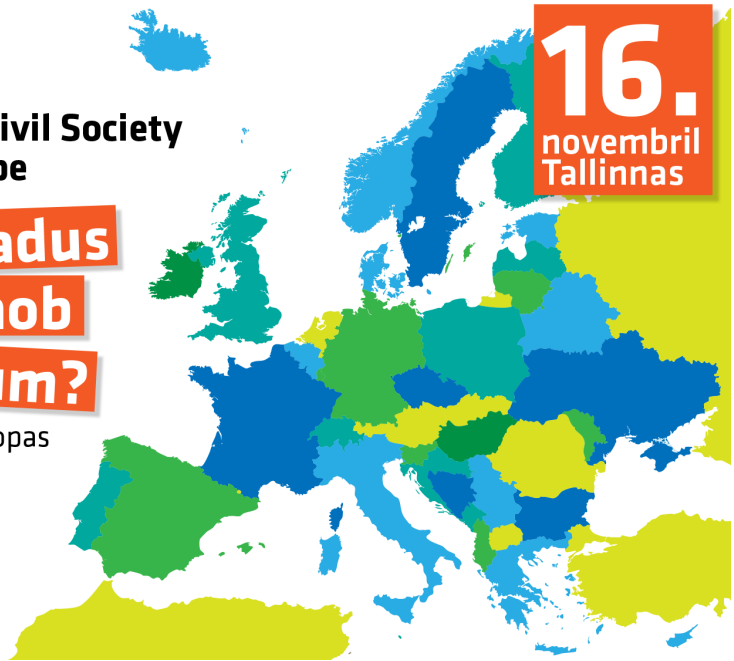


Forum on the State of Civil Society and Civic Space in Europe

**Kust tuleb vabadus
ja kuhu kaob
kodanikuruum?**

Foorum kodanikuruumist Euroopas



AGENDA

10.00 Registration and coffee

10.30 – 10.50 Opening

Mr. Eiki Nestor, President of the Riigikogu, Estonian parliament

10.50 – 11.45 **What is the state of civil society in Europe? Recent assessments, facts and conclusions.**

Ms. Waltraud Heller, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

Ms. Eszter Hartay, European Centre for Not-for Profit Law

11.45 – 12.405 Discussion: how can civil society address the threats?

Representatives of European civil society networks and institutions argument on how civil society can protect its space. What can be done by each organisation, what is the role of networks.

- **Mr. Vladimir Sestovic** , European Civic Forum
- **Ms. Waltraud Heller**, Fundamental Rights Agency
- **Mr. Peter Varga**, Open Government Partnership
- **Mr. Ionut Sibian**, European Economic and Social Committee

Moderated by Ms. Maris Jõgeva (NENO).

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15 Won't stand without action!

We have an honor to introduce outstanding initiatives and activists in civil society who have not just observed social trends, but have taken action. Three parallel sessions with moderated discussions provide an opportunity to learn from each other and discuss resources, strenghts and methods of civil society.

I Countering populism

Post-truth era, populism, leaders with radical views and messages. How can civil society oppose the trend and build constructive dialogue in governance and social relations?

Inspiration:

Ms. Lenka Galetova and **Mr. Jiri Uhlir**, Demagog

Mr. Herman Kelomees, Estonian Debating Society

Moderator (tbc)

II Protecting the freedom of association

Right to engage in free speech or to participate in associations is closely dependent on the environment for cooperating in communities and society at large. What can civil society do if restrictions set by the government start to harm civil society?

Inspiration:

Ms. Dora Papp, Krétakör Foundation

Mr. Urmo Kübar, Civil Society Adviser to the President of Estonia

Moderated by: **Ms. Sigrid Solnik**, Development Cooperation Roundtable

III Mobilising people

Civil society is about dialogue, collaboration and joint action. How can we mobilise people to address concerns?

Inspiration:

Ms. Marta Lempart, Polish Women Strike

Ms. Kadri Taperson, MTÜ Loomus

Moderated by: **Ms. Marleen Pedjaasar**, NENO

15.15-15.30 Coffee

15.30 – 16.00 Final word: role of civil society in protecting democratic values and civic space

Recommendations for future action.

Mr. Israel Butler, Civil Liberties Union for Europe (skype)

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