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 Pieklo, 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

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


Internal discussions – for Civil Society Forum participants only

12.20-12.45 WGI 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)
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