

Side events of the Annual Meeting of the Working Group 1 “Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance & Stability”

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

Monday 16 June 2014

- 12.30-14.00 **Launching event of Minority Rights Group policy paper: ‘Partnership for all: The impact of Eastern Partnership on minorities’**
The report analyses participation of minorities in the EaP, inclusion of minorities into EU financial instruments and provides recommendations to policy-makers
Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit, European Commission, DEVCO B.1 - Governance, Democracy, Gender, Human Rights
Mark Lattimer, Director, Minority Rights Group International
Irene Fedorovych, Social Action Center, Ukraine
Location: EuropeAid Info Point - Rue de la Loi 43, Ground floor
- 15:00-16:30 **“A second chance for Ukraine” – presentation of a report on the prospects for visa liberalisation between the EU and Ukraine** which assesses Ukraine’s fulfilment of the VLAP. Has the new, post-Maidan Ukrainian leadership advanced in meeting key reform commitments and what more needs to be done for Ukrainians to travel visa-free to the EU?
Moderator: Iskra Kirova, Open Society European Policy Institute
Jakub Benedychak, Stefan Batory Foundation; author of the report
Mariana Kuzio, Europe Without Barriers
In partnership with Open Society European Policy Institute
Location: Open Society European Policy Institute – Rue D’Idalie 9-13

Wednesday 18 June 2014

- 9.30-11.00 **Media Freedoms and the Russian Propaganda War and ENP East Media Freedom Watch**
The panel will focus on the issues of media freedoms and touch upon the problem of the unfolding of the Russian propaganda in the Eastern Partnership countries. The results of the first year of the Eastern Partnership Media Freedom Watch project will be presented at this session.
Moderator: Jan Piekło, Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation, Poland
Saturnino Munoz Gomez, Deputy Head of Division Russia, European External Action Service
Boris Navasardian, Yerevan Press Club, Armenia
Krzysztof Bobiński, Unia a Polska, Poland
Manana Jakhua, Radio Green Wave, Georgia
Nataliya Sad, Internews, Ukraine
Location: Location: Science 14 Atrium | 14b Rue de la Science
- 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**
Discussion on the state of human rights and political prisoners in the Eastern Partnership region
Moderator: Artur Sakunts, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor, Armenia
Fuad Hasanov, Democracy Monitor, Azerbaijan - The escalation in arrests of NGO activists and journalists in Azerbaijan
Aleh Hulak, Belarusian Helsinki Committee -The impact of External Sanctions on the level of politically motivated human rights violations in Belarus
Harry Hummel, Director of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, Strategies for European NGOs to stimulate human rights compliance in Eastern Partnership countries
Nino Tlashadze, Human Rights Center, Georgia - Monitoring Trials of Former Government Officials
Location: Location: Science 14 Atrium | 14b Rue de la Science

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Mercure Brussels Center Louise
Chaussee de Charleroi 38, 1060 Brussels

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Tuesday 17 June 2014

- 08.45-09.00 Participants' registration
- 09.00-09.10 **Introduction by Coordinator of Working Group 1**
Leila Alieva, Center for National and International Studies and **Jeff Lovitt**, PASOS
- 09.10-09.40 **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
- 09.40-10.40 **EU Developments, the Riga Summit, and Challenges of the Association Agreements, Eurasian Customs Union and Beyond**
*Moderator: **Sintija Bernava**, DONUM ANIMUS, Latvia*
Lilia Carasciuc, Transparency International Moldova
Emil Dediu, Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the EU
Volodymyr Kuprii, CCC Creative Centre, Ukraine
Lasha Tugushi, European Initiative Liberal Academy Tbilisi, Georgia
Mikayel Hovhannisyan, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia
Gubad Ibadoglu, Public Initiative Center, Azerbaijan
- 10.40-11.10 **Elections 2014: Free or Unfree?**
*Moderator: **Krzysztof Bobiński**, Unia a Polska, Poland*
Yuri Hubarevich, Movement for Freedom, Belarus (local elections, April 2014)
Iryna Bekeshkina, Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation, Ukraine (presidential elections, May 2014)
Nino Tlashadze, Human Rights Center (HRIDC), Georgia (local elections, June 2014)
- 11.10-11:30 *Coffee break*

Internal discussions – for Civil Society Forum participants only

- 11.30-11.40 **Review of sub-groups**, including formation of new ones (e.g. new working group on CSDP)
- 11.40-12.00 Report from EaP Platform 1 meeting, 11 June 2014
Lilia Carasciuc, Transparency International Moldova
David Tumanyan, Communities Finance Officers Association, Armenia
- 12.00-12.20 **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

- 12.20-13.00 **Sub-group meetings: breakout session**
- 13.00-14.00 *Lunch break*
- 14.00-14.40 **Reporting from sub-groups discussions: plenary**
- 14.40-15.40 **Session on WG1 priorities for 2015 and on WG1 input into CSF strategy 2015-2017, including WG1 strategy** - partly in breakout groups
- 15.40-16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.00-16.40 **Strategy conclusions** - Session on WG1 input into CSF strategy 2015-2017
- 16.40-17.00 **Proposals for formats of future WG1 meetings, sub-group organisation, and Tbilisi Forum event**
- 17.00-17.30 **Any Other Business**
- 17.30 - **Close of meeting**