



## Civil Society Contributions to Human Rights and the Reform Agenda Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum: Working Group 1 Conference

### AGENDA

8-9 June 2015, Brussels

Thon Hotel Brussels City Center, Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Bruxelles

#### Day 1: Monday, 8 June

12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch (restaurant of the Thon Hotel; for Working group participants only)</b>
	<i>Opening Address</i>
13:00-13:30	<b>Krzysztof Bobinski, Volodymyr Kuprii</b> – Coordinators of Working Group 1, EaP CSF <b>Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler</b> , Director for Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR, European Commission
<b>Session 1</b>	<b><i>Human Rights in the Eastern Partnership countries: Challenges and Focus Areas</i></b>
13:30-15:00	<b>Moderated by: Ion Manole</b> , PromoLex, Moldovan National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Speakers: Simon Papuashvili</b> , International Partnership for Human Rights <b>Razi Nurrulayev</b> , “Region” International Analytical Centre, Azerbaijani National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Elena Tonkacheva</b> , Legal Transformation Centre Lawtrend, Belarusian National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Jeff Lovitt</b> – European Integration Index 2014 – changes on human rights, Policy Association for an Open Society, EaP CSF
15:00-15:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b><i>Women Leading Change in Eastern Partner Countries</i></b>
15:20-16:40	<b>Moderated by: Kristina Vaiciunaite</b> , European Endowment for Democracy <b>Speakers: Shahla Ismayil</b> , Women’s Association for Rational Development, Azerbaijani National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Emma Sandahl</b> , DG NEAR Expert on Gender <b>Katarina Härröd</b> , Kvinna till Kvinna, member of Swedish CSO platform active in EaP
<b>Sessions 3</b>	<b><i>Progress on Reforms in Eastern Partnership</i></b>
16:40-18:00	<b>Moderated by: Volodymyr Kuprii</b> , Coordinator of Working Group 1, EaP CSF <b>Speakers: Ivane Chkhikvadze</b> – Open Society Georgia Foundation, Georgian National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Lilia Carasciuc</b> – Challenges with reform implementation in Moldova Transparency International - Moldova, Moldovan National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Iryna Sushko</b> – Implementing unpopular reforms in Ukraine, Europe Without Barriers, Ukrainian National Platform, EaP CSF <b>Peter Balas</b> – Head of Support Group for Ukraine, DG NEAR



**Day 2: Tuesday, 9 June 2015**

<b>Session 4</b>	<b><i>A Stronger Eastern Partnership: Conflict and Security Aspects</i></b>
9:00-10:30	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Jan Pieklo, Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation PAUCI, EaP CSF</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Hennady Maksak - EaP CSF recommendations on security dimension of EaP, Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies, Ukraine National Platform, EaP CSF</p> <p>Natalie Sabanadze, Georgian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU</p> <p>Richard Tibbels, Head of Division, Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE – update on Platform 1 activities</p> <p>Michael Miller – Deputy Head of Division, Conflict Prevention, Peace Building &amp; Mediation Instruments, EEAS</p>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 5</b>	<b><i>Media Freedom and Combating Propaganda in EaP Countries</i></b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Petru Macovei, Independent Press Association, Moldovan National Platform</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Boris Navasardian, Media Freedom and role of regulators in EaP Countries, Yerevan Press Club, Armenian National Platform</p> <p>Rasto Kuzel – Messages of Russian TV, results of the monitoring project, Memo98</p> <p>Andris Kesteris, Principal Advisor Media and Civil Society, DG NEAR</p>
	<b><i>The Way Forward after Riga: Debate with Policy-Makers</i></b>
12:30-14:00	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Chris Bobinski, Unia &amp; Polska Foundation, Co-Chair of EaP CSF</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Mikayel Hovhannisyan, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenian National Platform, EaP CSF</p> <p>Lasha Tugushi, European Initiative Liberal Academy, Georgian National Platform, EaP CSF</p> <p>Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EEAS</p> <p>Leonid Litra – Institute of World Policy</p> <p>Messages from CSOs to EU Decision-Makers and exchange on the priorities identified</p> <p>Conclusions of the conference</p>
14:00-15:00	<b>Lunch for Working Group members only</b>
<b>Session 7</b>	<b><i>Working Group activities for 2015</i></b>
15:00-16:30	<p>This will be time dedicated to work in subgroups and to planning joint initiatives.</p> <p>Subgroup coordinators together with WG Council should plan their respective agenda. Possible topics could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following up on the Conference panels and Riga Summit</li> <li>- Projects supported by Working Group 1 Regranting and other cooperation initiatives</li> <li>- Joint actions in 2015</li> </ul>
16:30-16:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 8</b>	<b><i>Closing the meeting and next steps</i></b>
16:45-17:30	<p><b>Facilitated by:</b> Volodymyr Kuprii, CCC Creative Centre, Coordinator of WG 1, Ukraine National Platform</p> <p>Plans for main areas identified (feedback from discussions in Subgroups and National Platform representatives) , Evaluation and closing of the meeting</p>

