



**CLOSING CONFERENCE  
CITIZENS FOR DEMOCRACY  
NGO PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EEA GRANTS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017  
COPERNICUS CONFERENCE CENTRE, WYBRZEŻE KOŚCIUSZKOWSKIE 20**

<b>9.00-10.00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>10.00-11.30</b>	<b>WORKSHOP SESSIONS. Part one</b>
	Parallel sessions focusing on problems showcased in the projects implemented within the programme. Part one of the sessions refers mainly to the discussion of the past: experiences gained by the organisations, their achievements and failures, if and what changes the projects have brought. For themes of the sessions see <i>Workshop sessions description</i> below. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for workshop sessions with foreign participants.
<b>11.30-12.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12.00-13.30</b>	<b>WORKSHOP SESSIONS. Part two</b>
	Parallel sessions focusing on problems showcased in projects implemented within the programme. Part two of the sessions refers mainly to the future: how to use the experience gained by organisations, how to build on the projects' achievements, how to respond to the new challenges. For themes of the sessions see <i>Workshop sessions description</i> below. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for workshop sessions with foreign participants.
<b>13.30-14.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14.30- 17.00</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>
	<b>NGO Programmes financed by EEA Grants – past and future</b> Opening: <b>Aleksander Smolar</b> , Chairman, Stefan Batory Foundation Speeches by: <b>Karsten Klepsvik</b> , Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway <b>Andrea Pietras</b> , Senior Country Officer - Poland, Financial Mechanism Office, Brussels <b>Paweł Chorąży</b> , Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Development (National Focal Point) <b>Wojciech Kaczmarczyk</b> , Director of the Department for Civil Society at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister in Poland  <b>Presentation of the results of the Citizens for Democracy programme</b> Programme team  <b>Civil society in the face of changes taking place in Europe – panel discussion</b> Panelists: Dr <b>Krisztina Arato</b> , Institute of Political Science, ELTE University, Hungary <b>Elena Calistru</b> , President, Association Funky Citizens, Romania Prof. <b>Anna Giza-Poleszczuk</b> , sociologist, Vice-rector of Warsaw University, Poland Moderator: <b>Ewa Kulik-Bielińska</b> , Executive Director, Stefan Batory Foundation
<b>17.00-17.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>17.30-18.30</b>	<b>FINAL OF THE CONTEST ON MEDIA PIECE "THE THEME: REFUGEES"</b>
	The announcement of the winners of the best refugee-themed journalism contest and the presentation of the awards. Contest co-organised with the Institute of Reportage Foundation.
<b>18.30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

During the conference the audience will have an opportunity to see exhibitions, watch films, peruse publications and other materials developed as a part of projects implemented in the programme.

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS DESCRIPTION

10.00-11.30	<b>WORKSHOP SESSIONS. Part one</b>
<b>YELLOW ROOM</b>	<p><b>Equal rights – what’s behind and what’s ahead of us. Polish and Hungarian experience</b>          Are minority rights protection standards duly observed? What have we managed to achieve so far, which activities have yielded results as expected? We will discuss strategies, communication techniques, and forms of co-operation that can be useful for efficient implementation of equality organisations’ missions, especially in the current disadvantageous social and political circumstances.</p> <p>Debate with participation of: <b>Małgorzata Borowska</b>, Anti-discrimination Education Association; <b>Weronika Józwiak</b>, Tkalnia Association; <b>Andras Lederer</b>, Hungarian Helsinki Committee</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Krzysztof Śmiszek</b>, Polish Society of Antidiscrimination Law</p> <p>Session translated into Polish and English</p>
<b>BLUE ROOM</b>	<p><b>Is civic participation a remedy for everything?</b>          Civic participation, i.e. citizens involvement in the decision-making processes has become quite popular in recent years. Participatory budgets have made their way into numerous Polish cities, local authorities has become to consult a growing number of matters with the residents. Yet, can we and shall we consult everything? Are there some issues which should not be a matter of public consultations? Where should citizens participation boundaries be drawn?</p> <p>Debate with participation of: <b>Marcin Drogoróbb</b>, Marshal’s Office of the Kujawy-Pomerania Province; <b>Barbara Kazior</b>, Foundation of Active People and Places MiLA; <b>Sylwia Nikko-Biernacka</b>, Machina Fotografika Foundation; <b>Marta Szaranowicz-Kusz</b>, Field of Dialogue Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Anna Petroff-Skiba</b>, Centre for Public Communication, City of Warsaw</p>
<b>GREEN ROOM</b>	<p><b>Arriving at local-level change</b>          Even if tedious and far from spectacular, public scrutiny, i.e. monitoring the way the authorities’ function and make decisions – does change reality. How does this change happen? What does it actually alter? We will discuss the most effective watchdog activities, and what can watchdog organisations, the media, and social movements learn from one another. We will also reflect on what is the impact the decisions made at the central level on the activities of local watchdog organisations.</p> <p>Discussion with the session’s participants.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Jan Niedośpiał</b>, Stanczyk Institute of Civic Thought Foundation.</p>
<b>PINK ROOM</b>	<p><b>Working with local governments to assist the excluded – mission impossible?</b>          Objectives of local governments and of organisations working to assist the excluded seem to be coinciding. Yet co-operation has frequently proven a major challenge. It is difficult to blend the powers and resources of NGOs with those available to such institutions as social welfare centres, municipal authorities, village council, the youth or senior councils of municipal/ commune local government. This is why we will talk about the experience of the third sector’s co-operation with local authorities. We will discuss success stories and success factors as well as failures and the reasons behind them. Zero theorising – practice-tested case studies only!</p> <p>Discussion with the session’s participants.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dorota Bregin</b>, Comenius Foundation for Child Development &amp; <b>Magdalena Chustecka</b>, Anti-discrimination Education Association</p>
<b>RED ROOM</b>	<p><b>Hate speech and young people</b>          Young people are the group most exposed to contact with hate speech. Thus, a valid question arises: how can we be effective in protecting young people against verbal violence and its consequences? What is our up-to-date experience in terms of preventing this phenomenon? What methods and activities have proven successful – and which ones have not? What else can be done? What is the role of organisations working with young people?</p> <p>Debate with participation of: <b>Piotr Dominiak</b>, ASK Association; <b>Zbigniew Bujak</b>, Polis Association</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Sławomir Prusakowski</b>, Witelon Institute</p>

<b>VIOLET ROOM</b>	<p><b>Find out what your organisation might find useful</b></p> <p>Several new solutions useful to organisations have been designed as part of systemic projects implemented in the programme. Some address problems common to all organisations, others may prove valuable to the NGOs working in specific areas, such as organisations operating social archives, food banks, watchdog organisations, rural organisations, or organisations involved in prevention of addictions. The discussion, organized in a world cafe format, will facilitate the presentation of the practical outcomes of the projects and the ways in which the participants can profit from the new tools, knowledge resources, contact and co-operation networks, and fundraising techniques developed in the course of systemic projects' implementation.</p> <p>Results of systemic projects will be presented by: Network of Support for Non-Governmental Organisations; Foundation for Social and Economic Initiatives; Klon/Jawor Association; ePanstwo Foundation; Citizens Network Watchdog Poland; Food Banks Federation; Karta Center Foundation; Nidzica Development Nida Foundation; Praesternio Foundation.</p> <p>Session guided by: <b>Alicja Garlińska-Cieślak &amp; Sylwia Sobiepan</b>, Stefan Batory Foundation</p>
<b>12.00-13.30</b>	<b>WORKSHOP SESSIONS. Part two</b>
<b>YELLOW ROOM</b>	<p><b>From Reykjavik to Warsaw – the women’s movement and action strategies</b></p> <p>What is the most effective way of defending women’s rights – in Parliament, or out in the streets? Should broad consensus of different women’s groups be developed? What are the potential gains and losses? What role do men play in movements to support women’s rights? The session will reference the #blackprotest initiative, the Nationwide Women’s Strike, and similar events which have been taking place in Iceland since 1975.</p> <p>Debate with participation of: <b>Natalia Broniarczyk</b>, March 8 Women Coalition; <b>Agnieszka Dziemianowicz-Bąk</b>, Razem Party; <b>Sylwia Frankowska</b>, „Out loud” Foundation; <b>Brynhildur Heiðar- og Ómarsdóttir</b>, The Icelandic Women’s Rights Association</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Magdalena Grabowska</b>, STER Foundation for Equality and Emancipation</p> <p><a href="#">Session translated into Polish and English</a></p>
<b>RED ROOM</b>	<p><b>Civic participation of children and young people – how they do it in Norway</b></p> <p>How to form and shape young people’s civic competencies. What forms of activities should be undertaken to boost their involvement and interest in public matters. How to convince adults that young people have the right to express their beliefs and opinions, and that these opinions should be taken into account. What are the benefits of and barriers to the civic participation of children and young people. How to engage children and young people threatened with marginalisation?</p> <p>Debate with participation of: <b>Truls Aarseth</b>, Youth City Council Oslo; <b>Bartosz Kozicki</b>, Youth Sports Training Centre Eagles Rzeszow; <b>Ewelina Stachura</b>, Regional Institute in Katowice</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Sławomir Prusakowski</b>, Witelon Institute</p> <p><a href="#">Session translated into Polish and English</a></p>
<b>BLUE ROOM</b>	<p><b>Consultations, and then what?</b></p> <p>How should the NGO-local authority co-operation be designed to ensure that a dialogue with residents becomes a norm? What should be done to make local authorities assume responsibility for public consultations, to conduct them in a reliable way and to make sure their results are taken into account by authorities? Can dialogue councils play a role? What ought to be done in order for the change we are fostering to become permanent? How should we communicate the benefits of civic participation?</p> <p>Debate with participation of: <b>Alina Czyżewska</b>, People for the City Initiative; <b>Przemysław Dziewitek</b>, Civic Laboratory; <b>Dorota Piechowicz-Witoń</b>, Civic Dialogue Centre, City Hall of Opole</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Oktawiusz Chrzanowski</b>, Foundation for Social and Economic Initiatives</p>
<b>GREEN ROOM</b>	<p><b>Sustainability and cohesion of activities of watchdog organisations</b></p> <p>What have organisations undertaking watchdog activities learned? What new opportunities have they encountered, if any? How not to forfeit accomplishments, continue activities to foster public interest, work to get new allies on board. We will consider the question whether in light of all the new challenges, watchdog organisations ought to react to all matters of concern or rather stick to issues they had been handling before.</p> <p>Discussion with the session’s participants.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Krzysztof Izdebski</b>, e-Panstwo Foundation</p>

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**PINK  
ROOM**

**The self-organisation of persons threatened with exclusion – obvious or a challenge?**

Activities targeting persons threatened with exclusion are dominated by a care and service model. Can such model be seen as efficient long-term? What forms of support allow various groups to remain self-sufficient in resolving problems and satisfying needs? Should NGOs initiate self-organisation and self-help? How should one foster active attitudes among persons threatened with exclusion? What forms of related assistance would be required by persons threatened with exclusion and by organisations themselves?

Discussion with the session's participants.

Moderator: **Marta Lewandowska**, Culture of Dialogue Foundation

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**VIOLET  
ROOM**

**See, touch, try**

We will be able to experience the feelings of an elderly person first-hand, including all difficulties he/she faces. We will learn more about the audio-description of theatre performances and about blind persons' theatre encounters; we will also be able to take part in an educational game to find out how Muppets with Down syndrome change the world.

The representatives of organisations supported in the programme will present various aids and tools developed in the course of projects implementation and explain how they are/can be used.

Represented organisations: Syntonia Association of Psychological Aid, CREO Centre for the Promotion of Social Initiatives Association, Polish Association for Handicapped Persons - Centre in Lublin, Phenomenon (of) the Normal City Foundation, Cultural-Educational Association Libri, TVNET Foundation, Nowe Centrum Foundation, Stanislaw Jablonka Friendly House Foundation, Retina AMD Poland, Krakow Smog Alert Association

Session guided by: **Justyna Szolajska**, Stefan Batory Foundation, **Arkadiusz Brzeziński**, Polish Children and Youth Foundation

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