

**YOUTH FOR RIGHTS**  
**Eastern Partnership Youth Conference**  
organised by the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)  
(27-28 October 2016)  
*Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel*  
*Hviezdoslavovo námestie 3, Bratislava, Slovakia*

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**26 October 2016, Wednesday**

15.00-18.00 tbc	Final preparatory meeting (facilitators, experts, trainers, conference prep team)
Until 18:30	Arrival and registration of participants
	Free evening

**27 October 2016, Thursday**

8:30-9:00	Registration of participants
9:00-10:00	<p><b>Opening of the Eastern Partnership Youth Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>H.E. Andrej Kiska, President of the Slovak Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport, European Commission</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Hovsep Khurshudyan, EaP CSF Steering Committee, Conference Coordinator</p>
10:00-10:15	<p><b>Announcement of the day</b> <i>Presentation of the photo exhibition, Bruno Oliveira tbc</i></p> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus</p>
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Parallel press-conference of the EU and Slovak officials</b> <b>Moderator/s:</b> Darya Mustafayeva, EaP CSF</p>
10:15-12:00	<p>Panel discussion <b>Youth for Human Rights: challenges and perspectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stavros Lambrinidis, EUSR for Human Rights (tbc)</i></li> <li>• <i>Simon Panek, Director of People in Need NGO (tbc)</i></li> <li>• <i>Vassilis Maragos, European Commission, DG NEAR (tbc)</i></li> <li>• <i>Representative of DG EAC (tbc)</i></li> <li>• <i>Rasul Jafarov</i></li> <li>• <i>Representative of GLOBSEC (tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	<p><b>Thematic capacity building activities</b> (trainer, facilitator)</p> <p><i>Breakout sessions</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth for democracy</b> - participation in decision-making on local, regional and national levels (youth NGOs, informal activism groups and their role in promotion of democracy in EaP countries), good governance, corruption, freedom of expression</li> <li>• <b>Youth for environment</b> – campaigns and strategies in tackling environmental issues, dialogue with authorities</li> <li>• <b>Youth for inclusion and diversity</b> - ethnic, religious rights, LGBTI rights, youth policies against radicalization</li> <li>• <b>Youth for education</b> – students’ rights and academic freedoms, participation in decision-making (students’ self-government, student unions), Bologna process standards</li> <li>• <b>Youth at work</b> - labour markets, migration, social and labour rights</li> </ul>
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	<b>Thematic capacity building activities</b> (continued)
17:00-17:30	Coffee break
17:30-19:00	<p><b>Open Space Networking Fair for the participants</b> Opened by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation of the EaP Civil Society Forum – Vera Rihackova, Darya Mustafayeva, EaP CSF Secretariat</i></li> <li>• <i>Presentation of SALTO Youth – Andrij Pavlovych</i></li> <li>• <i>Presentation of the European Youth Forum - Doru Curoşu, Member of the Board</i></li> <li>• <i>Presentation of European Students’ Union – Karolina Pietkiewicz, Member of the Executive Committee</i></li> <li>• <i>Presentation of AEGEE Europe – Reka Salamon, President of the Board of Directors</i></li> <li>• <i>Presentation of the College of Europe ENP Scholarships- Tomas Tatinec, Head of Academic Administration, College of Europe</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus</p>
19:30-21:00	Dinner

### 28 October 2016, Friday

9:00-9:05	<p><b>Opening and Announcement of the day</b></p> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus</p>
9:10-10:00	<p>Panel discussion <b>Youth migration – a challenge or opportunity for the EaP region?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gayane Sargsyan, Forum for the 21st Century Leaders, Comparative perspective on the South Caucasus countries</i></li> <li>• <i>Mariia Symonova, Centre for Political Studies and Analysis</i> Presentation of the project and campaign against permanent youth brain drain (state of play), Ukraine</li> <li>• <i>Olga Gordila-Bobeico, FAM, Moldova</i></li> <li>• TBC, Belarus</li> </ul>

	<b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus
10:00-11:00	<p>Panel discussion <b>New developments in youth cooperation in the EaP region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrii Makarenko</b>, <i>Friedrich Ebert Foundation</i>, Coordinator for Civil Society Dialogue, Regional Office for the Eastern Partnership</li> <li>• <i>EU4Youth</i>, <i>European Commission</i>, <i>DG NEAR</i> (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Jana Ohrablova</b>, <i>ERASMUS+</i>, <i>Head of the National Agency</i> (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Open space for ideas</b> – breakout sessions (expert, facilitator) Debating common actions and projects with focus on upcoming EaP Youth Forum 2017 in Budapest (funding for best project ideas – tbc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Youth for democracy</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth for environment</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth for inclusion and diversity</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth for education</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth at work</i></li> </ul>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p><b>Developing recommendations for the future</b> - breakout sessions (expert, facilitator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Youth for democracy</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth for environment</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth for inclusion and diversity</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth for education</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth at work</i></li> </ul> <p>Recommendations to be presented at the EaP CSF Annual Assembly in Brussels in November 2016, Eastern Partnership Platform 4 meeting in Brussels in November 2016, and possibly at 3<sup>rd</sup> EaP Youth Forum 2017 in Budapest</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	<p><b>Closing plenary session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting back on recommendations – <b>Alexandra Kalatozishvili</b>, Rapporteur</li> <li>• Evaluation of the conference – <b>Hovsep Khurshudyan</b>, Conference coordinator</li> <li>• Discussion and adoption of conference statement - <b>Hovsep Khurshudyan</b>, Conference coordinator</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator/s:</b> Satenik Baghdasaryan, Jan Ondrus</p>
17.30 -18.30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> by <b>Katarina Mathernova</b>, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission</p> <p><b>Award ceremony</b> – Katarina Mathernova, Hovsep Khurshudyan</p>



20:00-22:30	<b>Dinner and Farewell party</b>
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**29 October 2015, Saturday**

All day	Departure of participants
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