



EUROPEAN UNION

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM - Neighbourhood South

26-27 May 2016, Brussels

Venue:

European Economic and Social Committee
European Committee of the Regions
99 Rue Belliard,
BRUSSELS , Belgium

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WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016
ARRIVAL DAY

For all:

All Day	Arrival of Participants and Transfer to Hotel Renaissance and Aloft
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Organisation team and CAG (restricted meetings):

14:00-17:00	Core Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting <i>DG NEAR offices - 54, rue Joseph II - Brussels</i> (16:00 to 17:00 – Inter Institutional Steering Group (IISG) joins CAG)
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17:00-18:00	Facilitators and Rapporteurs: Preparatory Meeting <i>DG NEAR offices - 54, rue Joseph II - Brussels</i>
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THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016 - DAY 1

08:00-09:00 **WELCOME AND REGISTRATION**

09:00-09:30 Presentation Agenda and Short Video (Women Media Producers)

09:30-11:00 **OPENING SESSION**

- Welcome addresses by **George DASSIS, President of the European Economic and Social Committee**, and **Luc Van den Brande, Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions**
- Keynote Address by **EU Commissioner Johannes HAHN**, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
- **Summary recommendations from CS** (Jordan Preparatory Meetings)
- **Q&A**

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15 **DEBATE** with Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, EU Special Representative Human Rights (EEAS) – **'Why EU Human Rights Policy matters'**

12:15 – 13:00 **DEBATE** with – Jean Louis VILLE, Director DEVCO B f.f. – **'Global initiatives in support of Civil Society'**

PLENARY Room: JDE 62

13:00-14:30 **Networking Lunch**

14:30-16:00 **3 PARALLEL GROUP SESSIONS** – Key proposals for **implementing the European Neighbourhood Policy** (based on inputs Jordan Preparatory Meetings)

MIGRATION AND MOBILITY
Room: JDE 62

REDUCING INEQUALITIES
Room: JDE 63

SHRINKING SPACE
Room: JDE 51

Coffee Break

16:15- -17:30 **DEBATE** with Nick WESTCOTT, Managing Director, European External Action Service (EEAS) - **'The Southern Neighbourhood: Politics, Partnerships and People'**

PLENARY Room: JDE 62

17:30 -18:30 **NETWORKING AND INFORMATION FAIR ON:**

- Anna Lindh Foundation
- EU Funded **regional programmes** and projects
- **Policy Forum for Development & Civil Society Roadmaps** (EuropeAid B2)
- EuroMed **Networks and platforms:**
- Solidar, ITUC, Med Culture, ENPI Info centre

Exchanges by small groups with representatives & leaders

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FRIDAY 27 MAY 2016 - DAY 2

09:00-10:30 **3 PARALLEL GROUP SESSIONS – Concrete recommendations to the EU on:**

VOICES OF YOUTH & WOMEN

K.A. by Hatem Atallah, Ex.
Director Anna Lindh Foundation

Room: JDE 63

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE

K.A. by Jorge Rodriguez,
EuropeAid,
Civil Society and Local Authorities

Room: JDE 53

CSO CAPACITY BUILDING

K.A. Ahmed Al Damrawy, Civil
Society Facility South
Gaby Hagmuller, CoTE, NEAR

Room: JDE 52

10:30-11:30 **Implementing the European Neighbourhood Policy
DEBATE** with Christian Danielsson, DG NEAR Director General

PLENARY Room: JDE 52

Coffee Break

11:45-13:00 **EXPLORING EMERGING ISSUES** (based on Jordan Preparatory meetings):

COUNTER RADICALISATION

Room: JDE 63

SECURITY AND STABILISATION

Room: JDE 53

SUPPORT TO EMPLOYMENT

Room: JDE 52

13:00-14:30 **Networking Lunch**

14:30-15:30 **Regional perspectives, dialogue and priority for Civil Society in the South
Mediterranean region**

NEAR B.2, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South - Head of Unit Irene
Mingasson

Q&A

PLENARY ROOM: JDE 52

15:30-16:00 **Key Recommendations and next steps on the 3 thematic Migration /
Inequality / CSO Space** - Chaired by CSO representative

16.00 – 16:15 **CLOSING SESSION**

PLENARY ROOM: IDE 52

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 **RESTRICTED MEETING** for CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS on **next steps of
the Process & future of a CSO Forum South**

PLENARY ROOM: JDE 52