

Civil Society between Policy and Politics: When civil society activists go to politics...

25th April, 2024

10:00 – 12:00 WET (Lisbon)

11:00 – 13:00 CET (Bratislava, Budapest, Oslo, Riga, Warsaw, Ljubljana, Praha, Valetta, Zagreb)

12:00 – 14:00 EET (Athens, Bucharest, Nicosia, Sofia, Tallinn, Vilnius)

NOTE: Session opened to FOs representatives, ACF project promoters and other interested NGOs in both Beneficiary and Donor States.

Access will be possible based on prior registration:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrD4sE9GaAQtkmbd3xGJMJOqtsD6f>

The Zoom link will be sent only to those registered.

Civil society serves as a vibrant cornerstone of democratic societies, embodying the collective voice of citizens and advocating for diverse social, political, and environmental causes. It operates in the realm between policy and politics, often influencing both while maintaining a distinct identity outside of formal governance structures. However, a fascinating intersection occurs when a civil society activist transitions into the realm of politics, blurring the lines between advocacy and governance. This transformation raises complex questions about the role of activism within the corridors of power, the dynamics of representation, and the potential for grassroots movements to drive systemic change from within established political frameworks. Exploring this journey from civil society to politics unveils a rich tapestry of challenges, opportunities, and ethical considerations that shape the evolving landscape of democratic engagement and social progress.

CET: 10:55 – 11:00	Welcome & Prepare (get hooked to Zoom and grab your coffee)
CET: 11:00 – 11:10	Brief introduction to the topic delivered by Ivan Blažević, director, SOLIDARNA Foundation/ Croatia
CET: 11:10 – 11:50	<p>10-minute speeches delivered by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florina Presada - executive director, Association Accept, Romania and former member of the Parliament • Urša Zgojznik - co-president, Vesna Green Party, former environmental activist, Slovenia • Ivan Cerovac, PHD, Assistant Professor of Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Rijeka, Croatia, Visiting Research Fellow, Brocher Foundation <p>Moderator: Ivan Blažević, director, SOLIDARNA Foundation/ Croatia</p>
CET: 11:50 – 12:30	Discussion
CET: 12:30-13:00	Internal meeting for Active Citizens Fund Operators [at the same zoom link]

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