

INVITATION INVITATION

Europe for Citizens point Latvia, Lithuanian, Estonia, Sweden and Finland, would like to invite you to attend the annual **Baltic Sea contact making seminar “Linking ideas, networking citizenship”**

14 – 16 OCTOBER 2015

Vilnius, Lithuania

CONTEXT

“Northern Bridge to Citizenship” (2014 November, Estonia) and “Connecting Baltic Citizenship” (2013 October, Sweden) events were organized with an aim to establish contacts and develop ideas for future collaboration of Baltic Sea Region countries in the Europe for Citizens Programme funded by European Union. Following the success of these events in creating international partnerships, Baltic Sea region’s contact making seminar “Linking ideas, networking citizenship” takes place for the third time, bringing together 30 members of civil society organizations and public authorities from five countries: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Finland. The aim is to create partnership possibilities between participating organisations and provide in depth knowledge about “Europe for Citizens” Programme.

PURPOSE

In order to support and develop new project partnerships, the participants of the seminar will get an in-depth understanding of Europe for Citizens funding Programme’s opportunities and priorities, application process and criteria. They will also be participating in a workshop with analyses of good applications’ examples and in workshops of application’s preparation considering their own ideas of possible projects while going through all phases of application’s preparation.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The seminar is addressed to civil society organizations and public authorities from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, and Finland who are interested in developing international cooperation with funding from Europe for Citizens Programme, including towns, municipalities, and regional authorities, town twinning associations and networks, non-profit organizations and CSOs, survivor’s associations, cultural/youth/educational/research organizations. One participant per organization is expected to attend. The working language of the seminar is English.

SPEAKERS

Representative of **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)**, Europe for Citizens Programme (*To be announced*)

Marius Ulozas

Director of ***Institute for Policy Research and Analysis***, active in youth policy and youth work development, policy analysis. Expert in democracy, participation issues, education adviser to Council of Europe, European Commission, one of founding experts of Structured dialogue (participation in the decision-making). Marius Ulozas is working as researcher, policy analyst and freelance trainer. He is active in the advocacy field and political analyst in Lithuania. Marius has extensive experience working with Public Relations and Media. Recent years Marius has been working a lot in Eastern Partnership countries supporting youth policy and youth work development, building capacity of ministries and youth NGOs. He was awarded the “Youth ambassador 2005” for active international youth work. Marius contributes in preparing methodological materials for international youth work, writes articles.

PARTICIPATION

Check with your local ECP about participation fees and reimbursements.

****The applicants should contact their local Europe for Citizens contact point (contacts below) for possible reimbursement of the expenses.***

REGISTRATION

The ones who are interested in participating will have to register via [Google form](#).

A selection of participants will be made by every participating country's Europe for Citizens contact point taking into consideration the profiles and interests of the applicants.

Deadline for registration: 20th of September, 2015.

VENUES

Accommodation: Hotel "Domus Maria"

Aušros vartu str. 12, LT-01303 Vilnius, Lithuania

Seminar: Hotel Panorama

Conference Hall Aeris in Sodų str. 14, Vilnius 3211, Lithuania

Dinner: La Bohème restaurant

Šv. Ignoto g. 4/3, Vilnius, Lithuania

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14 October

17:00 - 18:00	Arrival
19:30	Dinner

Thursday 15 October

9:00 – 9:30	Introduction
9:30 – 10:30	Europe for Citizens Programme, it's priorities and opportunities concerned the challenges of today's Europe <i>Expert from Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency</i>
10:30 – 13:00	Presentation of Organizations <i>Marius Ulozas, Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	Practical workshop Development of project idea <i>Marius Ulozas Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 18:00	Evaluation Final stage: where are we? What was reached? <i>Marius Ulozas Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
18:00 – 20:00	Tour in Vilnius
20:00	Dinner

Friday 16 October

9:00 – 9:30	Introduction of the day
9:30 - 11:00	Workshop Power- brainstorming about programme elements, visibility, outreach, potential problems, cooperation with partners <i>Marius Ulozas Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Workshop Personal action plan: What is the next step to work on after being back from seminar <i>Marius Ulozas Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Evaluation of learning outcomes <i>Marius Ulozas Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Closing speech <i>Marius Ulozas Institute for Policy research and Analysis</i>
14:00	Lunch (snacks to take away)
15:00	Departure

Thank you for your interest in the Europe for Citizens Programme and international cooperation in Baltic Sea region.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please, contact Europe for Citizens contact point.

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