



European Union

Civil Society Forum Neighbourhood South



CIVIL SOCIETY PREPARATORY SEMINARS 25-27 April 2017, Tunis

AGENDA

25 April – Plenary sessions

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| From 10.30 | <i>Registration, documents display</i>
<i>Participants can meet per thematic group informally at the information desk</i> |
| 12.00 – 13.20 | <i>LUNCH</i> |
| 13.00 -13.30 | <i>Final Registration</i> |
| 13.30 - 14:45 | Background and breaking the ice:
<i>Moderated by Olivier Consolo, Civil Society Expert</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Introduction by the Civil Society experts, South Advisory Group and EU institutions○ Key objectives of the Forum and the regional dialogue mechanism |
| 14.45 -15.00 | Coffee Break / registration to the cross cutting activities |
| 15.00 -16.45 | Official Opening
<i>Moderated by CSO and European Union representatives</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Opening by Patrice Bergamini, Head of the EU Delegation in Tunisia
EU engagement with Civil Society in the region and the complementarity between national and regional cooperation○ Panel debate on the changing role of civil society in the Southern Mediterranean region○ The regional dimension of the dialogue |
| 16.45 – 18.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation on Roadmaps for civil Society○ Evaluation of Capacity Building initiatives in the Neighbourhood South – What needs at regional level for CSOs? |
| 19.30 - 20.30 | <i>DINNER</i> |

26 April – Thematic groups

On 26 April and 27 April morning: the participants will be joining their thematic groups on one of the following theme:

Migration / Resilience /Human Rights and governance/ Reducing inequalities

8:30 –9:00	Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Introduction on previous recommendations○ Key objectives and methodology of the thematic seminar
9:00 – 10.30	Session 1
10:30 – 10:45	<i>coffee Break</i>
10.45 – 11.10	Concluding on session 1
11.10 – 13.00	Session 2
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 – 16.00	Group sessions on cross cutting themes <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Valorising youth and women in the leadership of CSOs2. Intercultural Dialogue and Synergies between CS and the media3. Shrinking space for CSOs in the region: what can to do beyond existing initiatives?4. Citizens' participation in public life and advocacy5. Preventing Violent extremism
16:00-16:15	<i>coffee break</i>
16.15 - 18:05	Session 3
19.30 – 22.00	Social Diner

27 April – Thematic groups and plenary

9.00 - 10.50	Session 4
10:50 – 11:05	Coffee Break
11.05 – 12.10	Preparing restitutions Finalising 4 key priorities for a plan of Action for Civil Society in the Southern Mediterranean and key recommendations next steps with the EU
12.10 – 12.30	Rapporteurs meet in Plenary room to prepare their presentations
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 – 17.00	Thematic plan of action and recommendations to Civil Society and the EU per group and debate
17.15 - 18:15	Next steps on the Dialogue



THEMATIC SEMINARS – Per Theme

MIGRATION	Sessions
<i>Expert:</i> <i>Hassen Boubakri</i> <i>CSFS Rapporteur:</i> <i>Rym Antar</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ways and tools to for processing to mobility facilitation and circulation, and sharing prosperity between North and South. 2. Political and institutional responses to the crisis. 3. The legal and humanitarian dimensions. 4. Preventing and fighting all forms of abuses and violence against migrants.
RESILIENCE	Sessions
<i>Expert:</i> <i>John Bell</i> <i>CSFS Rapporteur:</i> <i>Ahmed Damrawy</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Countering Violent Extremism: Root causes. 2. Countering Violent Extremism: Developing resilience. 3. The security sector. 4. The context: the space for CSOs to operate.
HUMAN RIGHTS	Sessions
<i>Expert:</i> <i>Nabila Hamza</i> <i>CSFS Rapporteur:</i> <i>Marie de Coune</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human rights and democratic transition: What civil society can do to build and strengthen democracy? 2. Are Human rights and counter terrorism tactics irreconcilable? 3. Violence against women and women's rights protection. 4. Protecting the rights of vulnerable groups and preventing discrimination.
REDUCING INEQUALITIES	Sessions
<i>Expert:</i> <i>Carine Elya</i> <i>CSFS Rapporteur:</i> <i>Moufida Oueslati</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth challenges and employability: youth access to decent life and work. 2. Liaising business to social work: partnership agreements and identifying key issues on regional economic approach. 3. Designing and implementing shared Vocational Education and Training (VET) vision in the region. 4. Improving employability: special focus on innovation and Small and Medium Entreprises (SME) competitiveness.