



EU-RUSSIA CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM ГРАЖДАНСКИЙ ФОРУМ ЕС-РОССИЯ

8th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15-18 May 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

Programme

Tue, 15 May

Theme: *Exploring the Environment*

First half of the day Arrival of participants, registration

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. *Events by Forum Members*

Public Participation in the Radioactive and Communal Waste Management

Venue: **Za Zemyata** (24, Krastyo Sarafov St., 1164 Sofia)

EU-Russia Legal Dialogue Networking Meeting

Venue: **Centre for the Study of Democracy**
(5, Alexander Zhendov St., 1113 Sofia)

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Site Visits

Citizen Participation Forum

(3, Hristo Belchev St., 1000 Sofia)

Red House

(15, Ljuben Karavelov St., 1142 Sofia)

In parallel

*Ad-hoc Sessions of Working (Expert) Groups & new initiatives /
Board Meeting*

7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Public Event

Going Hand in Hand? Energy and Corruption in the EU and Russia

Venue: **Red House** (15, Ljuben Karavelov St., 1142 Sofia)

Speakers:

Daniel Kaddik, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (Bulgaria)

Anastasia Kirilenko, Independent Journalist, Forum Fighting Transborder Corruption Expert Group (Russia/France)

Mikhail Krutikhin, RusEnergy (Moscow, Russia)

Martin Vladimirov, Centre for the Study of Democracy (Bulgaria)

Moderation:

Harry Hummel, Netherlands Helsinki Committee / Forum Board Member (Netherlands)

Wed, 16 May

Theme:

Values We Share

Venue: **Park Hotel Moskva** (25, Nezabravka St., 1142 Sofia)

8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Registration

9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Welcome Session

Introductory remarks. Presentation of the agenda.

Keynote Speeches:

Raimondo Bussi, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission

Marcelina Zawisza, civic activist, Co-Founder of the “Razem” Party, Co-Organiser of the “Black Protest” (Poland)

Moderation: **Ralph du Long**, Forum Board Co-Chair (Netherlands)

10.30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Panel Discussion 1

Bridging the Gap: Bulgaria and Its First Decade in the European Union

Speakers:

Toma Belev, “For the Nature” Coalition

Jordan Karabinov, Anticorruption Fund

Mariana Katzarova, Society for Justice Foundation / RAW in WAR

Irina Nedeva, Association of European Journalists – Bulgaria

Moderation:

Ksenia Vakhrusheva, BELLONA / Forum Board Member (St. Petersburg, Russia)

12 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Break

12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Panel Discussion 2

Which Way to Go? Civil Society in Today’s Russia

Inputs:

Alexander Kolotov, Plotina.Net (Krasnoyarsk, Russia)

Alexei Kozlov, SOLIDARUS / Forum Board Member (Germany)

Evgenia Verba, Sluzhenie Association (Nizhny Novgorod, Russia)

Natalia Zviagina, International Youth Human Rights Movement (Voronezh, Russia)

General Discussion

Comment by **Viacheslav Bakhmin**, Moscow Helsinki Group / Committee of Civic Initiatives (Moscow, Russia)

Moderation:

Pavel Andreev, 7x7 (Syktyvkar, Russia)

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lunch

3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Project Fair

Forum Highlights

Presentation of Forum projects

Moderation:

Élise Daniaud, Forum Secretariat (Germany)

4.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. *Networking Break: Mingling Internal and External Audiences*

*(**CSF members and supporters only**)*

5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. *Parallel Sessions of Working (Expert) Groups & New Initiatives*

6.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Outlook Day 2

Introduction to the Voting Package

Speaker:

Yuri Dzhibladze, Centre for Development of Democracy and Human Rights / Forum Board Member (Moscow, Russia)

*(**Open to the public**)*

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Reception

Venue: **COSMOS Coworking Camp**
(3, Angel Kanchev St., 1000 Sofia)

Speakers:

Sven-Olov Carlsson, EU Delegation to the Russian Federation

Mikhail Fedotov, Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights (Moscow, Russia)

Moderation:

Sergei Tereshenkov, Forum Secretariat (Germany)

Thu, 17 May

Theme:

Partnerships within and beyond the Forum

Venue: **Park Hotel Moskva** (25, Nezabravka St., 1142 Sofia)

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- 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.** *Morning Briefing*
Q & A on the Forum Financial Report with Milda Bagdonaitė and Anna Sevortian, Forum Secretariat (Germany), **Ksenia Vakhrusheva**, BELLONA / Forum Board Member (Russia)
- 9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.** **Forum at DRA / German-Russian Exchange (2014-2017)**
Speakers:
Harry Hummel, Netherlands Helsinki Committee / Forum Board Member (Netherlands)
- 9.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.** *Plenary Session 1*
Annual Report 2017
Speakers:
Yuri Dzhibladsze, Centre for Development of Democracy and Human Rights / Forum Board Member (Moscow, Russia)
Anna Sevortian, Forum Secretariat (Germany)

Moderation:
Anna Skvortsova, NGO Development Centre / Forum Board Member (St. Petersburg, Russia)
- 11 a.m – 11.30 a.m.** *Break*
- 11.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m.** *Plenary Session 2*
Moving Forward: Forum Re-Launch in 2018
Speakers:
Harry Hummel, Netherlands Helsinki Committee / Forum Board Member (Netherlands)
Łukasz Wenerski, Forum Board Co-Chair (Poland)

Moderation:
Elena Belokurova, German-Russian Exchange / Forum Board Member (St. Petersburg, Russia)
- 12.30pm – 1.30pm** *Presentation of Candidates for the Board*
Moderation:
Grigori Melkonians, GOLOS (Moscow, Russia)
- 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.** *Lunch*

2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. *Sessions of Working (Expert) Groups & New Initiatives (Break Included)*

*(**grab a drink before the next session**)*

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. *Plenary Session 3*

Voting

Organisers:

Grigori Melkonians, GOLOS (Moscow, Russia)

Krzysztof Mrozek, Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Moderation:

Natalia Taubina, Public Verdict Foundation / Forum Board Member (Moscow, Russia)

6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. *Dinner*

*(**Open to the public**)*

8 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. *Public Event*

EU-Russia State of Civil Society Report: Challenges and Innovations

Venue: **+tova** (30, Marin Drinov St., 1504 Sofia)

Speakers:

Pavel Antonov, BlueLink Foundation (Bulgaria)

Ieva Petronytė-Urbonavičienė, Civil Society Institute (Lithuania)

Simone Poledrini, University of Perugia (Italy)

Yulia Skokova, Higher School of Economics (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Pamala Wiepking, Rotterdam School of Management (Netherlands)

Moderation:

Kristina Smolijanovaitė, Forum Secretariat (Germany)

10 p.m. – 11 p.m. *Secretariat's Open Doors' Night*

Fri, 18 May

Theme: Forming Our Strategy Together

Venue: **Park Hotel Moskva** (25, Nezabravka St., 1142 Sofia)

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9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Strategy Sessions

Introduction

Strategy Session 1

Group Discussions “Dreaming and Planning”

Strategy Session 2

Group Discussions “Shaping Programmes and Projects”

Moderation:

Igor Ovchinnikov, Golubka Training Centre (Moscow, Russia)

Sebastian Wehrsig, MitOst Association (Berlin, Germany)

1.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Wrap-up of the General Assembly

Closing remarks. End of the Assembly

Moderation:

Łukasz Wenerski, Forum Board Co-Chair (Poland)

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lunch

Departures

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