

EXPANDING CIVIC SPACE IN THE DANUBE REGION

SEMINAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE 5TH DANUBE PARTICIPATION DAY

15 AND 16 OCTOBER 2018, SOFIA, BULGARIA

AGENDA

15TH OCTOBER 2018

13:00 – 14:00	Registration	<i>(incl. coffee, tea, small snack)</i>
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14:00 – 14:30	Opening Session	
		Iva Taralezhkova, Citizen Participation Forum, BG
		Ugo Poli, CEI, tbc

Civic Space as a Conflict Zone: Implications for civil society and participation on EU, Macroregional and Regional level

14:30 – 15.00	Key – notes	
		Making § 11 TEU work in the Danube region, Roman Haken , EESC
		Challenges to Democratic Governance and Citizen Participation
		Prof. Ivo Draganov , New Bulgarian University
	Q & A	

14:30 – 18:00	Workshops Session I: Challenges to CSOs and Civic Space in general:	
	<i>(working in 3 WG):</i>	
	1. Media landscape: Limitations to democracy	
	Moderation: Petko Georgiev	
	2. Digital Transformation I: New Environment New Booby Traps,	
	Moderation: Simon Vrecar	
	3. Outreach I: Limiting the Environment for Participation	
	Moderation: Assya Kavrakova	
	Round-up of the 1st day	

18:30	Dinner	
		End of the 1 st day

16TH OCTOBER 2018

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration** *(incl. coffee, tea, water)*

09:30 – 11:30 **Workshops Session II: Strategies: How can we unitize Macro-regional Strategies to maintain and expand Civic Space?**

1. Media II. Mobilising and better Communication
Moderation: Petko Georgiev
2. Digital Transformation II: Open data and Citizen Participation
Moderation: Simon Vrecar
3. Outreach II: Organise your public support
Moderation: Assya Kavrakova

11:30 – 12:30 **Plenary session: how to go together**
Presentation of WG results by WG moderators
Searching for synergies – a plenary discussion
Q & A

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Workshops Session III: Presenting financing instruments in the Danube and Balkan region

13:30 – 16:00 **Funding Priorities: Donors Talk**
Funding in the EUSDR tomorrow, Claudia Singer, PA 10, tbc
CIVITATES: Strategies for upholding democratic values in Europe
EEA: Reduce social and economic disparities and consolidate democratic societies
CEI: Towards knowledge-based and inclusive society
BACID: Building Administrative Capacities in the Danube Region
DSPF, GIZ, VISEGRAD FUND

Q & A

Round-up by Assya Kavrakova and Iva Taralezhkova

At the end of the 2nd Day:

16:00 – 19:00 **Sofia Free Tours at participants' choice:**
a) Communist Tour
b) The Culture Tour
c) The Alternative Tour
d) Sofia Tour : <https://freesofiatour.com/>