

CITIZENS' VOICE: Together. Stronger.

A civil society agora
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Venue: New Town Hall (Új Városháza), 1056 Budapest, Váci u. 62-64.

PROGRAMME.....

9.00-9.30	Registration
9.30-10.45	Opening plenary session Common concern, different approaches: for a successful implementation of macro-regional strategies (MRS) Appetisers from Dr Balázs SZENECZEY , Deputy Mayor of Budapest Félix MOLDOVÁN , Ministerial Commissioner, Hungarian Presidency of EUSDR Marco ONIDA , DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, Brussels Roman HAKEN , Czech Republic, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels Chair: Miklós BARABÁS , European House, Budapest The presentations are followed by a question and answer session
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	Debate 1 <i>The Danube Strategy: a case study from a civil perspective</i> <i>In focus: energy security and transportation</i> Moderated by Sándor CZUCZOR , P-ART Foundation, Balatonalmádi Introductory remarks: Rudolf SCHICKER , coordinator, Institutional capacity and cooperation, EUSDR, Vienna, Austria Rostislav TOMENCHUK , Ukrainian Institute for International Politics, Ukraine György MOLNÁR , National Federation of Civil Society Organisations, Hungary A moderated agora-type discussion with recommendations

11.30-12.00	<p>Debate 2 <i>Active citizenship in a macro-regional setting</i> <i>Why citizen involvement is indispensable in making macro-regional strategies a success story?</i></p> <p>Moderated by Éva HORVÁTH, Danubiana Network</p> <p>Introductory remarks: Tony VENABLES, ECIT Foundation, Brussels Feri THIERRY, political consultant, Austria</p> <p>A moderated agora-type discussion with recommendations</p>
12.30-13.00	<p>Plenary session Reports from Debate 1 and 2 Wrap-up of the morning session</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-14.15	Afternoon plenary session: introduction to the debates
14.15-15.45	<p>Debate 3 <i>The art of communication</i> <i>Best practices in reaching out ordinary citizens for the benefit of macro-regional strategies</i></p> <p>Moderated by Balázs PÓCS, communication strategist, Hungary</p> <p>Introductory remarks: Urszula BIJOS, Centre for Citizenship Education, Poland Dr Nicos GIANNIS, European Expression, Greece Albert ROYAARDS, Grandhouse International Club, Budapest/The Netherlands</p> <p>A moderated agora-type discussion with lessons learned</p> <p>Debate 4 <i>More than a comment</i> <i>Preparation of a citizens' driven shadow document on the Commission Report on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies (December 2016)</i></p> <p>Moderated by Mikko LOHIKOSKI, Horizontal action coordinator, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region , Turku, Finland</p> <p>Introductory remarks: Roman HAKEN, Czech Republic, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels Dr László FLAMM, European House, Budapest</p> <p>A moderated agora-type discussion on the draft citizens' report</p>
15.45-16.15	<p>Closing plenary session Reflections from Debate 3 and 4 Conclusions and next steps: citizens' contribution to shaping the future of macro-regional strategies in a post-2020 setting</p>

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