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Dear friends,

2018 was under the sign of **solidarity** to make **rights for all** a reality!

We have dedicated lots of energy and resources to put on good track our pan-European campaign **#MEGA - Make Europe Great for All**. It's been a joint effort and a collective achievement towards a shared understanding of the challenges faced by Europe and its citizens today and the crucial role civil society can play in addressing them, from the frontline, in solidarity with the weakest and the unheard, taking pride of the value of our work and commitment.

Today, the European promise is threatened by rising and intolerable inequalities between the rich and the poor, between the powerful and the powerless. When a quarter of Europeans face poverty or social exclusion, when a lot of people lost trust to advance socially, when society's internal cohesion is shrinking, people's feeling of sharing a future in common is under threat. For too many people fear replaces hope and they no longer consider democracy as a common denominator...

Through our #MEGA tour around Europe, we met-up with thousands of civic actors facing this huge challenge and strategizing about how to improve our capacities to fight against these trends.

The space where we act for human rights, equality and solidarity is shrinking all across Europe, alongside legislative acts meant to silence down critical voices, government control over distribution of funds, cuts in

public spending on social issues or funding for NGOs, disproportionate anti-terrorist or money laundering measures affecting the freedoms of assembly and association, ...

As much as the situation is alarming, everywhere in Europe, civil resistance is curbing the initiatives of the most reactionary governments. While there is specificity in each national situation, there are similarities from one country to another. This is our struggles need our combined efforts. The success of each depends on the success of all.

This was the key message of an unprecedented pan-European **mobilisation of thousands of civic actors** on **Human Rights Day – 10th December**, calling for **# NO DAY WITHOUT US!** The mobilisation spread across 200 local committees in 29 countries, with a huge outreach of 2 million people on social media.

Beyond this action day, the #MEGA campaign website compiled hundreds of citizens' mobilisations (initiatives, petitions, marches...) across Europe, giving them a broader, European perspective and connectivity. The most remarkable took place around the **International Women's Rights day**, celebrated on 8 March 2018, when ECF has mapped out more than 200 events. Also, more than 1300 people mobilised their MEPs and urged them to vote a European Parliament resolution calling for a **European Values Instrument** to support grassroots civil society fighting for democratic values and human rights for all.

The two **EU Presidency NGO forums**, in Bulgaria and in Austria, were also opportunities to call upon institutions to consider civil dialogue in their agenda. As Eurobarometers reveal it,

almost 90% of Europeans are eager to further participate in shaping European politics, however this expectation is lacking a strong support from policy-makers.

Finally, with the launch of **Civic Space Watch**, the ECF aimed at providing real time alerts on the state of civic space in Europe and organising solidarity actions responding to grassroots needs. Evidence from the watch contributed to several research and advocacy activities, including efforts coordinated with the informal advisory body composed of the European Centre for Non-profit Law, CIVICUS and Civil Society Europe. Sustainable relations have been built with several institutions including the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, DG Justice or the UN committee on Human Rights.

The success of these mobilisation provide us with solid arguments to make the case in the long run for the recognition of the value and the role of civic organisations and movements in keeping societies democratic and inclusive.

We shall **reclaim and practice together**, by raising our voices and strengthening our alliances and common work, equality, solidarity and inclusion, which should be at the core of the debate on the future of Europe and our societies.

**Jean-Marc
ROIRANT**
President

**Alexandrina
NAJMOWICZ**
Director

About us

Who are we?

The European Civic Forum (ECF) is a transnational network that brings together over 100 associations and NGOs across Europe active in various fields such as education to citizenship and democracy, culture, defence of Human rights, environment protection, development cooperation or support to NGO environment. We strive to foster civic engagement, thus contributing to the emergence of a European public sphere where the role and influence of civil society are fully recognized.

What we stand for?

Since its creation in 2005, the European Civic Forum has been particularly working to:

1. Enable **civic participation** through citizens' associations and movements **for a Europe** grounded on **Equality, Solidarity and Democracy** that guarantees effective access to rights for all;
2. Support the **structuring of European civil society movement** through alliance building, collective thinking and joint campaigning for the common good;
3. Advocate for the institutional recognition of civil society's role and contribution to society and democracy through the setting up of a genuine **European civil dialogue**.

How do we take action?

We **connect civil society actors** transnationally and cross-sectorally through, conferences, forums and alliances;

We participate in **civil structures** within the European institutions and Civil Society;

We **advocate and campaign** for the defense of **civic space** and the recognition of civil society organisations in the policy making process.

The ECF in 2018

Mobilising to Make Europe Great for All!

In 2018, the European Civic Forum dedicated its activities and involved member organisations in:

1. Organising transnational solidarity and defence of fundamental values at various occasions, mostly via the creation of Civic Space Watch;
2. Europeanising civic participation by mobilising movements, organisations and individuals for a symbolic transnational action day on 10 December 2018;
3. Working towards an enabling environment for civil society in Europe.



The ECF was involved in various projects and was present in a dozen events in 2018, in all parts of Europe, from Brussels to Paris, Sofia, Rome, Palermo, Vienna, Gdansk, Warsaw...

2018: a record year



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

2 000 000 Reached by #NoDayWithoutUs activities online

43 500 Twitter users saw ECF messages every month

5 800 Emails sent by each ECF secretariat member (in avg.)

3 800 People voted online for the European Citizenship Awards over 14 days

1 100 Messages posted with #NoDayWithoutUs

800

People directly took part in ECF events (organised or co-organised)

350

Resources and updates collected on Civic Space Watch

200

Different CSOs met or took part in ECF activities

200

Events mapped for International Women's Day 2018 on our website

Civic Space Watch

Work in progress

Civil society is key to a well-functioning democracy and to re-imagining the EU system. Yet, it is facing growing challenges in doing so. While the concept of “*shrinking civic space*” is gaining traction, it remains a phenomenon difficult to grasp as threats to civil society are emerging in young democracies as well as in well-established ones.

The **CIVIC SPACE WATCH** (<http://civicspacewatch.eu/>) was launched in Brussels on 18 January 2018 with the participation of over 40 people from civil society and institutions. The launch was a moment to stress the values we stand for and call for more coordination and cooperation among different realities.



The Civic Space Watch is a collaborative, knowledge-sharing online tool contributing to better observing the state of civic space across Europe. Civic Space Watch aims to capture national and trans-European trends in real time and provide easy access to existing resources that are often dispersed to facilitate systematic data collection for research, advocacy and policy purposes.

There are three sections in Civic Space Watch:

1. a mutual support scheme and a reporting point (**Take action**), where civic actors can share new developments on the ground, denounce attacks, request legal analyses, and call for solidarity. Activists can ask for support from other European activists and networks to give visibility to local issues at the European level.
2. a section with **alerts and analyses** from civil society on burning issues categorised geographically and thematically
3. a database of **resources** from institutions and civic actors to support civic actors and organisations advocating and organising for a more open civic space in Europe.

The project goes beyond the website itself. It is increasingly used a virtual meeting point for civic actors to share information, expertise and support. Populist leaders in the EU are learning from each other how to reduce rights, activists on the ground also feel strongly the need to share experiences and practices to resist.

Strengthened cooperation with international institutions and organisations

The first phase of the project focused on consolidating and expanding a network of local, national and European contacts from civil society able to inform on the situation on the ground. **In 2018, the platform collected roughly 350 resources from approximately 50 local, national and European organisations in 24 EU countries.** We also established an informal advisory body composed of the European Centre for Non-profit Law, CIVICUS Monitor and Civil Society Europe.

Resources and information of the Civic Space Watch are channelled through the CIVICUS Monitor. The European Civic Forum regularly covers 8 EU countries (France, United Kingdom, Ireland, Portugal, Slovenia, Austria, Estonia and Latvia) but occasionally also feeds into the reports of other countries. In 2018, the CIVICUS Monitor consulted the ECF and ECF network on the change of the rating of 5 EU countries. Of these, Austria, Italy and Latvia worsened

their rating, Lithuania improved. We also contributed to the CIVICUS Monitor annual report *"People power under attack"*.

The findings from Civic Space Watch also fed the **"2017 report on Civic Space in Europe"** by Civil Society Europe both in the analysis of the data collected through a survey and in the case studies presented. The report was launched on 22 June during a side event of the **38th Session of the Human Right Council, with the presence of Felipe Gonzalez Morales, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights of migrants.**

Following the event, a delegation of civil society organisations, including the European Civic Forum and the Romanian member Civil Society Development Foundation, was received by several UN officers in Geneva to present the findings of the report and the platform Civic Space Watch.

A new Activizeship on the road

In the fall, we also collected contributions in the form of articles and interviews for the third edition of Activizeship.

The new issue of Activizeship posed some burning questions. What are the new and old challenges of civil society in Europe? How is civil society changing? How is it pushing back against democratic backsliding?



Make Europe Great for All MEGA change for Europe

MAKE EUROPE GREAT FOR ALL campaign (<https://megacampaign.eu>) has been engaging a wide network of civic organisations and movements, local communities, human rights defenders, journalists, trade unions and businesses who share our values in a two-years pan-European process of defining what should the Future of Europe look like. The MEGA campaign has provided an open and democratic space to think collectively upon these challenges and reclaim a democratic, just and inclusive way out of this deadlock by:

putting democracy and civic participation at the core of the European debate

raising awareness about the role of civil society organisations and movements in democratic processes and in society

Together will all those who wish to join us in this endeavor, we will draw up our wish list of actions the EU institutions need to un-

dertake, we will formulate claims to future candidates running for a term in the next European elections, we will more generally feed into the public space with proposals for more democracy, solidarity, equality, inclusiveness.

The members of the ECF and partners have come together with a Manifesto, aimed at illustrating a collective vision of Europe, which starts from the basic principle that **access to Rights for All** should be Europe's priority. The Manifesto was translated in 10 languages and has fed various debates and discussions, such as the kick-off event of the campaign.

KICKING OFF THE MEGA CAMPAIGN

On 19 February, the European Civic Forum, together with its members, called upon all civil society representatives, activists, decision-makers and citizens to join them for the kick-off event of the transnational campaign. «*With this campaign, we aim at mobilising horizontally all those who want to see a Europe with more solidarity, more inclusiveness, more equality, because we cannot hear their voices in the public debate at*

the moment.», said Jean-Marc Roirant, the president of the ECF.

A campaign and a rallying call

With a wide scope of speakers, including ECF members (Filip Pazderski from the **Institute of Public Affairs** in Poland, Francesca Chivavacci from **ARCI** in Italy, etc.) to institutional panelists such as Georges Dassis (president of the EESC), Michal Boni (MEP, Poland) and Philippe Lamberts (co-chair of the Greens group in the European Parliament), we launched a wide reflection, which featured multiple events throughout



Europe, but also debates that will guide the network towards the 2019 European elections.

The first major action took place in April 2018, online, when the ECF was strongly advocating for the European Parliament to adopt resolution calling for the establishment of a European Values Instrument, together with several NGOs (including members such as Stefan Batory Foundation, Civil Society Development Foundation...). we have launched a call to citizens to stand up for the new Instrument and urge their national Members of the European Parliament to vote for the resolution.

As a result, **in less than 72 hours, more than 1 300 people** have sent emails to their MEPs. The resolution was successfully adopted by the European Parliament plenary session on 19 April 2018, also thanks to the citizens' mobilisation.



A convergence point for civic initiatives

The ECF developed a website for the campaign, with the clear objective of mapping and putting together civic initiatives and individuals across Europe. Although they are pursuing different objectives, all the initiatives enlisted here reflect the need for a societal change, where the general interest comes before private ones. All over Europe and in the world, citizens are organising, creating informal groups, founding associations. The campaign's website aims at providing the largest possible coverage of their commitment to the general interest.

Besides the No Day Without Us, the most remarkable mobilisation took place on the International Women's Rights day. The ECF mapped gatherings and mobilisations. More than 200 events were listed on MEGA website and several bridges were made between them. This was also an opportunity to raise awareness about the provisions from European Treaties and legal documents protecting women's rights. The page dedicated to 8 March activities saw more than 4000 single users online.

NO DAY WITHOUT US

More than a mobilisation - a pride !

On Human Rights Day – 10th December, thousands of civic actors mobilised calling for NO DAY WITHOUT US! On that symbolic day, 70 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we gathered together in solidarity, we stood up for our fights for rights for all and we should make this an annual civic pride day! We gathered together in solidarity, we stood up for our fights for rights for all and we should make this an annual civic pride day!

The action engaged a really great variety of civic organisations and movements, ranging from big federations of associations deeply rooted in local constituencies, national platforms of NGOs uniting different sectors, Human Rights advocacy and campaigning groups, big NGOs from environmental sector, but also smaller groups working at community level or engaging with the public on local issues.

Our mobilisation spread across 29 countries within the EU and neighboring countries, in big cities or small communities, in your usual place of work or in public spaces, in large or small groups, online and offline.

Some joined demonstrations against illiberal and repressive governments or big infrastructure projects in Italy and Serbia, others lighted candles or recited articles of the Declaration of human rights at their workplace, or in schools, cafes and public squares. Some stuck posters and stickers in public places, others organised

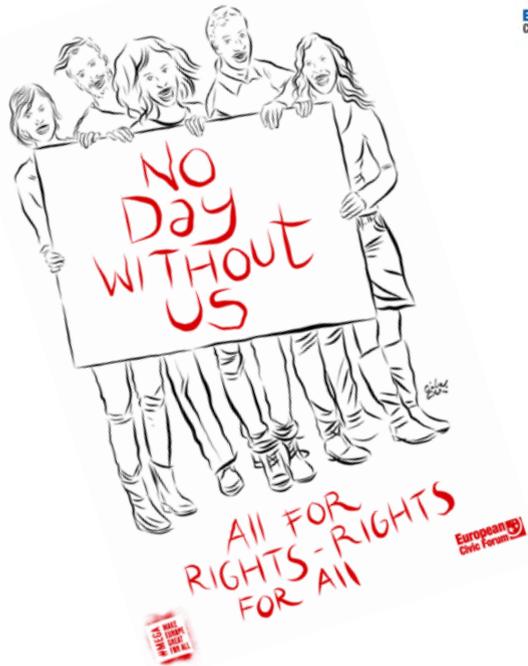
networking events or seminars. Some silenced their websites, some explained through short videos, positive stories or photo exhibitions how they make Human rights a reality every day with their work.

The European Civic Forum team organised a press conference in Brussels featuring **Birgit VAN HOUT**, Regional Representative for Europe, UN Human Rights Office; **Natacha KAZATCHKINE**, Head of Team and EU policy at Open Society European Policy Institute; **Mehmet KOKSAL**, Project Officer, European Federation of Journalists and **Andrea COSTA**, member of BAOBAB Experience, Italy. We discussed the state of fundamental rights and civic space in Europe and called for institutional support for the work we do and the values we defend.

The success of the action day went far beyond our expectations regarding reaching out to constituencies and citizens: all in all, our actions engaged **over 2 million people online, several thousands people offline, over 200 local committees.**



As an aftermath, the European Civic Forum prepared a **policy paper** with key challenges and attacks to civic space and fundamental rights we observe in Europe today, based on evidence and information collected through **Civic Space Watch**. The document formulates some recommendations for EU institutions to respond to these challenges. In addition, a joint statement for EU action has been widely supported by European Civil Society Organisations including ECF.



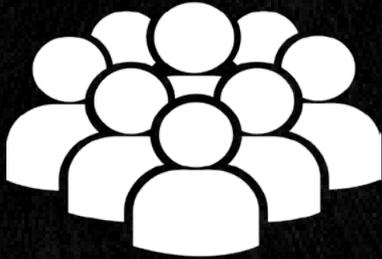
Collecting positive stories from individuals

In the framework of the 10th of December, we wanted to create a positive narrative about civic organisations and show their impact on society. In order to create an emotional connection with the citizens, we collected positive stories from volunteers/ NGOs/ individuals, who are humans rights defenders and stand up for human rights for all. Also, testimonials about people who have actually been helped by some of member organisations' projects were published.

NO DAY WITHOUT US 10 DECEMBER 2018

2 000 000

PEOPLE REACHED ON SOCIAL MEDIA



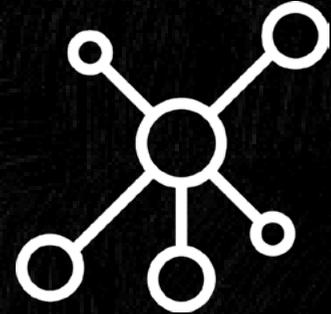
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COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES



1000+

POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



82

ACTIVITIES



50 000

PEOPLE ACTIVE IN THE UK & ITALY



THEY SAID OUT AND LOUD

Nos enfrentamos a un fenómeno global donde se está criminalizando la disidencia, la solidaridad y donde los gobiernos implementan cada vez más fórmulas para limitar la protesta y la defensa de los derechos humanos.

#NoDayWithoutUs

@NoSomosDelito

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nevladne organizacije v vseevropski

kampanji #NoDayWithoutUs stopile skupaj in pokazale, da nam je dovolj neutemeljenih obtožb, napadov, omejevanja naših aktivnosti in svobode izražanja. Pridružite se nam!

#MarNamJe

@cnvos

European Union is not a trade deal,
European Union is a community of values that
we fight for.

EVERY DAY

#NoDayWithoutUs

@martalempart

Aujourd'hui
#10décembre,
les #associations
affirment :

“Pas un jour sans nous!”

Pour rappeler l'apport majeur des
actions associatives à la construction d'une
société plus juste, plus solidaire, plus humaine.

#DUTILITÉCITOYENNE

#NoDayWithoutUs

@lemouvementasso

Where do universal human rights begin? In small places,
close to home, so close and so small that they cannot be
seen on any maps of the world. Without concerned citizen
action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain
for progress in the larger world. #nodaywithoutus
- @ECE_tweets

STRENGTHENING CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Citizens' participation to political, economic, social and cultural life is crucial to ensure a healthy functioning of our democratic societies. Civic resistance and capacity to stand up against regressive trends is key to oppose systematic erosion of democratic checks and balances. Alongside free and independent media, civic organisations and movements are essential actors in our democracies. The emergence of massive social movements calling for access to rights for all urges us to broaden the perspective on citizens' involvement in a more participative democracy, beyond the sole "institutional" actions.

EUROPEAN CIVIC DAYS: CITIZENSHIP – PARTICIPATION – POLICIES: BUILDING EUROPE FROM GRASSROOTS UP

Building on the success and carrying forward the legacy of civil society forums in countries holding the EU presidencies over the last ten years, the European Civic Forum joined forces with the Citizen Participation Forum, the Blue Link Foundation and the European Citizen Action Service to organise the European Civic Days, under the title "*Citizenship – Participation – Policies: Building Europe from Grassroots up*" on 29-31 May in Sofia.

Taking stock of the current state of democracy and civic space in Europe, this conference will spot positive examples of civic engagement and co-decision in policy making, placing civic participation in the broader context of European democracy with growing demands from



citizens to have a real say in shaping their future in common.

Bulgarian and European civil society organisations involved in the European Civic Days insisted that **support for democracy, civic rights, civil society development and citizen participation should be a priority in the agenda of the EU institutions and in the European Commission Work Programme.** The final statement offered several points to be addressed by European institutions, in particular when it comes to increasing citizens' participation and transparency of decision-making processes.

In the end, the event provided a unique space for around 80 civic actors to share and learn from different experiences, hear from a variety of stakeholders and envision ways forward towards a renewal of the European democracy along core values of equality, solidarity and inclusiveness.

CIVIL SOCIETY DAYS: CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION AT THE SERVICE OF THE GENERAL INTEREST

More than 220 civil society organisations and citizens from across Europe with back-

grounds in policy making, business and education sectors participated in the CivSocDays 2018. AEDH, EESC TEN section and the European Civic Forum organised a workshop on the issue of data protection in the European Union, in a context marked by the necessary EU response to increased cyber crises and associated risks (malware, dissemination of false information, attacks on public services). As the GDPR entered into force a few days before the Civil Society Days and while many NGOs are still relatively weak when it comes to cybersecurity, the workshop stirred lots of interest from participants. In addition, increasing surveillance at European level and the methods employed are being developed even as the legal frameworks supposed to accompany it are gradually put in place in this rapidly-developing area.



The workshop started with Pierre-Jean Coulon, member of the EESC, about the newest proposals by the Committee to face online threats. Following a video statement from Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Chris Wylie about the interference of artificial intelligence in electoral processes, Guillaume Vassault-Houlière from **Yes We Hack** then presented participants some tips on how to ensure greater protection online, especially for NGOs.

As a conclusion, the workshop agreed that **control and oversight of surveillance shall be enhanced**, while **civil society should be involved in the oversight mechanisms of surveillance**, in order to ensure that Fundamental Rights of citizens are respected.



FESTIVAL SABIR OF MEDITERRANEAN CULTURES PALERMO, SICILY

The Festival Sabir comes to its fourth edition this year in Palermo. Given the Festival's setting in Palermo and the national and European political agenda on migration, the Festival focused on one central theme: freedom of movement. Freedom of movement of People, Ideas, Cultures and Rights.

In this context, the European Civic Forum invited associations and movements that are resisting reactionary and obscurantist governments and movements in Europe, especially in the East, and defending the democratic public space against attacks on rights and solidarity. For two hours they had the possibility to discuss about **Solidarity in Europe as the alternative to the market and identitarian closures.**

The highly engaged speakers insisted on the need to break down borders that increasingly divide Europe from the inside. The session was also fed with some interviews and video reports from other partici-

pants. The festival also brought a variety of artistic and cultural events, involving local organisations and citizens.

Together, we called for:

- A radical and urgent change in the policy that has spread the inequalities and insecurity that regressive movements take advantage of.
- Civil society to commit itself to mutual and permanent solidarity to defend ourselves and give us more strength wherever we are under attack, to break down the borders that increasingly risk dividing Europe and, again, the East from the West.



EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP AWARDS IN GDANSK

Organised jointly by the European Civic Forum and Volonteuropé, the European Citizenship Awards promote and give visibility to outstanding and inspiring initiatives and individuals who have put European democratic citizenship into practice, and in so doing have had a positive impact on their communities.

This year, the European Citizenship Awards aimed at rewarding initiatives which contribute to the creation of community cohesion, inclusion and social justice. The candidates were selected through an international jury and public online voting. The Awards Ceremony took place on 3 December in the **European Solidarity Centre of Gdansk**, a highly symbolic place in Europe when it comes to social justice.

Three laureates were nominated. In the **Active Citizens' of the Year category**, the **initiative Messages of Diversity** from Passau-based Gemeinsam Lernen und Leben was rewarded. Through photographs, the local population could share its feelings about intercultural experiences and re-



lationships, the personal gain associated with them and the openness towards “strangers” in their lives.

Donald Dervishi, a 32 year old teacher and school director in the rural mountain area of Southern Albania received the award as **Volunteer of the Year**. Starting from nothing but a terrible view of a roofless school in an Albanian village, he decided to build a new one, so that pupils from the village could go to school as every normal child. Thanks to a crowdfunding campaign and an appearance in the Albanian version of Millionaire, he secured the necessary resources to re-

build it, thus ensuring equal access to education.

Finally, in the **Social Enterprise category**, **Floare de Cires Ltd.**, a Moldavian catering service provide won this year’s Award. Floare de cires Ltd is an initiative, which came as an answer to the young people facing difficulties in transition from education to the labor market, due to lack of work experience and a lack of qualifications acquired during formal education. Besides promoting social inclusion, Floare de Cires is a ray of hope for another social stratum in need – the elders.

ADVOCACY AND INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE

Citizens' participation to political, economic, social and cultural life is crucial to ensure a healthy functioning of our democratic societies. Civic resistance and capacity to stand up against regressive trends is key to oppose systematic erosion of democratic checks and balances. Alongside free and independent media, civic organisations and movements are essential actors in our democracies. The emergence of massive social movements calling for access to rights for all urges us to broaden the perspective on citizens' involvement in a more participative democracy, beyond the sole "institutional" actions.

VIENNA NGO FORUM ORGANISED CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE EU RELATIONSHIP STATUS: IT'S COMPLICATED.

During the Austrian Council Presidency, IGO - Interessenvertretung Gemeinnütziger Organisationen, together with the European Civic Forum, invited to a dialogue on the current challenges for organised civil society in Austria and in the European Union.

Based on a recent Civil Society Europe report, which showed that the European Union is expected to play a greater role in upholding democratic principles and setting guidelines to ensure a conducive environment for civil society, the European NGO forum in Vienna brought some 60 participants. They discussed about the role and situation of challenges faced by civil society organisations in Austria and in the Euro-

pean Union in their daily work and relations with the governing institutions.

Organised in the house of the EU of Vienna, the first day tackled the issue of fundamental rights in EU policies and the place of civil society in safeguarding them, especially when those are under threat in some Member States. The second day was dedicated to the issue of limited resources for civil society through public funding. ECF president Jean-Marc Roirant reminded the European Commission about the necessity of promoting a vibrant and active civil society, in a moment when EU fundamental values are questioned by governments.

COLLOQUIUM ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

On an initiative of Civil Society Europe, the ECF and many other CSOs networks signed

a statement before the annual colloquium on Fundamental Rights, organised by the European Commission. The document, called "Civil Society on the Frontline", urges the European Union institutions to stand up and promote civic space and commit to key initiatives to secure the important role of civil society organisations, human rights defenders and social movements in protecting and promoting human rights.



Financial Report

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs (direct and seconded staff)	260 728,05 €
General expenditure, office rental, printing and publishing	52 007,31 €
Conferences, seminars, statutory meetings	54 680,54 €

Total expenditure 367 415,90 €

INCOME

EU Operating Grant	200 000,00 €
Rights, Equality & Citizenship programme	8 798,30 €
Self-financing (membership fees)	5 500,00 €
Contribution by member organisations	140 500,00 €
Other contributions (CIVICUS)	12 749,86 €

Total income 367 548,16 €

ACCOUNTING RESULT 132,26 €

General Assembly

The European Civic Forum is governed by the General Assembly (GA) of its members, which meets once a year and takes statutory decisions.

Board of Directors

Currently composed of 27 member organisations from 17 European countries, the ECF Board is responsible for implementing the GA decisions, for defining the overall strategy and the activities to run.

Steering Committee

Mainly insures the political representation of the network.



President

Jean-Marc Roirant

La Ligue de l'Enseignement, France



Vice-presidents

Raffaella Bolini

ARCI associazione, Italy



Jan Robert Suesser

Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, France



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Implements the work programme



Director
**Alexandrina
Najmowicz**



Campaign officer
Giada Negri



Projects officer
**Vladimir
Sestovic**



Campaign officer
**Federica
Dolce**

Internal Governance Structure

Member Organisations

- Academia Cidadã – Portugal
- Action pour le développement intégré et la formation (ADIF) – France
- Association européenne de l'éducation (AEDE) – Europe
- Association européenne pour la défense des droits de l'Homme (AEDH) – Europe
- Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants en Europe (AEGEE) – Europe
- Animafac (+25 organisations) – France
- Anne Frank's House – Netherlands
- ANO pro Evropu – Czech Republic
- ARCI associazione di promozione sociale – Italy
- Asociace NNO v Ceske Republice – Czech Republic
- Asociace Občanských Poraden – Czech Republic
- Asociatia Pro Democratia – Romania
- Association for Civil Society Development (SMART) – Croatia
- Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) – North Macedonia
- ATD- Quart Monde – France
- A Praça – Portugal
- ANACEJ – France
- Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement - Germany
- CAP Magellan – Portugal
- Centre for Information, Service, Co-operation and Development of NGOs (CNVOS) Slovenia
- Centrum Edukacji Obywatelskiej - Poland
- Centrum pre Európsku politiku (CEP) – Slovaquie
- Civisme et Démocratie (CIDEM) – France
- CIPSI (Coordinamento di Iniziative Popolari di Solidarietà Internazionale) – Italy
- Citizens Union Paremvassi – Greece
- Civic Alliance – Latvia
- CIVICA (Association d'élus Portugais, Luso-Français et Européens de France) – France
- Community Development Institute (CDI) – North Macedonia
- Confédération des Maisons des Jeunes et de la Culture de France – France
- Culture et Liberté – France
- Democracy International – Germany
- Documenta – Spain
- EUROCLIO – Europe
- Europa Haz – Hungary
- European Development Centre – Italy
- European Institute Foundation – Bulgaria
- European Network of National Associations (ENNA) – Europe
- European Social Forum – Cyprus
- Fondation pour la solidarité – Belgium
- Forum permanent de la société civile européenne – Belgique
- Fundacion CIVES – Spain
- Fundatia pentru Dezvoltarea Societatii Civile – Romania
- GONG – Croatia
- Gruppi Solidarietà Internazionale - GSI - Italy
- Inicijativa za Razvoj i Saradnju (IDC) – Serbia
- Instytut Spraw Publicznych (ISP) – Poland
- Interessenvertretung Gemeinnütziger Organisationen (IGO) – Austria
- Jaan Tonisson Institute – Estonia
- Jeunes européens – France
- Johannes Mihkelson Centre – Estonia
- Jeunesse au plein air (JPA) – France
- Kesalukioseura ky – Finland
- Kretakör Foundation – Hungary
- La Liga Española de la Educación y la Cultura Popular – Spain
- La Ligue de l'Enseignement – France
- La Ligue Luxembourgeoise de l'enseignement – Luxembourg
- Legal information centre for NGOs (PIC) – Slovenia
- Legambiente – Italy
- Le Mouvement Associatif – France
- Les Francas – France
- Ligue des Droits de l'Homme (LDH) – France
- Maison de l'Europe Paris – France
- Mouvement Rural de Jeunesse Chrétienne (MRJC) – France
- L'interloque – France
- Movimient Laic i Progressista – Spain
- National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) –United Kingdom
- Netwerk Democratie – Netherlands
- New Europeans – United Kingdom
- Non-Governmental Organisations Information & Support centre (NISC) – Lithuania
- Nyt Europa/ Global citizen – Denmark
- Obcan a demokracia – Slovakia
- Ogólnopolska Federacja Organizacji Pozarządowych (OFOP) – Poland
- Roma Democratic Development Association (SONCE) – FYROM
- Rural Youth Union – Poland
- Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) – United Kingdom
- SPIRALIS – Czech Republic
- Stefan Batory Foundation – Poland
- TERA - Maison de l'Europe de la Charente – France
- The ECI Campaign – Germany
- The Women's Centre – United Kingdom
- Volunteering Matters – United Kingdom
- We are Europe – Germany
- Youth Work Ireland – Ireland



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