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NGO Forum – RIGA 2015

MEDIA PROGRAMME

Media are welcome to participate in all conference sessions.

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Tuesday, 3 March

- 8:30 Media Centre opens**
Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mukusalas street 3
- 9:30 Opening session**
Moderator: Andris Gobiņš, President of European Movement – Latvia (LV)
Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of Latvia (LV)

Ingvild Næss Stub, the State Secretary to the Norwegian Minister of EEA and EU Affairs (NO);
Henri Malosse, President of the EESC and the Co-chair of EESC Liaison Group (FR)
Andris Rāviņš, Chairman of the Council of the Society Integration Foundation (LV)
- 10:00 Civil society– yesterday, today and tomorrow**
Prof. Marju Lauristin, co-organisier of the Baltic Way, Vice-president of the S&D group of the European Parliament (EE)
Prof. Roberts Kīlis, Associate professor at Stockholm School of Economics in Riga and Editor in chief of long-term development strategy Latvia 2030 (LV)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Press Conference**
Venue: Hall “Baltija”, 1st floor

Rihards Kols, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister of Latvia
Ingvild Næss Stub, the State Secretary to the Norwegian Minister of EEA and EU Affairs
Henri Malosse, President of the EESC and the Co-chair of EESC Liaison Group
Elisabeth Bauer, Head of Konrad Adenauer Foundation office in Latvia, Lithuania and Scandinavia
- 11:00 – 12:30 Presentations/panel discussion – the role of civil society in decision making from its own perspective – national and EU level**
Moderator: Lolita Čigāne, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia (LV)

Experts:
Ionut Eugen Sibian, Director of the Civil Society Development Foundation (RO)
Inese Voika, founder and adviser of DELNA - the Latvian branch of *Transparency International* (LV)
Karl Henrik Sivesind, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Social Research Norway (NO)
Hagen Berndt, Consultant and advisor for non- violent action and conflict transformation (DE)



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14:00 – 15:30

**Parallel working sessions co-chaired by
representatives from CSOs and EU Institutions**

Parallel Session 1: Challenges and future perspectives for participation of civil society (organisations and citizens) – a Road Map design for involvement at national level (with special attention to EU related decision making)

Parallel Session 2: Challenges and future perspectives for participation of civil society (organisations and citizens) - Road Map design for involvement at EU level

Parallel Session 3: Challenges and future perspectives for dialogue and sharing best practice between civil society (organisations and citizens)

16:00

Continuation of parallel working sessions, incl. conclusions and an agreement on main future actions / the Road Map on Participation

17:00

Presentations of working sessions results/panel discussion

17:40

Closing remarks and outlook

Conny Reuter, Co-chair of the EESC Liaison Group, Secretary General of Solidar (DE/ BE)

Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

18:00

Media Centre closes