



# EU-RUSSIA CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM ГРАЖДАНСКИЙ ФОРУМ ЕС-РОССИЯ

## 6<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*“Benczúr” Hotel (35, Benczúr St., 1068 Budapest, Hungary)*

### **Sunday, 6/12/2015**

#### **Informal Gathering**

*During the day: Arrival of participants, registration*

*Networking / Informal Budapest by Night Tour / Night Service on St. Nicholas Day*

### **Monday, 7/12/2015**

#### **EU-Russia Civil Society: Trends, Big Ideas, Cross-Cutting Issues**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**      *Registration*

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Welcome Session**

Introduction of the Forum, the Steering Committee, Working Group Coordinators

Presentation of the agenda and cross-cutting themes of the 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Announcement of the voting procedure

Speakers:

*István Íjgyártó*                      Minister of State for Cultural and Science Diplomacy,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

*Vladimir Sergeev*                Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Hungary

*Vygaudas Ušackas*                Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the  
Russian Federation

Moderation:

*Anna Sevortian*                    Executive Director, Secretariat of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum  
(CSF), Berlin, Germany

*Simon Papuashvili* Project and Advocacy Coordinator, International Partnership for Human Rights, Member of the CSF Steering Committee (SC), Brussels, Belgium

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion 1. EU, Russia, and Beyond: The State of the Civil Society**

Discussants:

*Eszter Hartay* Legal Advisor, European Programme Officer, European Centre for Not-for-Profit Law, Budapest, Hungary

*Maria Chertok* Director, CAF Russia, Moscow, Russia

Moderation:

*Elena Topoleva-Soldunova* Director, Agency for Social Information, Moscow, Russia

**12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.** *Coffee Break*

**12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion 2. Focus: Hungary**

Speakers:

*Veronika Móra* Director, Ökotárs Foundation, Budapest, Hungary

*Péter Krékó* Director, Political Capital Institute, Budapest, Hungary

*Márta Pardavi* Co-Chair, Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Budapest, Hungary

*Lilla Hárdi* Psychotherapist for Refugees, Cordelia Foundation, Budapest, Hungary

*Máte Szabó* Programme Director, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Budapest, Hungary

*Szilvia Suri* Co-Founder and President, Roma Press Centre, Budapest, Hungary

Moderation:

*Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć* Director, Citizens Network Watchdog, Member of the Forum's SC, Warsaw, Poland

**2 p.m. – 3 p.m.** *Lunch*

**3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Plenary Session 1. Pecha Kucha - Cross-Cutting Agenda for the EU and Russia's Civil Societies**

Two speakers – from the EU and Russia – present cross-cutting topics of major importance for the civil society action:

## **Rule of law**

*Kirill Koroteev* Senior Lawyer, Human Rights Centre “Memorial”, Moscow, Russia

*Kate Levine* Lawyer, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, London, UK

## **Migration**

*Ekaterina Klimenko* Lecturer, St. Petersburg State University of Culture and Arts, “Europe Lab” Participant, St. Petersburg, Russia

*Claudio Tocchi* President, Trepuntozero Association, Torino, Italy

## **LGBTIQ**

*Valeri Sozaev* Director, “Action” Social and Information Initiatives Centre, St. Petersburg, Russia

*Anastasia Smirnova* Programme and Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe, Brussels, Belgium

## **Climate**

*Tatiana Chestina* Development Director, EKA Green Movement of Russia, Moscow, Russia

*Nikolai Pushkarev* Policy Officer, European Public Health Alliance, Brussels, Belgium

Moderation:

*Ralph du Long* Spokesperson, UNITED for Intercultural Action, Member of the Forum’s SC, Amsterdam, Netherlands

**5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

## **Open Space / Working Groups’ Sessions**

Moderation of the Open Space Session:

*Anna Skvortsova* Director, NGO Development Centre, Member of the Forum’s SC, St. Petersburg, Russia

**8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.**

**Reception and Film Screening at the Toldi Cinema  
(36-38, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky St., 1054 Budapest, Hungary)**

Welcoming Speeches:

*Péter Balázs* Director, Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

*Mikhail Fedotov* Head of the Presidential Council on Civil Society and Human Rights, Moscow, Russia

**Tuesday, 8/12/2015**

**Internal and External Development of the Forum**

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Plenary Session 2. Public Report of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum: Highlights of 2014-2015**

Reports by the CSF Secretariat, the Forum's SC, and the Coordinators of Working and Expert Groups

Presentation of the "Europe Lab" Young Professionals Platform and the "Legal Dialogue" Project

Moderation of the Discussion:

*Stefanie Schiffer* Executive Director, European Exchange, Berlin, Germany

**12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.** *Coffee Break*

**CSF Members Only!**

**12:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Plenary Session 3. CSF Road Map, Plans and Prospects for 2015-2018**

Speakers:

*Yuri Dzhibladze* President, Centre for Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Member of the Forum's SC, Moscow, Russia

*Kristina Smolijaninováitė* Project Coordinator, CSF Secretariat, Berlin, Germany

Moderation:

*Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć* Director, Citizens Network Watchdog, Member of the Forum's SC, Warsaw, Poland

**2 p.m. – 3 p.m.** *Lunch*

**CSF Members Only!**

**3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Parallel Sessions of the Working Groups**

**CSF Members Only!**

**5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Plenary Session 4. Voting, Adoption of Internal Documents**

Election of the new SC members. Election of the CSF Ombudsperson. Adoption of documents

Moderation:

<i>Grigori Melkoniants</i>	Deputy Executive Director, GOLOS Association, Moscow, Russia
<i>Simon Papuashvili</i>	Project and Advocacy Coordinator, International Partnership for Human Rights, Member of the Forum's SC, Brussels, Belgium

**6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**      *Dinner*

**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Solidarity Talk at the LOFFICE Coworking (55, Paulay Ede St., 1061 Budapest, Hungary)**

CSF Solidarity Group Informal Meeting

Moderation:

<i>Natalia Taubina</i>	Director, Public Verdict Foundation, Member of the Forum's SC, Moscow, Russia
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**10 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.**      *Secretariat's Open Doors' Night*

**Wednesday, 9/12/2015**

**EU-Russia Cross-Cutting Agenda**

**CSF Members Only!**

**9 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

**Plenary Session 5. Feedback on the Road Map**

**Open Format**

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Parallel Thematic Sessions**

**Session A. World Anti-Corruption Day and the EU-Russia Fight with Corruption**

Participants:

<i>Mark Fodor</i>	Executive Director, Bankwatch, Hungary, Budapest
<i>Grigori Pasko</i>	Director, 19/29 Foundation for Investigative Journalism, Moscow, Russia
<i>Alison Coleman</i>	Coordinator, Corruption Observatory Project, EU Liaison Office, Transparency International, Brussels, Belgium
<i>Gergő Sáling</i>	Senior Editor, Direkt36, Budapest, Hungary
<i>Paulius Murauskas</i>	Project Coordinator, Lithuanian Department of Transparency International, Vilnius, Lithuania
<i>Konstantin Rubakhin</i>	Coordinator, Khoper Movement, Voronezh, Russia

Moderation:

<i>Andrei Kalikh</i>	Independent journalist, Coordinator of the CSF Transborder Corruption Expert Group, St. Petersburg, Russia
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**Session B. Helsinki +40. New Challenges and Opportunities for Security and Cooperation**

Participants:

<i>Olexandra Matviychuk</i>	Chair, Centre for Civil Liberties, Kyiv, Ukraine
<i>Andrei Yurov</i>	Founder, Crimea Field Mission, Member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, Moscow, Russia
<i>Tim Bohse</i>	Board Member, German-Russian Exchange, Berlin, Germany
<i>Peter Wittschorek</i>	Outreach Coordinator, OSCE Chairmanship 2016, Berlin, Germany
<i>Volha Karach</i>	Founder and Leader, Civic Initiative "Our House", Vitebsk, Belarus - Vilnius, Lithuania

Moderation:

*Harry Hummel*

Executive Director, Netherlands Helsinki Committee, Member of the Forum's SC, the Hague, Netherlands

### **Session C. Innovation as a Way to Modernise Communities in the EU and Russia**

Participants:

*Anastasia Guliavina*

Event Director, Impact Hub, Moscow, Russia

*Anastasia Moskvina*

Project Manager, NGO Development Centre, St. Petersburg, Russia

*Oleg Sharipkov*

Head, Civil Unity, Penza, Russia

Moderation:

*Svetlana Makovetskaya*

Director, GRANI Centre, Perm, Russia

**12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

*Coffee Break*

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Podium Discussion. Donors' Talk**

**1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Wrap-up of the General Assembly**

Speakers:

*Stefan Melle*

Director, German-Russian Exchange, Member of the Forum's SC, Berlin, Germany

*Anna Sevortian*

Executive Director, CSF Secretariat, Berlin, Germany

**End of the General Assembly**

**2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

*Lunch*

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Media Lunch**

Speakers:

*Kirill Koroteev*

Senior Lawyer, Human Rights Centre "Memorial", Moscow, Russia

*Ralph du Long*

Spokesperson, UNITED for Intercultural Action, Member of the Forum's SC, Amsterdam, Netherlands

*Anna Sevortian* Executive Director, CSF Secretariat, Berlin, Germany  
*Ksenia Vakhrusheva* Coordinator of Renewable Energy Projects, Environmental Centre BELLONA, Member of the Forum's SC, St. Petersburg, Russia  
*Zsuzsanna Zsohár* Media Officer, Migration Aid, Budapest, Hungary

Moderation:

*Sergei Tereshenkov* Senior Coordinator for Public Relations, CSF Secretariat, Berlin, Germany

**3 p.m. – 6 p.m.** *Optional Programme*

### Site Visits

- A. Roma Press Centre and Community House
- B. Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU)
- C. Hungarian LGBT Alliance and Háttér Society

### Side Event by IREX Europe. Russian Independent Media Outlets – Are There Any Left?

Speakers:

*Marina Litvinovich* Media Expert, Blogger, Moscow, Russia  
*Alexei Kovalev* Journalist, Blogger, Moscow, Russia  
*Alexander Ryklin* Chief Editor, ej.ru, Moscow, Russia  
*Anna Sharogradskaya* Founder and Director, Regional Press Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia

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