



Countering Shrinking Civic Space and Creating Enabling Environment for Civil Society in the EU

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, November 24, 2022

10.00 - 10.15 Opening of the conference

10.15 - 11.30 Panel 1: “Shrinking civic space in the EU: processes, trends and perspectives”

Małgorzata Szuleka, Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

Ionut Sibian, Romanian Civil Society Development Foundation

Barbara Rajgelj, Faculty of Social Sciences and Slovenian Legal Network for the Protection of Democracy

Ivan Novosel, Human Rights House Zagreb

Moderator: Sara Lalić, Centre for Peace Studies

11.30 - 11.45 Break

11.45 - 13.00 Panel 2: “SLAPPs as a tool against civil society organizations and activists”

Maja Sever, European Federation of Journalists and Croatian Journalists Union

Charlie Holt, Coalition against SLAPPs in Europe (CASE) and Greenpeace

Marta Gionco, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) (TBC)

Moderator: Željka Leljak Gracin, Zelena akcija/FoE Croatia

Friday, November 25, 2022

10.00 - 11.15 Panel 3: “EU responses to shrinking civic space”

Waltraud HELLER, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

Balázs Dénes, Civil Liberties Union for Europe

Tommaso Nodari, Civil Rights Defenders

Moderator: Ivan Novosel, Human Rights House Zagreb

11.15 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 12.45 Panel 4: “Civil society responses and initiatives against shrinking civic space”

Giada Negri, European Civic Forum

Marta Pardavi, Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Recharging advocacy for Rights in Europe (RARE)

Anna Fedas, Stefan Batory Foundation

Moderator: Marina Škrabalo, SOLIDARNA Foundation for Human Rights and Solidarity