



An EU macro-regional civil strategy in the making

THE FIRST MACRO-REGIONAL CITIZEN AGORA

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Programme

(draft)

Venue: Novotel Budapest Centrum

1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 43-45.

Thursday, 7 December 2023	
13:00-14:00	Registration networking
14:00	Opening session Welcome by Miklos BARABAS, Director, European House Budapest Greetings by Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU, Director-General, European Commission DG Regio (video message) 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's-centered 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 Anders BERGSTRÖM, Policy Area Coordinator, EUSBSR PA Education, Norden Association Sweden Discussion with the participants
15:10	The way to Budapest 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	How to involve and empower citizens in EU policy-making? What can the EU CERV programme do for you? A presentation of Martin FREWER, Head of Unit, EACEA, European Commission
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

	<p>Group 1 Moderator: Pejo BOSNIC, Danube Youth Council, Bosnia & Herzegovina Special contribution: Tatjana KRALJ, Senior Expert, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia</p> <p>Group 2 Moderator: Magda LESZCZYNA-RZUCIDLO, Director, Baltic Institute for Regional and European Affairs, Gdansk Special Contribution: Kurt NIELSEN, European Movement Denmark</p> <p>Group 3 Moderator: Gojko BEZOVAN, Centre for Development of Non-Profit Organisations, Croatia Special contribution: Jana BURZYKOVA, Danube Youth Council, Czech Republic</p> <p>Group 4 Moderator: Nadja AFANASIEVA, Director, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics, Kyiv Special contribution: Ugo POLI, Central European Initiative, Trieste</p>
17:15	<p>Plenary session Feedback from the Working Groups Review and discussion of the recommendations Adoption of the proposal for an EU macro-regional civil strategy</p>
18:00	Closing
20:00	Networking dinner in a restaurant

Friday, 8 December 2023	
10:00	<p>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</p>
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	<p>Europe decides - the 2024 European Parliamentary elections Keynote speech by Jo Leinen, former member of the European Parliament, Germany The voice of first-time voters: Vivien SZABÓ, Dual Language School of Balatonalmádi, Hungary Discussion with the participants</p>
12:30	<p>Where do we go from here? Conclusions and evaluation</p>
13:00	<p>Closing Networking lunch</p>
afternoon	Departure of participants

