

FOLLOW-UP ON THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: Discussing the Final Draft of the Sub-Group Democracy

7th June 2023 in Brussels | 11:00 - 12:30

Maison Hap, Maison Hap 508-510 Chaussée de Wavre, 1040 Etterbeek

(Salle Polyvalente, 2nd floor)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

As a part of its advocacy efforts to defend democracy and civic space, Civil Society Europe (CSE) and its members have established in 2021 the Civil Society Convention for the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE). Through this platform, they were able to coordinate their efforts, to consult a broad variety of CSOs and to provide recommendations from civil society to the CoFoE, up until the end of the CoFoE in May 2022. After the European Commission announced that 80% of its 2023 work program is based on the conclusions of the CoFoE, CSE and its members agreed to assess how their recommendations were and were not taken into account. To do so, CSE launched in February 2023 a new Working Group dedicated to the follow-up of the CoFoE and more; this WG is building on the collaborative and ambitious work accomplished within the Civil Society Convention for the CoFoE. The WG is preparing a Civil Society State of the Union report that will be presented and disseminated in early September 2023, before the European Commission President's SOTEU Address.

Presentation of the event

This workshop will present the final draft on the topic of Democracy, Rule of Law, Civic Space and EU in the World. The workshop will start with an introduction to the context of the Civil Society State of the Union report. A presentation of the report itself will be done and the floor will be open for comments and questions

AGENDA

Introduction of the Working Group (WG) on the follow-up of the CoFoE

Judit Lantai, Secretary General, JEF Europe, co-chair of the Working Group

Presentation of the Sub-group report

Adrien Licha, Coordinator of the Secretariat, ALDA

Alexandrina Najmowicz, Secretary General, European Civic Forum

Exchange with participants

Conclusions