



9th General Assembly PROGRAMME

Monday, 06/05/2019

Austria Trend Hotel (Vysoká 2A, 81106 Bratislava, Slovakia)

08:30 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:30 Introductory Session

Welcome Addresses:

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

Aleška Simkić, Deputy Head, European Union Delegation to Russia (Slovenia)

Keynote Speakers:

Pavol Demeš, Independent analyst, Foreign Policy Advisor to the President (1993-1997), Minister of International Relations (1991-1992), Slovakia

Katarína Nagy Pázmány, Co-Organiser, “For Decent Slovakia” Movement (Slovakia)

Moderator:

Ralph du Long, Board Co-Chair, CSF (Netherlands)

10:30 – 12:00 Panel Discussion

Civil Society in Slovakia and Central and Eastern Europe

Speakers:

Zuzana Kepplová, Editor and Columnist, SME

Dušan Ondrušek, Co-Founder, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia

Illah van Oyen, Civic Activist and Artist, NGO Punkt

Juraj Rizman, Civil Society Defence Programme Coordinator, VIA IURIS

Moderator:

Anna Skvortsova, Director for External Communications, NGO Development Centre/ Board Member, CSF (St. Petersburg, Russia)

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee Break

- 12:30 – 14:00 **Get to Know Each Other**
- Moderator:
Sergei Tereshenkov, Senior Coordinator for Public Relations, Secretariat, CSF (Germany)
- 14:00 – 15:30 Networking Lunch
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Parallel Thematic Discussions**
- Discussion 1
EU-Russia Visa Liberalisation Policy
- Moderator:
Olga Gulina, Director, RUSMPI UG - Institute on Migration Policy (Germany)
- Discussion 2
Linking Corruption to Pressure on Journalists and Civil Society in Slovakia, the EU and Russia
- Moderator:
Andrei Kalikh, Independent Journalist (St. Petersburg, Russia)
- 16:45 Coffee Served
- 17:30 – 19:00 **Meetings of Working/ Expert/ Ad-hoc Groups or Public Events**
(19:15) **(OPTIONAL)**

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Public Event 1

The Council of Europe, the OSCE and Russia: Challenges for Pan-European Organisations (OPTIONAL)

Speakers:

Konstantin Baranov, Board Member, International Youth Human Rights Movement (Rostov-on-Don, Russia)

Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2014-2016) (Luxembourg)

Harry Hummel, Senior Policy Advisor, Netherlands Helsinki Committee/ Board Member, CSF (Netherlands)

Aleška Simkić, Deputy Head, European Union Delegation to Russia (Slovenia)

Olga Zakharova, Executive Director, Freedom Files Foundation (Poland)

Moderator:

Yuri Dzhibladze, President, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights / Coordinator, CSF Advocacy Task Force (Moscow, Russia)

Satori Stage (Mickiewiczova 2246/9, 81107 Bratislava, Slovakia)

Public Event 2

Russia of the Regions: Civil Society and Activism from Vladivostok to Kaliningrad (OPTIONAL)

Speakers:

Irina Gertsik, Head, Women's Initiatives (Kaliningrad)

Anatoli Lebedev, Board Chair, BROK (Vladivostok)

Svetlana Makovetskaya, Director, GRANI Centre (Perm)

Ruslan Mutsolgov, Lawyer, MASHR (Karabulak)

Moderator:

Alexander Duleba, Director, Slovak Foreign Policy Association (Slovakia)

Old Market (Námestie SNP 484/25, 81101 Bratislava, Slovakia)

19:30 – 21:30 **Kitchen Stories – What is Happening in the Forum's World?**

Joint dinner, talks and exhibition

Moderators:

Barbara Anna Bernsmeier, Project Coordinator, Secretariat, CSF (Germany)

Karol Bijoś, Project Initiator, Political Accountability Foundation (Poland)

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08:30 – 09:15 Registration for the Voting I



(OPTIONAL)

Information Session on the Forum Financial Report 2018

Moderator:

Milda Bagdonaitė, Senior Financial Officer, Secretariat, EU-Russia Civil Society Forum (Germany)

09:15 – 11:00

Forum Financial and Activities' Report 2018

Election of the GA Voting Committee and Chair of GA

Presenters:

Anna Sevortian, Executive Director, Secretariat, CSF (Germany)

Ksenia Vakhrusheva, Coordinator of Renewable Energy Projects, Environmental Rights Centre BELLONA/ Board Member, CSF (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Moderator:

Anikó Bakonyi, Project and Advocacy Officer for the Refugee Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee/ Board Member, CSF (Hungary)

Voting:

- Approval of CSF 2018 Financial Report
- Approval of CSF Treasurer

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30

Advocacy and Solidarity in the Forum

Presenters:

Yuri Dzhibladze, Coordinator, CSF Advocacy Task Force (Moscow, Russia)

Elena Shakhova, Chair, Citizens Watch/ Board Member, CSF (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Moderator:

Polina Filippova, Marketing Director, Sakharov Centre/ Board Member, CSF (Moscow, Russia)

12:30 – 13:30

Presentation of Forum Board Candidates

Moderator:

Grigori Melkonians, Co-Chair, GOLOS Movement (Moscow, Russia)

13:30 – 15:00

Networking Lunch

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15:00 – 16:45 **Towards Forum Strategy 2020-2025: Introduction**

Moderator:
Wojciech Tworkowski, Forum Strategy Facilitator (Poland)

16:45 Coffee Served / **Registration for the Voting II**

17:00 – 19:00 **Elections of the Board and the Board Chair / Voting**

Moderator:
Grigori Melkonians, Co-Chair, GOLOS Movement (Moscow, Russia)

Lab.Cafe (Námestie SNP 484/25, 81101 Bratislava, Slovakia)

18:30 – 20:00 Public Event 3
Civil Society at the Crossroads: Cases from the Czech Republic, Greece, Romania and Russia

Speakers:
Andrei Dobre, PhD Student, University of Bucharest (Romania)
Pavel Havlíček, Analyst, Association for International Affairs (Czech Republic)
Yulia Skokova, Junior Research Fellow, Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)
Eugenia Vathakou, Lecturer, Hellenic Open University (Greece)

Comment:
Elena Belokurova, Board Chair, German-Russian Exchange/ Board Member, CSF (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Moderator:
Kristina Smolijaninovaitė, Deputy Director, Secretariat, CSF (Germany)

Baudelaire Evil Flowers Bar (Panská 240/6, 81101 Bratislava, Slovakia)

20:30 **Vd'aka, Bratislava! Drinks & Music with Dee Jay Dixon**



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09:00 – 11:00 **Sessions of Working/ Expert/ Ad-hoc Groups (OPTIONAL)**

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09:00 – 10:30 Legal Dialogue Round Table (OPTIONAL)

Moderator: Nela Laryšová, EU-Russia Legal Dialogue Programme Coordinator,
Secretariat, CSF

11:00 Coffee Served

11:00 – 13:00 **Towards Forum Strategy 2020-2025: Wrap-Up**

Moderator:
Wojciech Tworkowski, Forum Strategy Facilitator (Poland)

13:00 – 14:00 **New Website for the Forum/ Closing Remarks**

Presenters:
Daria Bykova, Internal Communications Officer, Secretariat, CSF (Germany)
Andris Lembergs, Website Developer (Latvia)

Moderator:
Harry Hummel, Senior Policy Advisor, Netherlands Helsinki Committee/ Board
Member, CSF (Netherlands)

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

DEPARTURE