

Meeting of the Working Group 1 “Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance & Stability“

16 - 18 June 2014

Agenda

Side events

Open to public; to attend, please register at support@eap-csf.eu

Monday 16 June 2014

- 12.30-14.00 **Impact of the Eastern Partnership on Minorities**
Launching event of Minority Rights Group landmark policy paper: ‘Partnership for all: The impact of Eastern Partnership on minorities’
Location: EuropeAid Info Point - Rue de la Loi 43, Ground floor

Wednesday 18 June 2014

- 9.30-11.00 **Media Freedoms and the Russian Propaganda War and ENP East Media Freedom Watch**

*Location: European Endowment for Democracy - Avenue des Gaulois 29
1040-Brussels*
Degert Vincent, Head of Division Russia, European External Action Service (TBC)
Boris Navarsadyan, Yerevan Press Club, Armenia
Jan Piekło, Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation, Poland
Krzysztof Bobiński, Unia a Polska, Poland
Manana Jakhua, Radio Green Wave, Georgia
Andriy Kulakov, Internews, Ukraine
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 **Human Rights and Political Prisoners in the Eastern Partnership - in partnership with Office for a democratic Belarus**

*Location: European Endowment for Democracy - Avenue des Gaulois 29
1040-Brussels*
Elisabeth Tison, Human Rights Division, European External Action Service (TBC)
The escalation in arrests of NGO activists and journalists in Azerbaijan – Gubad Ibadoglu, Public Initiative Center, Azerbaijan
The impact of External Sanctions on the level of politically motivated human rights violations in Belarus - Aleh Hulak, Belarusian Helsinki Committee
Monitoring Trials of Former Government Officials - Nino Talashidze, Human Rights Center, Georgia

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*Mercure Brussels Center Louise
Chaussee de Charleroi 38, 1060 Brussels*

Tuesday 17 June 2014

- 08.45-09.00 Participants' registration
- 09.00-09.10 *Introduction by Coordinators of Working Group 1*
Leila Alieva, Center for National and International Studies and **Jeff Lovitt**, PASOS
- 09.10-10.00 *The future of the Eastern Partnership and support to civil society in the EaP countries*
Richard Tibbels, Head of Division, Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EEAS
Philip Mikos, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East, DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission (TBC)
- 10.00-10.40 *Challenges and Threats in the run-up of the signature of the Association Agreement and the Georgian, Moldovan and Ukrainian National Platforms' role in tackling the ongoing processes*
Emil Dediu, The Mission of the Republic Moldova to the EU
Lasha Tughushi, European Initiative Liberal Academy Tbilisi (EI-LAT), Georgia
Oleksandr Sushko, Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine
Lilia Carasciuc, Transparency International, Moldova
- 10.40-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.20 *Plans for Riga summit, May 2015, and Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union*
Ineta Celmiņa, Councillor, Latvian representation to EU (TBC)
Sintija Bernava, DONUM ANIMUS, Latvia
- 11.20-11.40 *The Eurasian Customs Union: perspective of civil society of Armenia and Belarus*
Armenia: scenarios for the implementation of the road map developed within the framework of joining the CU; new framework for Armenia-EU relations and how civil society can contribute; Armenia and its civil society between EaP and CU
Belarus: (TBC)
Mikayel Hovhannisyan, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia
- 11.40-12.20 *Elections 2014:* Reports on Belarus local elections, April 2014 - Yuri Hubarevich, Movement for Freedom, Ukraine presidential elections, May/June 2014 - Iryna Bekeshkina, IKDIF, and Georgian local elections, June 2014 (EI-LAT/HRIDC)

Internal discussions – for Civil Society Forum participants only

- 12.20-12.45 *WG1 projects funded by Strengthening NPs and CSF project*
- **Comparative elections observation**
 - **Monitoring of EU funding to Eastern Partner countries**
 - **Strengthening NGO Participation in the Execution Process of ECHR Judgments**
- 12.45-13.00 **Review of sub-groups**, including formation of new ones (e.g. new working group on CSDP)

13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.20	Sub-group meetings: breakout session
15.20-16.00	Updates from sub-groups: plenary
16.00-16.40	Session on WG1 input into CSF strategy 2015-2017 , including breakout groups
16.40-17.00	Coffee break
17.00-17.40	Strategy conclusions, proposals for formats of future WG1 meetings, sub-group organisation, and Tbilisi Forum event
17.40-18.00	Any Other Business and filling in the questionnaire
18.00	Close of meeting