



EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
Civil Society Forum



**A PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS
AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

**The 3rd annual Assembly of the
Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum**

28-30 November 2011

From 09.00 on Monday 28 November until
13.45 on Tuesday 29 November 2011
Poznan Congress Centre
ul. Głogowska 14
Poznań, Poland

From 14.00 on Tuesday 29 November until
19.00 on Wednesday 30 November 2011
Hotel Polonez
ul. Niepodległości 36
Poznań, Poland

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(Agenda last updated: 16th November 2011)

Arrivals of participants: Sunday 27 November 2011

Monday 28 November 2011



09.00-09.15

Introduction and welcome: Co-Chairs of the CSF steering committee

Ulad Vialichka, Chairperson of International Consortium EUROBELARUS

Antonella Valmorbida, Director, Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)



09.15-11.00

Plenary I. **Towards a new strategy for civil society engagement in the Eastern Partnership**

Moderator: **Krzysztof Bobiński**, Union&PolandFoundation

Mikołaj Dowgielewicz, Secretary of State for European affairs and economic policy, Poland

Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy

Patricia Flor, Ambassador and Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Irina Solonenko, Director of the European Programme, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine

Andrei Yahorau Director, Centre for European Transformation, Consortium EUROBELARUS, Belarus

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.00-11.30: Press conference (CSF, MFA, Wielkopolska Region Marshall Office)

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11.30-12.30

Plenary II. **The Eastern Partnership - Achievements and Challenges in Democratic Reforms and European integration**

Moderator: **Melanie Sully**, Vice President, Institute for Parliamentarism and Democracy Questions, Austria

Konstantinos Vardakis, Deputy Head of Division for Eastern Partnership, Regional cooperation & OSCE, EEAS

Boris Tarasyuk, MP, Ukraine, and co-President of Euronest

Marek Woźniak, Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region, Head of the Polish delegation to the Committee of the Regions, member of CORLEAP

Marek Svoboda Director, Human Rights section, People in Need, Czech Republic

Manana Kochladze Chairwoman, Green Alternative, Georgia



12.30-13.30

Plenary III. **Key Forum Developments since Berlin** - Forum feedback and questions on work of steering committee since 2nd annual Assembly

Moderator: **Vitaliy Moroz**, New Media Program Director of Internews-Ukraine

Q&A on work of:

- National platforms
- Working Groups
- EU Coordinators
- SC as a whole

13.30-14.30 Lunch

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14.30-15.45

Working Groups and subgroups

Working Groups with translation:

- WG 1: Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance & Stability
- WG2: Economic Integration and Convergence with EU legislation
- WG3: Environment, Climate Change & Energy Security
- WG 4: Contacts Between People

Subgroups working without translation (English or Russian)

- Visa Liberalization and Facilitation as an issue at the CSF: current and future cooperation (WG1)
- Volunteering: bridging civil society from the European Union and the Eastern Partnership countries" (WG4) Part ½
- Strategic Planning (WG4) Part ½
- Media (WG1)
- Public Administration (WG1)

15.45-16.15 Coffee break



16.15-17.30

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- Volunteering: bridging civil society from the European Union and the Eastern Partnership countries" (WG4) Part 2/2
- Strategic Planning (WG4) part 2/2
- Anti-Corruption (WG1)
- Human Rights (WG1)
- Judiciary Reform (WG1)

17.30-17.45 Coffee break (strategy SWG to share recommendations with other SWGs)

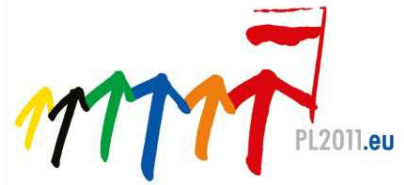
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17.45-18.30 **Working Groups** addressing draft strategic concept and statutes, and recommendations to have emerged from the strategy SWG

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20.00 *Dinner*

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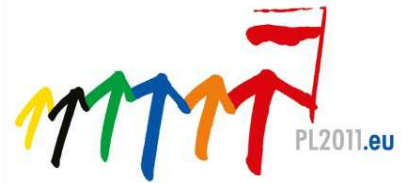
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Tuesday 29 November 2011



09.00-10.00

Working Groups' plenary meetings (including election of WG Coordinators and further consideration of strategy, statutes and CSF registration, and)



10.15-11.00

Plenary IV. **Inclusion and Impact. Making a Success of the Civil Society Forum - Lessons and Comparisons**

Moderator: Vugar Gojayev, Director of Azerbaijan Human Rights House

Natalia Taubina, Director, Public Verdict, Moscow, and member, Steering Committee, EU-Russia Civil Society Forum

Valentin Burada, Programme Director, Black Sea NGO Forum

Nadine H. Abdalla, Research Fellow, Arab Forum for Alternatives, Egypt



11.00-11.30 *Coffee break* (and election of national platform facilitators)



11.30-12.00

Plenary V. **Presentation of Neighborhood Civil Society Facility**

Philip Mikos, Head of Unit, Cross-Border Co-operation Team, European Neighborhood & Partnership Instrument (ENPI), Directorate General for Development and Co-operation- EuropeAid, European Commission

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12.05-13.00

Plenary VI. **A Strategic Roadmap for the Forum**

Debate on proposals on:

- Strategic Concept
- Draft statutes and registration
- Social dialogue platform

Moderator: **Gevorg Ter-Gabrielyan**, Country Director - Armenia, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

CSF speakers from Strategy Group (tbc)

Jacek Krawczyk, Vice - President, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Claudia Luciani, Council of Europe

13:00

Concluding Remarks –

Two Years of the Eastern Partnership and the EaP Civil Society Forum

Radosław Sikorski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Awarding of the **Eastern Partnership Journalistic Prize** for outstanding reporting on democracy, human rights, fight against abuse of power and the European Union issues.

13.45-14.00

Press briefing

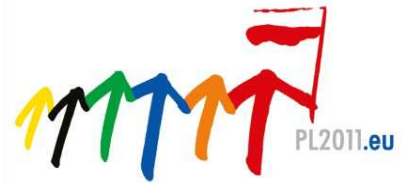
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13.45-14.30 Shuttles to Hotel Polonez

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14.30 – 15.30 Luncheon



15.30 -17.00

Plenary VII. **Summing up the discussion on a Strategic Roadmap for the Forum and voting/making decisions on the documents and election of EU Coordinators)**

- Decisions, including voting, on strategic documents, statutes, procedures
- Statements and election of EU Coordinators
- Presentation of National Platform Facilitators and Working Group Coordinators
- Conclusions and announcements
- Any other business

Moderator: SC member who is not a candidate for EU Coordinator (tbc)

17.00 -17.15 *Coffee break*



END OF THE FIRST PART OF THE CSF



17.15 - 19.00

Side-events developed by the Working Group Coordinators, Subgroups etc. All side events are with translation (English-Russian)

- Eastern Partnership after the Polish Presidency – which way forward (WG4)
- What the Civil Society can do about visas? Facilitation and liberalisation of the EU visa policy towards the Eastern Partnership: NGO advocacy strategies. (WG1)
- "Anti-Corruption Strategies - presentation of the experience of Central and Eastern Europe countries (WG1)
- Execution of European Court of Human Rights Judgments (WG1)
- Assessment of EaP Flagship Initiative on Good Environmental Governance (WG3)

18.00-19.00:

Meeting of new Steering Committee (*to be continued on 30 November*)

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20.00 Dinner

Wednesday 30 November 2011



09.00-11.00

Side-events developed by the WG Coordinators, Subgroups etc.

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- Workshop: joint projects on volunteering – developing ideas for activities and funding (WG4)
- Networking Experience Sharing (WG4)
- External energy policies of selected EU member states in triangle between Russia and EaP countries (WG3)
- Civil Society Tools and Strategies for Holding Governments Accountable to EaP Commitments (NDI)
- Methods of Promoting Media Freedom in the EaP Countries (WG1)

11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*



11.30-13.30

Contact Market, NGO Fair (CSF participants and other NGOs present their organizations)



11.30-12.30

Meeting of new Steering Committee (*continued from 29 November*)

13.30-14.30 *Lunch*



15.00-16.30

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- Freedom of Assembly and Association/Human Rights Defenders (WG1)
- Consumer protection system in EU and EaP (WG2)
- Climate Change and Environmental Protection (WG3)
- European integration Index for the Eastern Partnership countries (WG1)
- Belarusian society - question mark. Remarks on the “Report on the Condition of NGOs and Independent Culture in Belarus” (Res PublicaNowa)

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16.45– 18.15

- The Transnistrian conflict and the European integration efforts of the Republic of Moldova: the vision of the Moldovan civil society representatives (Promo-Lex Association, Moldova)
- Individual Meetings

18.00 – 19.00

Individual meetings

19.00 Closing Dinner in Hotel Polonez

Departures of participants: Thursday 1 December 2011

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum has been established in 2009 following the Prague Summit launching the Eastern Partnership.

CSF activities are financed by the European Union. The CSF aims to support the further development of civil society organizations and promote contacts between them as well as facilitate their dialogue with public authorities.

The CSF is an integral part of the Eastern Partnership, which forms the Eastern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The EaP encompasses Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

The EaP aims to support Eastern European countries' sustainable reform process with a view to accelerating their political association and economic integration with the EU.

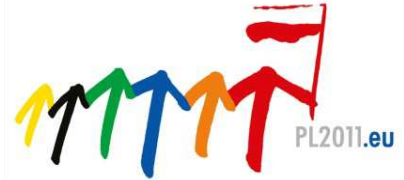
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Location:



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Centrum Kongresowe Poznań
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60-734 Poznań



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Situation plan in Poznań:



A: International Exhibition Centre / Targi Poznańskie

B: Orbis Hotel Polonez

C: Old City Centre

Route between the 1st and the 2nd venue:

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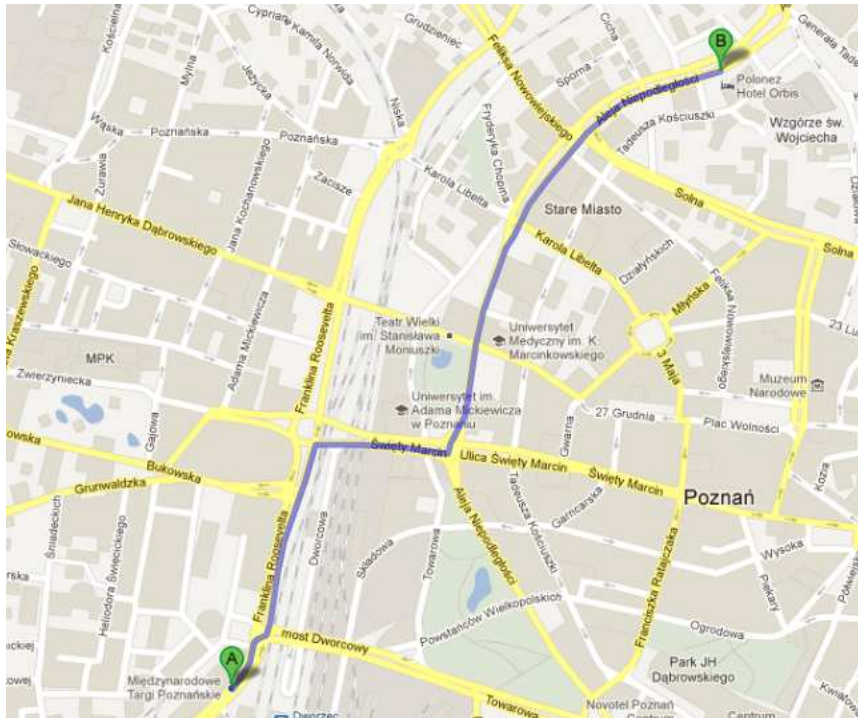
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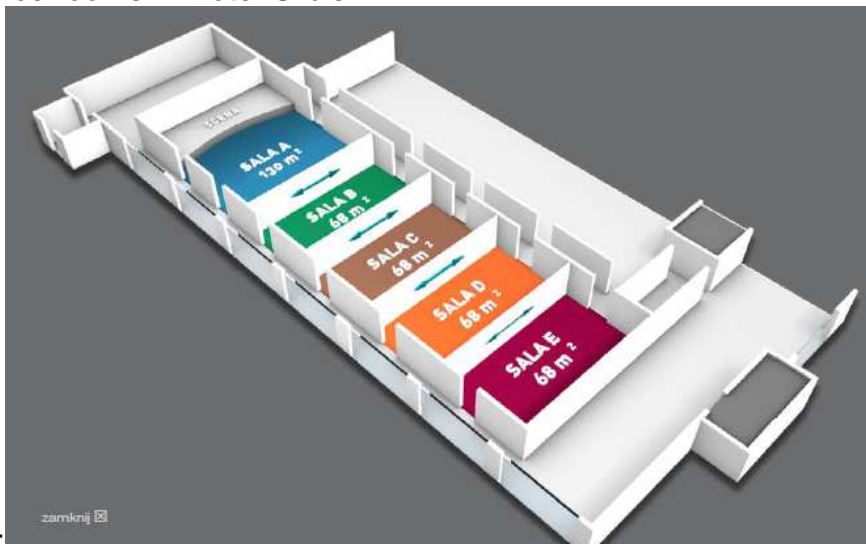


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Distance: 2.6 km ca.
7 min. walk

Conference rooms in Hotel Orbis



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