**, Centre for Global Studies, Ukraine
- **Dumitru Drumea**, ECOSTRATEGII, Moldova  
Moderator: **Murman Margvelashvili**, World Experience for Georgia

#### 4. **Social Entrepreneurship in the EaP Countries (Meeting room Vilnius)**

- **Davis Plotnieks**, SEFORiS project at SITE, Stockholm School of Economics

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- **Sorin Mereacre**, East Europe Foundation, Moldova  
Moderator: **Naira Arakelyan**, Armavir Development Centre, Armenia

### 5. **EaP CSF Effectiveness (Meeting room Vienna)**

- **Leonid Litra**, Institute of World Policy, Ukraine
- **Mikayel Hovhannisyan**, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia
- **Jan Latal**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **Jana Kobzova**, European Endowment for Democracy (EED)  
Moderator: **Andrei Yahorau**, Center for European Transformation, Belarus

### 6. **The Bologna Process: challenges of higher education reform for EaP countries (Meeting room Chillout)**

- **Vladimir Dounaev**, Independent Bologna Committee, Belarus
- **Liva Vikmane**, The European Students' Union, Latvia
- **Olena Orzhel**, National Erasmus+ Office, Ukraine  
Moderator: **Maryna Kchomich**, Belarusian National Youth Council Rada, Belarus

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

16.30-18.00 **Parallel Sessions**

#### 1) **Shaping Democracy Support Instruments: How to efficiently respond to challenges and opportunities of the Eastern Partnership (Meeting room London, without interpretation)**

- **Richard Youngs**, Carnegie Europe
- **Andriy Kulakov**, Internews Ukraine
- **Sinziana Poiana**, DG NEAR, European Commission  
Moderator : **Miriam Lexmann**, International Republican Institute

#### 2) **Civil Service reform in the context of Association Agreements implementation in Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine (Meeting room Amsterdam/Singapore)**

- **Kostyantyn Vaschenko**, Head of National Agency of Civil Services, Ukraine
- **David Tumanyan**, Deputy Chairman of the Community finance officers of Armenia  
Moderator: **Antonella Valmorbida**, ALDA European Association for Local Democracy

#### 3) **EU Membership prospects for Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine? (Meeting room Vilnius, without interpretation)**

- **Leo Litra**, Institute of World Policy, Ukraine
- **Ivane Chkhikvadze**, Open Society Foundation, Georgia
- **Zsuzsanna Vegh**, Hungarian Europe Society, Hungary  
Moderator: **Paul Ivan**, European Policy Centre, Belgium

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### 4) Anti-discrimination policies in the Eastern Partnership (Meeting room Vienna)

- **Shorena Kobaidze**, Eastern Partnership Minorities Network, Georgia
  - **Nvard Margaryan**, PINK Armenia
  - **Olena Shevchenko**; InSight Ukraine
  - **Ila Gamakharia**, Fund Sukhumi, Georgia
- Moderator: Mikayel Hovhannisyan**, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia

### 5) Film directors across borders. Golden Apricot - the story of success (Meeting room Vilnius, without interpretation)

- Presentation by **Susanna Harutyunyan**, Artistic Director of Yerevan International Film Festival Golden Apricot followed by the debate

18.00-18.20 **Election of Country Coordinators (Kyiv Ballroom)**

19:15 **Departure from the hotel by bus to the Restaurant “Chumatskiy Shlyakh”, Sosnova St. 10, Romankiv, Kyiv Region**

20:00 **Dinner**

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## Day 2

### 21 November, Saturday

- 9:00-9:15** Announcement of the Day and Awards Ceremony for the WG4 Photo Contest “Youth Creates Contacts between People!” (**Kyiv Ballroom**)
- 9:15-11:00** Parallel Working Group meetings including sub-group meetings (meeting rooms on Floor 2):
- 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
- 11:30-12:30** National Platforms initiated stakeholders meeting

**Beyond the Association: EU agreements for Armenia and Belarus. Mechanisms for civil society involvement (Meeting room Amsterdam/Singapore)**

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- **Andrei Yahorau**, Co-Chair of the EaP CSF Steering Committee
  - **Anna Kilan-Lipka**, EEAS
- Moderator: Boris Navasardyan**, Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

### **Reforms under AA/DCFTA in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: Progress and Challenges (Kyiv Ballroom)**

- **Luc Devigne**, DG Trade, European Commission
  - **Natalia Hnydiuk**, Office for the EU Integration at the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine
- Moderator: Victor Cotruta**, REC Moldova

### **Azerbaijan in the Eastern Partnership: Facing the Future**

- **Avaz Hasanov**, Humanitarian Studies NGO
- Moderator: Sabit Baghirov**, Entrepreneurship Development Foundation

12:30-13:30                      Working Groups initiated stakeholders meeting

### **Facing the Russian Propaganda (Kyiv Ballroom)**

- **David Stulik**, EU Delegation to Ukraine
- Moderator: Andriy Kulakov**, Internews Ukraine

### **Visa Liberalization - State of Play by the End of 2015 (Meeting room Amsterdam/Singapore)**

- **Malgorzata Twardowska**, Plenipotentiary for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
- Moderator: Ivane Chkhikvadze**, Open Society Foundation, Georgia

### **Harmonisation of Digital Markets - New Innovative Sphere of CSF Activity (Meeting room Vilnius)**

- **Sergei Veretyuk**, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ukraine
  - **Ihar Lednik**, Human Rights Movement "Our Belarus", Belarus
- Moderator: Sergei Tutunaru**, Center for Economic Development and Public Affairs, Moldova

### **Green Economy and Sustainability (Meeting room Vienna)**

- **Sinziana Poiana**, DG NEAR, European Commission
  - **Richard Filcak**, European Environmental Bureau, Global Policies and Sustainability Unit
  - **Marta Ruda**, MAMA86, Ukraine
- Moderator: Zoriana Mishchuk**, EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform

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**Opportunities for International Cooperation in the Field of Youth and Education (Meeting room London)**

- **Andriy Pavlovych**, SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre
  - **Tomasz Bratek**, Polish National Agency of Erasmus + Programme
- Moderator: Adrian Balutel**, National Youth Council of Moldova

**Protection of social rights of people with disabilities in EaP countries (Meeting room Nice)**

- **Armen Alaverdyan**, UNISON, Armenia
- **Kapka Panayotova**, Center for Independent Living, Bulgaria

**13:30-14:30** Lunch (13th floor)

**14:30-16:00** Plenary session moderated by Andrei Yahorau, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee (**Kyiv Ballroom**)

- The EaP CSF activities in 2015 and looking into 2016
- Presentation of the candidates for the position of EU Coordinators
- Adopting resolutions

**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 (**Kyiv Ballroom**)

**19:00** Dinner (Ramada Hotel restaurant)

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**Departure day, 22 November, Sunday**

**11.00** Check-out and departure for sightseeing tour

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