

**Preliminary draft programme of the CDDH Workshop:
*Protection and promotion of the civil society space in Europe***

organised by the CDDH at its 90th meeting
under the aegis of the Finnish Presidency
of the Committee of Ministers

Place and date: Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, room 8, Thursday 29 November 2018 (14:00-17:15)

Participants: representatives of member States, Council of Europe, international organisations, civil society

Moderator: Ms Debbie KOHNER, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions

14:00 – Opening session

(3') Welcome to the participants by Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Chair of the CDDH

(3') Speech by Ms Henna KOSONEN, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe

(7') Speech by Ms Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

(7') Speech by Ms Krista OINONEN, Chair of the CDDH-INST

14:20 – Working session I – Commitment of the Council of Europe and other international partners to protect and promote the civil society space in Europe

(7') Speech by Ms Agnieszka SZKLANNA, Secretary to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

(7') Speech by Mr Furkat TISHAEV, Advisor, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

(7') Speech by Ms Waltraud HELLER, Programme Manager Civil Society Cooperation, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

(7') Speech by Ms Dragana KORLJAN, Coordinator, Justice, Protection and Social Rights Unit, Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR

(7') Speech by Ms Jennifer CROFT, Deputy Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Human Rights Department

Discussion – *What should be the further steps to strengthen the role of the civil society in Europe?*

15:20 – Coffee break

15:45 – Working session II – Current challenges facing civil society actors in Europe

(7') Speech by Ms Anna RURKA, President of the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe

(7') Speech by Ms Hanna MACHINSKA, Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland

(7') Speech by Mr Philip LYNCH, Director of the International Service for Human Rights

(7') Speech by Mr Ilie CHIRTOACĂ, Legal Resources Centre from Moldova

(7') Speech by Mr Pádraig HUGHES, Media Legal Defence Initiative (tbc)

Discussion – *How to reverse shrinking democratic space in Europe?*

17:10 – Conclusion

(5') Concluding remarks by Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Chair of the CDDH

17:15 – *Vin d'honneur* offered by the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers