

## REACHING OUT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES – A review of the Civil Society Forum initiative

On 18 and 19 November 2010, Berlin will host the second meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. The Forum aims at involving civil society in the implementation of the Eastern Partnership process that was launched by the European Union in May 2009. It is supposed to promote contacts among civil society organisations in the Eastern partner countries and European institutions as well as to facilitate their dialogue with public authorities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

The Civil Society Forum meeting in Berlin will provide an opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved so far and to discuss how the Forum should evolve in the future. Since the Forum itself is a closed meeting we invite you to a subsequent public debate. The discussion will highlight the aims and claims of the Forum, its reception in various countries of the Eastern Partnership programme and the strategic interests pursued by Germany and the European Union with regard to the direct inclusion of civil society in EU policy.

The panel discussion is a joined initiative of the German Association for East European Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde e.V.), the German-Moldovan Forum (Deutsch-Moldauisches Forum) and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. It will take place on

Friday, 19 November 2010, 16.00,  
at the CENTRE Monbijou, Oranienburger Straße 13/14, 10178 Berlin.

Panellists will include:

Patricia FLOR, Deputy Director General, responsible for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, German Foreign Office (Berlin)

Dzianis MELYANTSOU, Senior analyst at BISS Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (Vilnius), participant to the Civil Society Forum 2010

Sorin MEREACRE, President of East Europe Foundation in Moldova (Chişinău), participant to the Civil Society Forum 2010

Eugeniusz SMOLAR, President of Center for International Relations (Warsaw)

Moderator: Joerg FORBRIG, Senior Program Officer, Central and Eastern Europe, GMF (Berlin)

The discussion will be held in English.

To attend this event, please RSVP by 17 November 2010  
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**DIRECTIONS**



Connections with public transport:

CENTRE Monbijou

Local trains:

S-Bahn 3, 5, 7, 75 or 9, stop: Hackescher Markt

S-Bahn 1 or 2, stop: Oranienburger Straße

Trams:

Line 1 or 6, stop: Monbijouplatz

Line 2, 3, 4, 5 or 53, stop: Hackescher Markt