

Civil Society Development Workshop Description

30 November 2012

No.	Topic	Organization	Room
1.	Anti-Corruption / Social Accountability	FORUMSYD	Stjärnrummet (Floor 11)
2.	Climate	FORUMSYD	Saturnus / Jupiter (Floor 4)
3.	Road Map Monitoring	International Renaissance Foundation	Neptunus (Floor 4)
4.	Election Monitoring	Unia Polska / Office for a Democratic Belarus	Venus (Floor 4)
5.	Youth: how to make all voices heard	LSU	Tellus (Floor 4)
6.	Practical and Legal CSO obstruction by public authorities.	SILC / International Centre for Not-for-Profit Law	Cosmos (Floor 3)
7.	The new Swedish strategy for the EaP region	SIDA	Väduren (Floor 5)
8.	The Nuclear Neighborhood	ECOHOME, Belarus	Oxen (Floor 5)
9.	EaP Energy Security Index	Center for International Relations in Poland	Tre Kronor (Floor 5)
10.	Female participation in the Civil Society (Gender)	Liberal Women	Jungfrun (Floor 5)
11.	Visa Facilitation and Liberalisation: breaking the barriers in Europe	Visa-free Europe Coalition Europe Without Barriers Stefan Batory Foundation	Vågen (Floor 5)

Ad 1) Social Accountability - a civil society tool for strengthening democracy (max 25 pers.).

Workshop Leader: Anna Rambe, thematic advisor on Social Accountability, **FORUMSYD**

This workshop relates directly to the Roadmap's elements of democracy, good governance and stability and will explore the possibility of working with social accountability tools in different countries.

Social accountability tools have a clear potential to be effective anti-corruption tools at different levels in society, from grass root- to national level. The authorities have to be accountable to their populations in order to have true democratic development. They have to inform the citizens about their decisions and how the use the national resources. There is a need for freedom of expression and information to make this possible. To have good governance there is a need for structures and systems that make it possible for the citizens to be organized, claim their rights and have effective communication with the authorities. Researchers will present some experiences from accountability work by civil society in countries with different democratic development. Experiences from a program of Social Accountability in Tanzania will be presented.

Ad.2) An environmental assessment tool for different stakeholders (max 25 pers.)

Workshop Leader: Inger Björk, thematic advisor Environment and Climate change, **FORUMSYD**

This workshop relates to Roadmap elements of *Environment and Climate change* and *Energy security* and will provide you with a practical assessment tool for environment. According to the EU's Roadmap for 2050 the energy consumption of fossil energy has to diminish as part of the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases with 80 % in EU countries. This is also relevant for the EaP countries. There is a need for national Roadmaps and cooperation to achieve those goals. It is important that different actors from the local to the national level participate in analysis and formulation of goals and concrete actions. The assessment tool is helpful in the analysis and finding solutions with participants from the state, municipalities, companies, civil society and communities.

Ad 3) Eastern Partnership Roadmap implementation: monitoring and advocacy

Workshop Leader: Dmytro Shulga,
European programme director
International Renaissance Foundation

N.B. This workshop will run 1 time for the full 3 hours, with a break after 1.5 hours.

The assessment of the progress in implementing the EaP Roadmap is going to be the principle topic for the general political debate on EaP ahead of the Vilnius summit. This workshop relates to all substantial parts of the Roadmap and the goal is to shape understanding of how the EaP Civil Society Forum can contribute to the implementation of the EaP Roadmap and to create a circle of Forum participants who would work on this issue in 2013.

We will discuss the experience gained, in particular, with various efforts to monitor implementation of the bilateral ENP Action Plans. We will need to define our expectations from EaP Roadmap and relevant monitoring and advocacy needs. Also, what should be the core methodology, what are the major priorities, how to move beyond pure monitoring to an effective advocacy, and how practically organize this activity of the Forum in 2013.

Ad 4) Election monitoring. Civil Society Forum. The Caucasus 2013.

Workshop Leaders: Olga Stuzhinskaya (Office for a Democratic Belarus)
Krzysztof Bobinski (Unia & Polska)

The roadmap envisages that in 2012 (further) democratization in the EaP countries will take place. The monitoring effort is designed to support free and fair elections and to build the CSF brand in the EaP as well as bring together NGO's from the EaP countries.

We would like to establish what the essential organisational needs are for a CSF monitoring operation in 2013 in the three Caucasus countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan Georgia. We need to talk about the resources required, the number of people we want to involve, possible sources of funding, what support can we expect from the national platforms in the three countries etc.

Ad 5) How to make all voices heard

Workshop Leaders: LSU – Sveriges ungdomsorganisationer (Swedens Youth Organizations)
Eastern European Youth Partnership (EEYP)
Slovenian National Youth Council.

This workshops will run 2x for 1,5 hours but they are very much intertwined. It is however possible to join the second one without having taken a part in the first one. In a democratic environment it is important to integrate different groups in society. The workshop aims to create a higher awareness of representation issues and will provide concrete solutions on how to improve integration and representation of different groups. At the Civil Society Forum there were around 50 youth organizations who applied to be official delegates, but only six were accepted. We, the National Council of Swedish Youth Organizations (LSU), see this as an example of a bigger problem of representation, and together with the Eastern European Youth Partnership (EEYP) we will arrange two workshops to discuss this issue with you. The first workshop will consist of an eminent panel who, together with the audience, will discuss perspectives and solutions to this issue. The second workshop will be of a more interactive character and focus on developing guidelines to give to the different working groups in Civil Society Forum. In the expectations for 2013 there is a lot written about Erasmus and higher education, this is also an issue we have the possibility to raise in our second workshop which will also focus on 'mobility'.

Ad 6) Practical and Legal CSO obstruction by public authorities

How to prevent and deal with obstructive legislation

Workshop Leaders: David Moore, International Centre for Non-Profit Law
Martin Ängeby, Swedish International Liberal Centre

Description: The workshop will focus on how governments and public authorities use legislation to create practical obstacles to prevent CSO's from functioning effectively. Seemingly neutral legislative proposals are used to create technical, human resource or policy problems that make it impossible for CSO's to do their work. What are the experiences of the participants and how can you prevent this legislation to come into effect? David Moore and Martin Ängeby will share their rich experiences in this field and invite participants to learn from their and each other's experiences. The workshop connects strongly with the fundamental idea underpinning the Roadmap 2013 since it is focuses on enabling CSO's to play their monitoring role in the different thematic fields. The same workshop will be held 2x for the duration of 1.5 hours to give a maximum number of participants the possibility to attend.

Ad 7) The new Swedish Strategy for the EaP Region

Workshop Leaders: Björn Mossberg, SIDA
Kristina Henschen, country coordinator, SIDA
Rebecka Kitzing Ivarsson, country coordinator, SIDA
Maria Myrman, program officer, Sida

Sida is now in process of developing a new 7 year, 2014 to 2020, result strategy for the EaP region. The civil society in the region is of course a major actor in the strategy and therefor the Civil Society Forum is an important forum for Sida to be able to get input from the whole region and from as many different parts of civil

society as possible. This workshop aims to identify means to strengthen the civil society in the EaP region and to identify the role of the Swedish civil society in the new strategy for the EaP region.

Ad 8). The Nuclear Neighborhood

This workshop will be run by Ecohome the anti nuclear campaign from Belarus. They will be giving two different workshops, each for 1.5 hours.

1. Transboundary issues in European Union and Eastern Partnership Countries by Irina Sukhy chairperson of Ecohome.
2. Nuclear Power and Democracy in European Union and Eastern Countries by Tatsiana Novikava – coordinator of the Belarusian anti-nuclear campaign.

(Nov. 30, 11.45 - 13.15)

Ad1) Transboundary Issues in European Union and Eastern Partnership Countries

Aims:

- to inform about transboundary effects of the Nuclear Power Plant projects in EU and EaP countries and about related international problems;
- to inform, how Espoo convention (UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context) mechanisms could help to solve international problems in EU and EaP countries, related to NPP projects on the recent cases;
- to rise the issue of transboundary effects of planned NPP in EU and EaP countries and discuss possible joint actions against dangerous projects.

Workshopleaderss:

1. Andrey Ozharovskiy (Nuclear scientist and journalist with Bellona.ru) – transboundary effects of NPP projects in EU and EaP countries.
2. Jan Haverkamp Хаверкамн (Greenpeace) – international problems, related with transboundary effects of NPP in EU and EaP countries (Slovenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Lithuania).
3. Nataliya Andrusevych – Application of the Espoo Convention to Nuclear Projects: outlook of the EaP region.
4. Tatyana Novikova (Ecohome, Belarusian antinuclear campaign) – the cases of Belarusian, Lithuanian, Hmelnitskaya NPP and Espoo convention implementation.

Suggested outcomes: Statement and ideas of joint activities within Eastern Partnership.

Ad 2) Nuclear Power and Democracy in European Union and Eastern Countries

Aims:

- To attract attention to the resent conflicts and problems related to nuclear projects (Belarus, Lithuania, Ukraine, etc.)
- To inform about mechanisms of UNECE Convention on Public participation in environmental decision making (Aarhus Convention), related to democratic procedures in decision-making on the nuclear issues;
- To discuss possible joint activities within Eastern Partnership.

Suggested outcomes: Statement and ideas of joint activities within Eastern Partnership.

Workshopleaders:

1. Nataliya Andrusevych – Aarhus convention mechanisms and decision-making related to nuclear issues in EU and EaP countries .
2. Jan Haverkamp (Greenpeace) – democracy and NPP projects in EU and EaP countries.
3. Tatiana Novikova (Belarus Antinuclear Campaign).
4. Andrey Ozharovskiy (Bellona.ru)

Ad 9) “EaP Energy security Index” – designing a new methodology – discussion

Workshop Leader: Wojciech Borodzicz-Smoliński (Center for International Relations in Poland).

The discussion in this workshop should bring us closer at agreeing on a methodology of the EaP ESI and reaching a broad agreement on the methodology of the index which would be a basis for country reports.

Improvement of the energy security of the EaP region is one of many reforms envisaged by the EaP initiative. The Eastern Partnership Energy Security Index will be a tool which will allow organizations to assess the level of improvement of energy security level of the EaP countries.

The index itself will measure what the dependence is between improvement in the field of the energy security and the engagement of the country in reforms aimed at improvement of the democracy and human rights internal reforms.

EaP ESI will be a tool prepared by the Civil Society and its role would be to measure developments in the energy security area in six EaP countries. The index will play a supplementary role to already developed EaP European Integration Index and covers only issues important from the point of view of energy security.

Ad 10) Female participation in the Civil Society – gender roles and master suppression techniques

Workshop Leaders: Hanna Lager Secretary General, Liberal Women
Hidajete Spahija, Ombudsman

This workshop will run 2x for 1.5 hours.

The goal of this workshop is to raise awareness and create a debate around gender roles and master suppression techniques.

Ad 11) Visa Facilitation and Liberalisation: breaking the barriers in Europe

Workshop Leader: Iryna Sushko, Europe without Barriers, Kyiv, Ukraine

Visa liberalization is one of the goals of the EaP. It is both a technical and a political process. In order to achieve visa-free regime with the EU, each EaP state needs to meet a number of criteria and to introduce many reforms in several policy areas. We will be looking at the progress made by all the EaP states in meeting the relevant benchmarks as well as discuss how this can be used to influence the decision-making process. We will also focus on visa facilitation and visa issuance. One of the elements of the workshop will be a photo project showing how strongly visa policy is a barrier to cultural, political, scientific or economic cooperation between the EaP and EU states.