

## CITIZENS FOR DEMOCRACY

### PROGRAMME FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS FINANCED BY THE EEA FUNDS

#### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2013

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS, WARSAW, 6 ANIELEWICZA STREET

when?	what?	where?
<b>17.09 (Tuesday)</b>		
<b>from 12.00</b>	Arrivals, check in	Hotel Ibis
<b>19.00</b>	Dinner	Hotel Ibis
<b>18.09 (Wednesday)</b>		
<b>9.00-10.00</b>	Registration	
<b>10.00- 10.40</b>	Official opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome speech: <b>Aleksander Smolar</b>, President of the Board of the Stefan Batory Foundation</li> <li>▪ <b>Ingrid Schulerud</b>, Ambassador, Section for Central Europe and the EEA/Norway Grants, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</li> <li>▪ <b>Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz</b>, Minister of Labour and Social Policy - TBC</li> <li>▪ <b>Bogdan Borusewicz</b>, Marshal of the Senate, Head of the Parliamentary Team on Co-operation with Non-governmental Organizations and the Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>▪ <b>Jakub Wygnański</b>, President of the Board of the Unit for Social Innovation and Research – Shipyard, Member of the Public Benefit Council</li> </ul>	Museum of the History of Polish Jews
<b>10.40-12.00</b>	Plenary session: The importance of NGO's activities and their role in the 5 areas of the programme - experts input. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Civic participation: to be determined</li> <li>▪ Public scrutiny: <b>Laura Stefan</b>, Expert Forum EFOR Romania</li> <li>▪ Combating discrimination: <b>Michał Bilewicz</b>, Center for Research on Prejudice, Faculty of Psychology, University of Warsaw</li> <li>▪ Counteracting exclusion: <b>Marek Rymśa</b>, Institute of Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw</li> <li>▪ Children &amp; youth – civic education: <b>Anna Perona-Fieldstad</b>, The European Wergeland Center, Norway</li> </ul>	
<b>12.00-12.20</b>	Presentation of the programme <b>Anna Rozicka</b> , Stefan Batory Foundation	
<b>12.20-12.30</b>	Bilateral cooperation between Polish NGOs and entities from	

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway  
**Lillian Solheim**, The Norwegian Helsinki Committee

**12.30-13.00** Discussion

**13.00-14.00** Lunch

**14.00-16.00** **Thematic workshops:**

Five parallel workshops on the following themes: civic participation, public scrutiny, combating discrimination, counteracting exclusion, children and youth. Methods: presentations and discussions. The workshops will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the rules of applying for grants.

#### **(1) Participation– how to do it?**

What organizations can do to increase the participation of citizens in the decision-making process? What are the main barriers to the effective dialogue between local community and the authorities? How to overcome these barriers? How can the ideas developed in the consultations be further implemented?

Chair: Krzysztof Ślebioda, Sustainable Development Workshop, Ingeborga Janikowska-Lipszyc, Batory Foundation

#### **(2) Monitoring and what's next?**

What is the public scrutiny for and what should be its outcome? What consequences the monitoring organization, controlled institutions and their environment face? Why monitoring should be more than just information collection? How to affect a change?

Chair: Szymon Osowski, Watchdog Polska, Alicja Garlińska-Cieślak, Batory Foundation

#### **(3) How to react to the acts of intolerance?**

How to combat discrimination and violence caused by prejudices and how to strengthen the respect for diversity? How to deal with intolerance in the everyday's life and with hate speech on the Internet? What kind of solutions, including legal ones, are most needed?

Chair: Karolina Kędziora, Polish Society of Anti-Discrimination Law, Magdalena Pocheć, Batory Foundation

#### **(4) How to help without excluding?**

Is it possible to help without acknowledging people's needs? How can the vulnerable groups influence methods and forms of assistance? What is the role of self-help and self-organisations groups? Is it possible to build the local partnerships supporting long-term activities of groups at risk of exclusion?

Chair: to be determined, Sylwia Sobiepan, Batory Foundation

	<b>(5) What does democracy for children and youth mean in practice?</b> What steps should be taken to enable young people to actively participate in community life? What kind of skills should they have to act effectively in the future? How to teach the practical skills the young citizens, consumers, IT users? How to raise awareness about discrimination and teach respect for diversity? How can young people get involved and participate in the community life? Chair: Tomasz Waleczko, Piotr Zdaniewicz, Witelon Institute, Arkadiusz Brzeziński, Polish Children and Youth Foundation	
<b>16.00-16.30</b>	Coffee break	
<b>16.30-17.30</b>	<b>Systemic projects workshop</b> (PL) <b>Anna Rozicka</b> , Batory Foundation	
<b>17.30-18.30</b>	Museum sightseeing	
<b>18.30-19.00</b>	Concert: interpretation of Jewish songs and poetry by <b>Bente Kahan</b>	
<b>19.00-20.00</b>	Dinner	
<b>19.09 (Thursday)</b>		
<b>9.00-12.00</b>	<b>Matchmaking workshops:</b> Workshops dedicated to preparation of the bilateral projects of Polish NGOs and institutions from Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland. The result of the workshop will be establishing new partnerships or strengthening existing cooperation and/or creating joint project drafts.	Museum of the History of Polish Jews
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<b>from 13.00</b>	Departures	