



# Invitation

## Third Macro-Regional Citizen Agora

Reinventing Europe – How collaboration shapes our future

Date: Wednesday-Thursday, 17-18 December 2025

Location: Budapest & online (zoom)

Host: European House Budapest

You are warmly invited to join the Third Macro-Regional Citizen Agora, a key forum bringing together citizens, stakeholders, and partners from across Europe's macro-regions to discuss why European collaboration matters and to shape a shared vision for Europe's future.

The Third Macro-Regional Citizen Agora is the concluding event of the 2025 Annual Programme of European House Budapest titled *Stronger.Together – The magic of macro-regions 2025*.

### Programme highlights

- Keynote Speaker: **Prof. Péter BALÁZS**, Hungary's first EU Commissioner
- A view from Brussels: **Moray GILLAND**, DG REGIO, European Commission

The Agora aims to foster dialogue on how cooperation across borders strengthens Europe's resilience, cohesion, and capacity to address common challenges.

### Registration

Please register via the [link provided](#) and indicate whether you will join in person or online. The draft programme is attached. The link will be sent to registered participants. The language of the event is English.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Budapest.

Best regards,

*Miklos Barabas*

Director, European House Budapest

Coordinator, Connect, the macro-regional civil society network



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## Draft programme

### Day 1

#### Wednesday, 17 December 2025

Morning	Arrivals to Budapest
from 14:00	Registration at Ibis Styles Budapest Center (1074 Budapest, Rákóczi út 58.)
15:00	<b>Democracy in practice: new developments in involving civil society and young people in the macro-regions</b>  <i>Special session &amp; annual meeting of Connect, the macro-regional civil society network</i>  Moderator: <b>Miklos BARABAS</b> , European House Budapest  Special contribution by <b>Amelie RIEDL</b> , member of the EUSALP Youth Council (Austria)
17:00	End of session
18:00	Networking evening including a visit to the Budapest Christmas Fair at Vörösmarty square & informal dinner



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### Thursday, 18 December 2025

From 9:30	Venue & registration at Európa Pont (Europe Point) 1024 Budapest, Lövőház u. 35.
10:00	<b>Third Macro-Regional Citizen Agora</b> Reinventing Europe – How collaboration shapes our future  Macro-regional Annual Lecture by <b>Prof. Péter BALÁZS, Hungary's first EU Commissioner</b>  Discussion with the participants
11:30	Coffee break
12:00	Macro-regions in the Next MFF: Boosting cohesion through cooperation <b>Moray GILLAND, DG REGIO, European Commission (online)</b>  Special contribution by <b>Roman HAKEN, European Economic and Social Committee, Czech Republic (online)</b>  Discussion with the participants
13:00	Light lunch
Afternoon	Departures