

## INVITATION

### **Baltics Networking Brunch**

Europe for Citizens points Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

**6th - 7th of SEPTEMBER 2019 BIRŠTONAS, LITHUANIA**

Seminar and accommodation at Domus Hotel, Birutės g. 21, Birštonas, Lithuania  
BŪTENT Festival

### **CONTEXT**

Baltics Networking Brunch's aim is to establish contacts and develop ideas for future cooperation of Baltics countries within the EU Europe for Citizens Programme. Baltics Networking Brunch takes place for the third time, bringing together around 15 participants representing civil society organizations and public authorities from three countries: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Today we are living in times when understanding and reflecting on the European history is an essential part of developing civic society across the continent. Hence, this year the Baltic Networking Brunch has a special focus on European Remembrance in order to create an opportunity for a debate on European history beyond national perspectives. We are inviting organisations and institutions from the Baltic States which operate in the field of memory, history and commemoration to foster a common culture of remembrance and mutual understanding between citizens from the region, notably by facilitating the development of project ideas that reflect on historical turning points and changes in regimes in Europe's 20th century and on their continuous importance for the Europe of today. Participants of the event will have a chance to rethink the democratic concepts such as "civil society", "freedom" and "democracy" and "democratic procedures" which are the core of the free and open society.

The event will take place during the conversation festival BŪTENT on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of September in Birštonas, Lithuania. Read more about the festival [here](#).

### **PURPOSE**

In order to support and develop new project partnerships, the participants of the seminar will get a better understanding of Europe for Citizens Programme and have a good opportunity to find partners for their ideas.

The Conversation festival is a unique event and great opportunity to exchange ideas on the organization of society, to get fresh ideas and new insights. Conversation festival gives the

chance to meet like-minded and inspiring people, and enjoy a cultural program in a convivial summer atmosphere.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The seminar is targeted to the organizations and public authorities from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania who are interested in developing international cooperation with funding from the 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 organisations in the field of history, memory and remembrance. One participant per organization is expected to attend.

The working language of the event is English.

## ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FORM AND SELECTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

You can fill out an application form online here: [APPLY NOW](#). 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: 21<sup>th</sup> of August 2019.**

## VENUES AND TRANSPORTATION

Local Europe for Citizens contact points will organize the transportation from the country of origin of the selected participants to the venue of the event. The applicants should contact their local Europe for Citizens contact point for getting more detailed travelling information and questions on participation fees and on reimbursement of the transportation costs.

Participants will be accommodated in single rooms in the [DOMUS hotel](#), Birštonas, next to the festival BŪTENT. The accommodation and the meals will be covered by the organizers.

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## **PROGRAMME**

### Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of September

18:00 arrival to Birštonas  
19:00 dinner in the hotel and getting acquainted  
introduction of organizations  
the speed dating activity  
21:30 free time

### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of September

08:00 breakfast at the hotel  
09:30 presentation of Europe for Citizens program and group discussions/workshop  
Presentation of the Programme  
Presentation of the project by the beneficiary (sharing good practices)  
Group work on the development of project ideas  
  
12:30 lunch  
13:00 visiting the Festival, free time  
16:30 gathering together for a reflective discussion  
17:00 departures

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