

Council of Europe Civil Society Summit

28 February – 1 March 2023

The Hague, Amare House (Spuiplein 150, 2511 DG Den Haag)

AGENDA

DAY 1, 28 February 2023

09:15 – 10:00

Registration.

Submission of written proposal on amendments to the draft Declaration. Signing up for parallel break-out groups.

10:00 – 10:40

Plenary 1: Opening session

Greetings by the organisers. **Gerhard Ermischer**, President of Conference of INGOs, **Anna Sevortian & Harry Hummel**, CURE Campaign

Presentation of the agenda and goals of the CoE Civil Society Summit in connection to the 4th CoE Summit of Heads of State and Government

Presentation of the draft CSS Declaration and additional statements on the situation in Ukraine and Turkey

10:40 – 12:20

Plenary 2: Panel discussion

“Changes to ensure a key role of the Council of Europe in effectively defending and promoting human rights, democracy and rule of law today”

- **Dr. Başak Çalı** (TR/DE), Professor at the Hertie School (Berlin), Co-Director of the School's Centre for Fundamental Rights, Chair of the European Implementation Network
- **Dr. Angelika Nussberger** (DE), Director of the Academy for European Human Rights Protection at the University of Cologne; Venice Commission member; Judge of the ECtHR/Germany (2011–19), Vice-President of ECtHR (2017–19)

- **Boriss Cilevičs** (LV), politician, rights expert, Chair of PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (2020–22), Chair of PACE Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights (2016–18)
- **Olexandra Matviychuk** (UA), Chair of the Centre for Civil Liberties of Ukraine, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Moderator: **Gunnar Ekeløve-Slydal** (NO), Deputy Secretary General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee

12:20 – 12:30 Explanation of the parallel break-out groups agenda

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 15:00 Parallel break-out groups: Round I

- 5. Conflict-affected territories
- 6. Climate/biodiversity/pollution
- 7. Civil society and the CoE Turkey

15:00 – 15:20 *Break. Change of rooms.*

15:20 – 16:50 Parallel break-out groups: Round II

- 2. Implementation of ECHR
- 3. Monitoring and preventative systems
- 4. Gender
- 10. Freedom of expression/ media environment

16:50 – 17:10 *Coffee break*

17:10 – 18:40 *Plenary 3: Joint discussion*

Reports by the break-out groups' rapporteurs. Comments
Concluding remarks by the organisers

18:45 – 19:45 *Drinks and light snacks*

DAY 2, 01 March 2023

- 09:30 – 09:40 Plenary 4: Opening session
Overview, plan for Day 2.
- 09:40 – 10:10 Remarks and Q&A:
Dr. Adam Bodnar (PL), constitutional law and human rights lawyer; Dean of SWPS University Faculty of Law, Warsaw; seventh Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland (2015 – 2021), Vice-President of the Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights (2010-2015)
- 10:10 – 11:40 Parallel break-out groups: Round III

1. Resources for the CoE
8. Civil society in non-member states
9. Democracy
Ukraine
- 11:40 – 12:40 Plenary 5: Joint discussion

Reports by the break-out groups' rapporteurs. Comments
- 12:40 – 13:40 *Lunch*
- 13:40 – 14:20 Plenary 6: Finalisation and endorsement of the CSS Declaration
- 14:20 – 15:10 Presentation and adoption of a Civil Society Advocacy Plan for ahead of the 4th CoE Summit of Heads of State and Government
- 15:10 – 15:30 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 – 15:50 Plenary 7:

Presentation of the CSS Declaration to CoE representatives
- 15:50 – 17:00 Panel discussion:

"Road to and from Reykjavik. Reactions to CSS Declaration"
- **Bjørn Berge** (NO), CoE Deputy Secretary General
 - **Tiny Kox** (NL), PACE President

- **Martin Eyjólfsson** (IS), Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland, Representative of the Icelandic Chairmanship of the CoE Committee of Ministers

Moderator: **Olga Sadovskaya** (RU), Executive Committee Member of the Organisation Mondiale contre la Torture (OMCT) and Member of the Standing Committee of the Conference of INGOs

17:00 – 17:15

Concluding remarks by the organisers

Free evening/ Departures

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