

Civil Society Forum

Warsaw, June 26th-28th, 2024

DRAFT AGENDA

June 26th (Wednesday)

Time	Session
8.30 – 9.30	Welcome coffee & registration
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Polish Government (TBC) • Ingrid Schulerud. Special adviser, Rule of law and Democracy, MFA Norway (TBC) <p>Session: <i>Why a thriving civil society matters?</i></p> <p>The session will explore the EU efforts towards thriving civic space in 2019-2024 (EDAP, DOD, rule of law toolbox, CERV, ECBA, and other policies that positively or negatively affect civic space) and lesson learned.</p> <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver Röpke – President, European Economic and Social Committee (EU) • Sirpa Rautio – Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA (EU) • Gabriella Civico – Chair, Civil Society Europe (EU) • Ingrid Bellander Todino - Head of Unit - Fundamental Rights Policy, DG Justice (EU) • Member of the Polish Government (TBC) <p>Moderated by Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć, Watchdog Poland Q&A</p>

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11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>The session will explore civil society expectations towards the EU leaders and institutions for the mandate (2024-2029) and the upcoming Polish presidency of the European Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the policy proposal/open letter by a representative of the Forum’s initiators • Alexandrina NAJMOWICZ - Secretary General of the European Civic Forum (EU) • Vera Mora – director Okotars (HU) • Representative of a youth CSO or platform (TBD) <p>Moderated by Ionut Sibian, FDSC (RO)</p>
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 16.15	Fishbowl discussion will explore the major topics related to our work around civic space. The discussion will be an opportunity to provide depth to our difficulties, while improving our expectations from the new EU leadership put forward in the policy proposal / open letter.
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.00	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish CSOs (TBD) • Representative of the Polish Government in charge of the Council Presidency <p>Moderated by Anna Fedas, Stefan Batory Foundation (PL)</p>

June 27th (Thursday)

All day: The **National Forum of Non-Governmental Initiatives (OFIP)** - simultaneously translated sessions for international guests

In the evening: **networking party** for all participants

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PARTNERZY:



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June 28th (Friday)

Follow-up/debriefing

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