



# FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE: A LIVING CIVIC SPACE FOR A #LIVINGDEMOCRACY

**FRIDAY  
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10.00 – 17.00**

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## PROGRAMME

### 10.00-10.30 INTRODUCTION

**Welcome:**

Anna RURKA, President of the Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe  
Zoltan TAUBNER, Director of External Relations, Council of Europe

**Keynote:** Richard YOUNGS - Senior Associate at Carnegie Endowment, Professor at University of Warwick, author of "*Civic Activism Unleashed: New Hope or False Dawn for Democracy?*"

### 10.30-10.45 Networking Coffee break

### 10.45-12.00 PANEL 1 – CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOR SEEN BY OTHERS

*How do policymakers, civil servants, academia, journalists, independent bodies or the private sector see the different methods, forms and expressions of civil society in terms of legitimacy, effectiveness or ethics, including of their funding, governance models?*

**Moderator:** Jade GLENISTER, Member, Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs

Adam BODNAR, Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland  
Sandra BOUDJOULIAN, Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna  
Valerie HOPKINS, South East Europe Correspondent, Financial Times  
Hanna SURMATZ, Senior Legal Affairs Officer, European Foundation Centre  
Birgit VAN HOUT, Regional Representative for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights



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## 13.00-15.15 PANEL 2 - NGOs/CSOs/SOCIAL MOVEMENTS LOOK AT THEMSELVES

*Do activists, change-makers and human rights defenders need NGOs? What can NGOs and social movements learn from each other and how can they work together? How do NGOs and umbrella organisations work with and approach non-formal citizen groups and social movements?*

*Moderator:* Susan WILDING, Head of Geneva Office, Civicus

Alfonso ALIBERTI, Policy and Advocacy Team Leader, European Youth Forum

Anna DAROCZI, Voluntary Service Coordinator, Phiren Amenca International

Krzysztof IZDEBSKI, Policy Director, Lawyer and activist, ePanstwo Foundation

Maryna KHROMYKH, Civic activist, co-ordinator of the initiative "Who ordered Katya Handziuk's death?"

Priscillia LUDOSKY, Activist, Yellow Vest, France

Ion MANOLE, Executive Director, Promo Lex

Alexandrina NAJMOWICZ, Director, European Civic Forum

Lejla ŠEHIĆ RELIĆ, President, European Volunteer Centre

## 15.30-16.45 INTERACTIVE DEBATE: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Which transformations are here to stay? What is the future of civil society as a sector? What is the role for governments, donors, institutions or communities supporting the sustainability of the CSO sector?

*Moderators:*

Andrea MENAPACE, Director, Coalizione Italiana per le Libertà e i Diritti civili (CILD)

Sandra PERNAR, Senior Regional Coordinator Europe, Open Government Partnership

## 16.45-17.00 CLOSING REMARKS



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