

Partnership for Good Governance



Partnership for Good Governance: enhancing the co-operation with civil society

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Agora building – Room G6
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Scope of the conference

The objective of the conference is to look for mechanisms for significantly increasing the involvement of NGOs and civil society at large in the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) projects. This will be pursued through

- Examining the successful and unsuccessful attempts of project teams to involve civil society
- Making use of the conclusions reached by the PGG regional civil society project and the draft CoE guidelines for promoting civil participation in decision-making
- Making use of the expertise of the INGO Conference and its thematic committees in the respective thematic areas and projects
- Identifying contact persons and/or members of INGOs who could be involved in the CoE projects during the second PGG stage

Agenda

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 9.45	Opening remarks Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, ODGP
9.45 – 10.15	Keynote speech. What do public servants and project managers gain from civil participation? Speaker: Goran Forbici, Director, Centre for information service, cooperation and development of NGOs, Slovenia
10.15 – 11.15	Panel discussion. Human rights Moderator: Jeff Lovitt, expert, Chair of New Diplomacy

- Regional Dialogue for Judicial Reform - Shorena Gigauri, Deputy head of international co-operation, High Council of Justice of Georgia, Chair of the Regional Steering Group
- Supporting the criminal justice reform and combating ill-treatment and impunity in Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine - Avetik Ishkhanyan, Armenian Helsinki Committee, Gohar Simonyan, Head of Department for Prevention of Ill-Treatment and Torture, Republic of Armenia Human Rights Defender's Office, and Yuriy Belousov, Chairman of the Board, NGO "Expert Centre of Human Rights", Ukraine
- INGO Conference: Simon Matthijssen, European Ombudsman Institute (EOI)
- Intervention: Promoting penitentiary reforms from a punitive to a rehabilitative approach Georgia, Ukraine - Ildiko Nemeth-Salacz, Programme Manager, Criminal Law Co-operation Unit, Action Against Crime Department (DGI)

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45 – 12.45 Panel discussion. Capacity building and media

Moderator: Achim Holzenberger, Special Co-ordinator DGI

- Strengthening the efficiency of justice and support to the lawyers profession in the Republic of Moldova - Vladimir Palamarciuc, Moldovan Young Lawyers Association, Oxana Gutu, Senior Project Manager, Division for Legal Co-operation
- Promote professional and responsible journalism by supporting regional network of self-regulatory bodies – Nata Dzvelishvili, Georgian Charter of Journalistic Ethics
- INGO Conference: Didier Schretter, European Association for Education in Audiovisual Media (AEEMA)
- Intervention: Civil participation in political decision-making in the six Eastern partnership countries - Ilie Chirtoaca, legal officer, Legal Resources Centre, Moldova

12.45 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 15.30 Panel discussion. Democracy and good governance

Moderator: Nicola-Daniel Cangemi, Special Co-ordinator DGII

- Electoral Assistance - Ana Papuashvili, Programs Manager, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy, Georgia and Anush Hambaryan, Democracy Monitoring Specialist, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, Armenia
- Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance - Eka Sepashvili, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Georgia, Gennadiy Kosyak, Deputy Head of Good Governance Division
- INGO Conference: Anne-Marie Chavanon, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP)
- Intervention: Electoral Assistance – François Friederich, Head of Electoral Assistance Division, Democratic Institutions and Governance Department (DGII)

15.30 – 16.00 *Informal Presentation of the publication ["Civil Participation in Decision Making in the Eastern Partnership Countries Part II: Practice and Implementation"](#) Copies of the book will be available*
Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 How to secure effective NGO/civil society involvement in the second PGG stage?

Moderator: Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance

- Learning experiences from the first stage of PGG. What worked, what can be improved
 - Promoting human rights education and democratic citizenship regional - Katia Dolgova-Dreyer, Programme Coordinator, Co-operation and Capacity-Building Division, Education Department
 - PACE regional Media project, Alessandro Mancini, Deputy Head of the Secretariat, PACE
- How can the INGO Conference and its thematic committees help: (1) with their expertise in the respective subjects, and (2) recommending contact persons and/or members of their INGOs who could be involved in the CoE projects during the second PGG stage – Anna Rurka, President INGO Conference

17.30 – 18.00 Closing remarks Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance

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