

Environmental and Climate Advocacy Workshop

When: **June 3th - June 6th, 2024**

Where: **Kutná Hora CZ** (about 1 hour from Prague)

Venue: [Dačický House](#) - Educational and Presentation Centre of the UNESCO Cultural Heritage

Topic/Focus: Environmental and climate advocacy campaigns

Are you engaged in environmental and climate advocacy campaigns on a national or local level? Would you like to learn more about effective tools that can help you plan and implement your advocacy strategy? Would you like to share your experience and learn from others doing similar work in other European countries? Then our workshop is for you. If you work on a non-environmental topic, but you still would like to take part, the workshop is also open for you.

We are looking for representatives of civil society organizations that are engaged in advocacy campaigns and efforts for systemic change to join us in a four-day workshop. It will take place in the charming, historic town of Kutná Hora in the Czech Republic.

We will cover the following topics on how to:

- analyze a problem, including its roots and consequences
- choose and define a specific advocacy goal
- identify key political actors that have influence
- define demands and activities towards identified political actors

The participants will vote on a number of the topics that will be worked on over the course of the workshop. The topics will be determined by you, preferably from issues related to environmental and climate advocacy. At the end of the workshop you will have a set of finished advocacy strategies. There will be time for group mutual discussion, feedback among the participants and from the lecturers.

The program of our workshop will also include an **inspirational speaker** and time for **sharing your own experiences**.

We will also take advantage of the opportunities of the historic town Kutná Hora and you can look forward to some **local tours and historical sites** so you will get to know the town better.

We would like to encourage you **to register two representatives** from one organization. **One participant per organization is also welcome.**

How to register:

The workshop is open to participants from countries where the Active Citizens Fund programme has been implemented. You will receive the detailed information from your national fund operators. The number of participants is limited. We aim for about 2 - 3 representatives per country.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Kutná Hora!

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"I learned a very specific and effective method of planning an advocacy strategy. I find this detailed process very useful, especially the power mapping. We have never used this method before."

Feedback from the advocacy workshop in Kutná Hora in 2022.

About us:

The workshop is organized by:

The Open Society Fund Prague (CZ), the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund in the Czech Republic, namely by its **Advocacy Forum**, and by **the Stefan Batory Foundation**, the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund - National in Poland.

The Advocacy Forum provides consultations, workshops and training to civil society organizations working on the local and national level. Due to our work, organizations are more effective and professional in their advocacy campaigns.

The workshop is also organized in collaboration with **VIA IURIS (SK)** that uses the law as an instrument of justice. We bring systemic solutions and promote the equal application of law for all.

Language: The workshop will be held in English. No translation will be provided.

Lecturers:

Štěpán Drahokoupil

Štěpán is a program manager at the Czech Advocacy Forum of OSF Prague. He works as a consultant and as a lecturer on advocacy. Previously he was in charge of the advocacy campaign for inclusive education in the Czech Republic, also for OSF Prague. He also served as an Assistant to Senator. Štěpán also works with the Via Foundation on a program that supports community leaders to become local representatives and externally teaches at Faculty of Arts, Charles University, where he completed his Ph.D. in political science.

Katarína Batková

Katka Batková graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Trnava and also completed her doctoral studies in European law in 2011. She is currently the Executive Director of VIA IURIS, and has been active in the civil sector for more than 10 years. She participated in the establishment of the platform of civil

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organizations for the protection of the civic sector. Before she also worked as lawyer at a Legal Aid Centre and in various advocacy campaigns. She also worked as an assistant of the MP at Slovak Parliament, where she specialized on drafting legislation.

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