

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM - BRUSSELS

DAY 1

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016

08:00-09:00 **WELCOME AND REGISTRATION**

Objective: Participant's registration in the venue

Moderator: Cecoforma team

09:00-09:30 **INTRODUCTORY SESSION (PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA)**

Objective: Presenting the two days of activities

Moderator: Olivier Consolo

09:30-11:00 **OPENING HIGH LEVEL DEBATE**

Objective: Direct dialogue between participants and political representatives of EU institutions

Moderator: Shahira Amin

Rapporteur: Mohammed Hammad

PART I – Moderator: Shahira Amin **Rapporteur:** Mohammed Hammad

3 Keynote addresses by George Dassis, President EESC (5min), Luc Van den Brande, Vice-President of the European CoR (5min), EU Commissioner Johannes HAHN, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) (7min) – Total 20 minutes

PART II – Moderator: Shahira Amin **Rapporteur:** Angela Lella

2-3 interventions from CSO – Total 30 minutes

- Recommendations from Jordan (5min each) - Ziad Abdel Samad (Arab NGO Network for Development)

- Recommendations from Jordan (5 min each) – Jamila Sayouri (Human Rights and Women organisation)

- Response from Commissioner Hahn (10min)

PART III – Moderator: Shahira Amin **Rapporteur:** Angela Lella

Q&A with participants – 30min

11:30 – 13:00 **PLENARY DEBATE** with Jean-Louis VILLE, Director EuropeAid, Human Development and Migration – **'Supporting Civil Society and Human Rights: Which Global Initiatives?'**

Objective: Direct dialogue between participants and the EU on the situation of Human Rights after the recent review of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), and on the initiatives taken by DG DEVCO in the region and globally to strengthen the participation of Civil Society

Moderator: Marc Schade-Poulsen

Rapporteur: Mohammed Hammad

13:00-14:30 **Networking Lunch**

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14:30-16:00 **3 PARALLEL THEMATIC GROUPS SESSION** – Key proposals for implementing the European Neighbourhood Policy –based on Inputs from Jordan CSO Preparatory Meetings (April 2016)

MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Objective: Sharpening key recommendations from Jordan Seminar

Moderator: Shaaban Essam (tbc)

Rapporteur: Anastasia Pociumban

REDUCING INEQUALITIES

Objective: Sharpening key recommendations from Jordan Seminar

Moderator: Dareen Abulail (Med Youth - UNESCO) and Mabel Grossi (SOLIDAR)

Rapporteur: Mohammed Hammad

CIVIL SOCIETY SPACE

Objective: Sharpening key recommendations from Jordan Seminar

Moderator: Anne-Sophie Schaeffer (EuroMed Rights Foundation)

Rapporteur: Angela Lella

16:15-17:30 **PLENARY DEBATE: Stabilisation, CSO Shrinking space and partnerships**
DEBATE 'The Southern Neighbourhood: Politics, Partnerships and People'
Keynote: Nick WESTCOTT, Managing Director, European External Action Service (EEAS), and Respondants:
Jihane Erraji (NET MED Youth, Morocco)
Nicollo Milanese (European Alternatives)

Objective: Direct dialogue between participants and EU Institutions

Moderator: Shada Islam (Friends of Europe)

Rapporteur: Angela Lella

17:30-18:30 **NETWORKING AND INFORMATION FAIR** on REGIONAL Programmes, Projects & Networks – Corridor in front of Plenary room. Few REGIONAL programs, networks and EU funded projects will share their strategies and main priorities with participants

- Anna Lindh Foundation
- EU Funded **regional programmes** and projects
- **Policy Forum for Development & Civil Society Roadmaps** (EuropeAid B2)
- South and EuroMed **Networks and platforms:** ANND, Solidar, ITUC, Med Culture, ENPI Info Centre, EMHR, Med Switch Programme, etc.

Discussions by small groups with representatives & leaders

Objective: create awareness and direct contact between participants on regional programs, projects & networks

Moderator: each representative of regional programs / initiatives / networks will facilitate a short presentation followed by a discussion of 20 min with a small group of participants (around the table). This presentation will be done three times successively (at 17h30, 17h50 & 18h10) in order to give to each participants the opportunity to participate to three DIFFERENT 'presentations'

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DAY 2

FRIDAY 27 MAY 2016

09:00-10:30 **PARALLEL GROUPS DISCUSSIONS – CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EU**

VOICES OF YOUTH AND WOMEN

Objective: Sharpening recommendations from Jordan Seminar
Keynote Address by Hatem Atallah, Anna Lindh Foundation and
Serena Romano, Gender Expert
Moderator: Basma Al Nabulsi (EU Delegation to Jordan)
Rapporteur: Mohammed Hammad

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE

Objective: Identifying few future initiatives (based on best practices) to foster the participation of civil society in public policy making in the south Mediterranean region
Moderator: Beatriz Porres (HoU EESC)
Speakers: Neta Kenneth (Net Med Youth), Sadok Ben Hadj Hassine (UGTT - Tunisia)
Rapporteur: Angela Lella

CSO CAPACITY BUILDING

Objective: Quick assessment of the support provided by international & Europeans donors & partners – propositions to improve future programs
Speakers: Ahmed Al Damrawy, (Team Leader, Civil Society Facility South)
Moderator: Gaby Hagmüller (EC/DG NEAR)
Rapporteur: Anastasia Pociumban

10:30-11:30 **PLENARY - HIGH LEVEL DEBATE IMPLEMENTING EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY**

Maciej POPOWSKI, Deputy Director General, EC / DG NEAR
"Special Focus on Neighbourhood South"

Objective: Based on the recent review of the ENP, what are the key priorities of the current and future phases of implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy
Moderator: Nicollo Milanese (European Alternatives / CSO)
Rapporteur: Anastasia Pociumban

11:45-13:00 **EXPLORING “EMERGING” ISSUES** – 3 Parallel Groups :

COUNTER RADICALISATION

Objective: Exploring emerging issues linked to the current context in the EU and in the Region.
Moderator: Álvaro Alcalde Fábregas, NOVACT
Speaker: Souria Saad Zoy, UNESCO
Rapporteur: Mohammed Hammad

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SECURITY AND STABILISATION

Objective: Outputs from this session should include concrete and sharp proposals to reintroduce the other EU obligations, such as democratisation, human rights, participation, in the core of the relations between the two Regions.

Moderator: Paul Gillespie (Journalist)

Speakers : tbc (EPLO Member / EU CSO Network), Stephan Halgand Team Leader of DG NEAR Centre of Thematic Expertise (CoTE) on Crisis Reaction and Security Sector Reform

Rapporteur: Angela Lella

SUPPORT TO EMPLOYMENT

Objective: Quick assessment of the support provided by international and Europeans donors and partners – initial propositions to improve future programs

Moderator: Maurice Claassens (SOLIDAR)

Speakers: Tlili Mustapha (Director ITUC/Arab Region), Dafne Mazo (SWITCH-Med)

Rapporteur: Anastasia Pociumban

13:00-14:30 **Networking Lunch**

14:30-15:30 **PLENARY –REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES, DIALOGUES AND PRIORITY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE SOUTH MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

Objective: Enriching with participants the ongoing operational european priorities for the south neighbourhood region

Keynote: EC/ DG NEAR B2, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South - Head of Unit Irene Mingasson

Moderator: Olivier Consolo (tbc)

Rapporteur: Burcu Akyol

15:30-16:00 **PLENARY - KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS ON THE 3 THEMATIC MIGRATION / INEQUALITY / CSO SPACE**

Objective: Presenting the key recommendations agreed during thematic Groups discussions to be officially convey to the EU as the “recommendations of the 3rd edition of Brussels Forum on the European Neighbourhood”

Moderator: Ziad Abdel Samed (ANND)

Speakers: three rapporteurs from thematic Working groups present short SLIDES

16.00-16:15 **CLOSING REMARKS by Mustafa HAID** (chairperson of the Dawlaty Foundation)