

# International Conference CIVIL PARTICIPATION IN EUROPE

Ljubljana, Slovenia  
12 - 13 November 2009

## PROGRAMME



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Wednesday 11 November

Arrival/Registration of participants

### Thursday 12 November

9.00 - 10.30                      Opening and first plenary session

Welcome speeches:

**Irma Pavlinič-Krebs**, Minister, Ministry of Public Administration

**Jože Gornik**, Director, Centre for Information Service, Co-operation and Development of NGOs

**Antonella Valmorbida**, Chair of the Civil Society and Democracy Committee, Conference of INGOs

Presentations:

**Jutta Gutzkow**, Head of Division of NGOs and Civil Society, Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs, Council of Europe

**Irma Mežnarič**, Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration

**Christian Vergez**, Head of the Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD (tbc)

**Tina Michieli**, Project Manager, Centre for Information Service, Co-operation and Development of NGOs

- *Coffee break and press opportunity*

11.00 - 12.45                      Workshops

Workshop 1:

**Why is timely information crucial? Responsiveness and capacity**

Co-chairs:

**Kristina Plavšak Krajnc**, Information office of the Council of Europe, Slovenia

**Zbigniew Pisarski**, Casimir Pulaski Foundation, Poland

Workshop 2:

**Consultation, a minimum standard for participation?**

Co-Chairs:

**Giovani Moro**, FONDACA - Active Citizenship Foundation, Italy

**Tanja Hafner Ademi**, Balkan Civil Society Development Network, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Workshop 3:

**Partnership in respect to each stakeholder's autonomy of action: how can we preserve the independence of NGOs?**

Co-Chairs:

**Antonella Valmorbida**, Conference of INGOs/ ALDA – Association of Local Democracy Agencies, France

**Chuck Hirt**, CEE Citizens Network, Slovakia

- *Lunch*

14.30 - 16.15

Workshops

Workshop 4:

**Building-up understanding and trust: accountability of authorities and duties and responsibilities for civil society**

Co-Chairs:

**Irma Mežnarič**, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia

**David Lopez**, European Civic Forum, France

Workshop 5:

**Principles of innovation and openness to change: role of NGOs and authorities in the agenda setting and reformulation steps**

Co-Chairs:

**Filippo Addarii**, EUCLID Network, United Kingdom

**Tina Divjak**, CNVOS, Slovenia

Workshop 6:

**Cooperation between authorities and NGOs: at local and national levels, how can authorities learn from each other?**

Co-Chairs:

**Stanka Parac Damjanović**, ALDA – Association of Local Democracy Agencies, Serbia

**Milena Marega**, Regional Environmental centre – REC, Slovenia

- *Coffee Break*

16.45 - 18.15

Plenary:

**Reports from workshops**

19.00

Reception

## **Friday 13 November**

9.00 – 10.00                      Plenary:  
**Presentation of selected examples of good practice of civil participation**

10.00 - 11.45                      Workshops

Workshop 7:

**Provision of social services: what about partnerships between NGOs and authorities?**

Co-chairs:

**Ariane Rodert**, Forum for Voluntary Social Work, Sweden

**Ivana Bursíková**, Agora Central Europe, Czech Republic

Workshop 8:

**Interaction between Parliaments and civil society: best practices in the law-making process**

Co-chairs:

**Dragan Golubović**, ECNL - European Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Hungary

**Cyril Ritchie**, Conference of INGOs

Workshop 9:

**Effectiveness and efficiency of framework agreements and joint NGO/authorities structures**

Co-chairs:

**Kenan Hadžimušić**, ECAS – European Citizen Action Service, Belgium

**Liz Atkins**, NCVO – National Council for Voluntary Organisations, United Kingdom

- *Coffee Break*

12.00 - 12.45                      Plenary:  
**Reports from workshops**

Concluding remarks:

**Jean-Marie Heydt**, President, Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations

- *Lunch*
- Departure of participants and experts

This event will be co-organised by the Slovenian Ministry of Public Administration, the Division of NGOs and Civil Society, Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs of the Council of Europe and the Centre for Information Service, Co-operation and Development of NGOs (CNVOS). For **more information and registration**, please contact CNVOS at: +386 1 542 14 22, [info@cnavos.si](mailto:info@cnavos.si), [tina@cnavos.si](mailto:tina@cnavos.si) (Contact person: Tina Michieli)