We are cordially inviting you to the round table discussion

Solidarity in action against right-winged extremism: activist and philanthropic innovations from Croatia

Brussels, Rue de Pascale 4, February 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Speakers:
Sandra Benčić, Center for Peace Studies, Croatia, member of Foundation SOLIDARNA Board
Vilim Matula, Croatian actor and activist of Kulturnjaci2016 initiative
Marina Škrabalo, Director of SOLIDARNA Foundation, member of EESC,
Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR Secretary General

The debate will provide unique insiders' insight into **innovative activist and philanthropic practices of citizens' resistance to hostile attacks on human rights** that have arisen in Croatia over the past year, marked by acute democratic regression - transnational artists' initiative **Kulturnjaci2016**, humanitarian-advocacy coalition **Refugees Welcome**, grassroots association **Are You Syrious?**, trade-union-civil alliance for education reform **Croatia Can Do Better** and **SOLIDARNA – Foundation for human rights and solidarity** set up by human rights community. In the discussion, the focus will be on **creative approaches to resource mobilization, advocacy and citizens' engagement** that can foster autonomy, resilience and sustainability of human rights activism across Europe, in light of ever more oppressive political agendas, too rigid funding regimes and systematic degradation of independent, investigative journalism.

In hope that the debate and lessons learned from Croatia will be inspiring for our transnational networking and solidarity, we are looking forward to your attendance!

Upon the debate, join us at LAVA CAFÉ, Arteveldestraat (close to De Brouckère) for an informal gathering, starting at 8 p.m.

Please register at info@solidarna.hr *and* Elsa.Laino@solidar.org *by Tuesday, February 14.*