



THE FIRST MACRO-REGIONAL CITIZEN AGORA

Budapest, 7-8 December 2023

PROGRAMME

Venue: **Novotel Budapest Centrum** 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 43-45.

- 13:00-14:00** Registration, networking
- 14:00** **Opening session**
Welcome by
Miklos BARABAS, Director, European House Budapest
Janka KOPEK, Actress, Vígszínház Budapest
Greetings by
Dr Viktor OROSZI, EUSDR National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
- 14:20** **The macro-regional idea in service of a democratic and citizen-centred Europe**
Panel discussion
Johan MAGNUSSON, Team Leader, European Commission, DG Regio
Ioannis VARDAKASTANIS, European Economic and Social Committee ECO President
Hedvig MORVAI, European Director, Erste Foundation
Anna HAGSTRÖM, EUSBSR National Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office, Sweden
- 15:10** **The road to Budapest**
A short video
Brief reports from the preparatory events by
Stanka PARAC DAMJANOVIC, LDA Subotica, Serbia for the EUSDR
Matteo IANNI, European Movement Italy Youth Section for the EUSAIR
Yoan POMPET, Maison des Européens Lyon, France for the EUSALP
Silva LAURE, Baltic Sea Youth Forum, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Youth Representatives, Latvia for the EUSBSR
- 15:35** **The EU CERV programme: engaging citizens for EU rights and values**
A presentation by Martin FREWER, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
- 15:45** Coffee break
- 16:15** **Working group sessions**
Parallel discussions on
a) ways to increase public awareness and support for a macro-regional civil strategy
b) setting up a macro-regional civil network and developing a workplan for 2024



Thursday, 7 December 2023

Group 1

Moderator: Pejo BOSNIC, Danube Youth Council, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Special contribution: Blaz BARBORIC, Geodetic Institute of Slovenia

Group 2

Moderator: Magda LESZCZYNA-RZUCIDLO, Director, Baltic Institute for Regional and European Affairs, Gdansk

Special Contribution: Kurt NIELSEN, European Movement Denmark

Group 3

Moderator: Gojko BEZOVAN, Centre for Development of Non-Profit Organisations, Croatia

Special contribution: Jana BURZYKOVA, Danube Youth Council, Czech Republic

Group 4

Moderator: Nadja AFANASIEVA, Director, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics, Kyiv

Special contribution: Sándor KÖLES, Carpathian Foundation, Hungary

17:15

Plenary session

Feedback from the Working Groups

Review and discussion of the recommendations

Adoption of the proposal for an EU macro-regional civil strategy

18:00

Closing

19:00

Networking dinner

Ybl Bistro (1013 Budapest, Ybl Miklós tér 2-6.)

10:00

A morning with Europe and for Europe

European scenarios and chances

Keynote speech by Dr Péter BALÁZS, former Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Citizen reflection by Thomas KEUTHEN, Alpine Youth Council, Germany

Discussion with the participants

11:00

Coffee break

11:30

Europe decides - the 2024 European Parliamentary elections

Keynote speech by Jo LEINEN, former Member of the European Parliament, Germany

The voice of a first-time voter: Vivien SZABÓ, Dual Language School of Balatonalmádi, Hungary

Discussion with the participants

12:30

Where do we go from here?

Conclusions and evaluation

13:00

Closing

Networking lunch

afternoon

Departure of participants



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Friday, 8 December 2023