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The 6th annual meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

20-21 November 2014, Batumi, Georgia

*Radisson Blue Hotel
Ninoshvili street 1
6000 Batumi, Georgia*

Agenda

19 November

Arrival of participants

15.00

Registration, Radisson Blu

19.00-20.30

Reception hosted by the Georgian Government at Sheraton Batumi (Rustaveli St. 28)

20 November

09.00-10.00

Coffee and Registration



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10.00–10.30

Opening speeches

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Introduction: **Lasha Tugushi**, Chair of the Georgian National Platform of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

Speakers:

- **Giorgi Margvelashvili**, President of Georgia
- **EEAS Representative [Video Address]**
- **Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament (TBC)
- **Arzu Abdullayeva**, International Helsinki Citizen's Assembly, Azerbaijan

10.30-12.00

Panel I: Human Rights in the Eastern Partnership: Reestablishing EU Focus amid Deterioration

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Gerald Knaus**, European Stability Initiative

- **Martin Hagström**, Ambassador of Sweden for the Eastern Partnership
- **Shahla Ismayil**, Women's Association for Rational Development, Azerbaijan
- **Valiantsin Stefanovic**, Human Rights Centre Viasna, Belarus
- **Oleksandra Delemenchuk**, EuroMaidan SOS, Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine
- **Artur Sakunts**, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor

12.00–13.00

Lunch

13.00-14.30

Parallel Panels:

Panel IIa: Eastern Partnership in a New Security Environment: The Russia Factor

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Richard Giragosian**, Regional Studies Centre, Armenia

- **Dirk Schuebel**, European External Action Service
- **Andrzej Cieszkowski**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Georgia
- **Viorel Cibotaru**, European Institute for Political Studies
- **Sergi Kapanadze**, Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS)

Panel IIb: Propaganda and Information Warfare in Times of Conflict: How to Navigate?

Venue: Meeting Room 3

Moderator: **Kristina Vaiciunaite**, Eastern Europe Studies Centre

- **Emin Milli**, Donkey Blogger
- **Petru Macovei**, Secretary of the Moldovan Press Council
- **Barbara von Ow-Freytag**, EU-Russia Civil Society Forum
- **Tatyana Matychak**, StopFake, Ukraine

14.30-15.00

Elections of Country Facilitators (only for EaP countries' delegations) *and coffee-break*

Venue: Grand Ballroom: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus; Meeting room 1: Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

15.0 – 16.30

Session in plenary moderated by Jeff Lovitt, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF

- **CSF Steering Committee report on the SC and Forum activities 2013-2014**
- **CSF participation in Policy Forum for Development**, Vazha Salamadze, Civil Society Institute, Georgia

- **Adoption of the Forum's strategy and discussion on internal matters**
Venue: Grand Ballroom

16.30 – 18.30

Working Group meetings in parallel sessions:

WG 1 Democracy, human rights, good governance and stability (*Venue: Grand Ballroom*)

WG 2. Economic integration and convergence with EU policies (*Venue: Meeting room 3*)

WG 3. Environment, climate change and energy security (*Venue: Meeting room 2*)

WG 4. Contacts between people (*Venue: Meeting room 4*)

WG 5. Social Policy and Social Dialogue (*Venue: Meeting room 1*)

Goals:

- Report on activities in 2013 – 2014 and presentation the results of WG projects
- Work plans for 2014 – 2015
- Elections of WG coordinators

21 November

09.00 – 09.30

Welcome Coffee

9.30 – 11.00

Panel III: Future of the Eastern Partnership: Bridging the Divide and Addressing Obstacles to Reform

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Jeff Lovitt**, Co-chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF, PASOS

- **Davit Usupashvili**, Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia

- **Juris Poikans**, Ambassador for Eastern Partnership, Latvia
- **Leila Alieva**, Centre for National and International Studies, Azerbaijan
- **Leonid Litra**, Institute of World Policy; Institute for Development and Social Initiatives
- **Vasyl Filipchuk**, International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

11.00 – 11.30 **Presentations of nominations for EU Coordinators** (*Venue: Grand Ballroom*)

11.30 – 12.30 **Session in plenary: updates from the European Commission** (*Venue: Grand Ballroom*)

- European Commission's regional support to civil society and results of the Regional Civil Society Facility call - **Monica Bucurenciu**, EuropeAid, European Commission
- EU roadmaps for engagement with civil society - **Thomas Hansen**, EuropeAid, European Commission
- EU roadmap for engagement with civil society in Georgia - **Helga Pender**, EU Delegation Georgia
- European Commission's bilateral programs – **Sinziana Poiana**, EuropeAid, European Commission
- Q&A session

12.30 – 12.45 Group photo

12.45 – 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45 – 15.15 Discussion of work plans for 2014-2015 in subgroups in parallel sessions (Part 1)

WG1 (*Venue: Grand Ballroom*)

- Subgroup: Human Rights and Judiciary reform
- Subgroup: Election Monitoring reform
- Subgroup: VISA facilitation group
- Subgroup: Regional security Subgroup: Fight against corruption
- Subgroup: Media Freedom
- Subgroup: Public administration

WG2 (*Venue: Meeting room 3*)

- Subgroup Trade and Trade Regulated Cooperation linked to Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements (DCFTAs)
- Subgroup: SME Policy
- Subgroup: Territorial, regional and cross border cooperation

WG3 (*Venue: Meeting room 2*)

- Subgroup: Energy Security
- Subgroup: Climate Change and Environment Protection

WG4 (*Venue: Meeting room 4*)

- Subgroup: Culture
- Subgroup Education
- Subgroup: Youth

WG5 (*Venue: Meeting room 1*)

- Subgroup: Social policy

15.15 – 15.30

Coffee break and **election of EU Coordinators** (*Venue: Grand Ballroom*)

15.30 – 16.00

Discussion of work plans for 2014-2015 in subgroups (Part 2)

Election of sub-groups coordinators

16.00 – 17.00

Reporting by subgroups to the respective Working Group

- introduction of subgroup coordinators,
- common WG conclusions/initiatives to take forward

*Venue: **WG1** - Grand Ballroom; **WG2** - Meeting room 3; **WG3** - Meeting room 2; **WG4** - Meeting room 4; **WG5** - Meeting room 1*

17.00 – 18.00

Plenary moderated by Boris Navasardian, Yerevan Press Club, Country Facilitator for Armenia

Venue: Grand Ballroom

- Discussion of joint resolutions
- Adoption of joint resolution

18.20 – 19.20

Joint meeting of the outgoing and newly elected members of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF (for the members of the SC only)

Side Events

open to attendees of the EaP CSF annual meeting;
external participants must register with support@eap-csf.eu

18-19 November

Youth Event: Strengthening Youth Voice in the Eastern Partnership Region

Organiser(s): Youth sub-group of the EaP CSF and Working Group 4 on “*Contacts between People*” of the EaP CSF Georgian National Platform with the support of the European Commission, Children and Youth Development Fund, Ministry of Youth and Sports of Georgia, and Open Society Georgia Foundation

Venue: Georgia Palace Hotel, Kobuleti

Time: 9:00 (18 November) - 15:30 (19 November)

19 November

Civil society and Peace-building: How can the Eastern Partnership Contribute?

Organiser(s): Norwegian Helsinki Committee; Public Movement Multinational Georgia

Venue: Meeting room 3, Radisson Blu Batumi

Time: 16:30-18:00

November 20

Important, Forgotten, or Irrelevant? Stakeholders' Survey on Post-Vilnius Eastern Partnership

Organiser: Association for International Affairs

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Radisson Blu Hotel

Time: 19:00-20:30

EU in Myths and Reality: Views of the Eastern Partnership Countries

Organiser: Europe Without Barriers

Venue: Meeting room 1, Radisson Blu Hotel

Time: 19:00-20:30

November 21

Civil Servants and Anti-Corruption

Organiser: Association of Local Democracy Agencies;

Discussion of Bilateral Civil Society Platforms envisaged by the EU's Association Agreements with Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine

Organiser: EaP CSF

EaP CSF subgroup on Public Administration Reform

Venue: Meeting room 1, Radisson Blu Hotel

Time: 19:00-20:30

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Radisson Blu Hotel Plenary room

Time: 19:00-20:30

More information on side-events can be found on the [assembly website](#)

November 20-21

Exhibition: Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan

Organiser: People in Need

Venue: Foyer, Radisson Blu Hotel