

DRAFT PROGRAM - WE ARE EUROPE CITIZENS' AGORA – BUDAPEST 22-24 FEBRUARY 2019

Friday 22nd February 2019

Venue: Kossuth Klub – Muzeum u. 7, 1088 Budapest

PUBLIC DEBATE

15:30 – 16:00

Registrations

16:00 – 17.30

1st panel with Members of the European Parliament and local political representatives:

- **“DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND MEDIA FREEDOM UNDER PRESSURE: EUROPEAN TRENDS AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE - WHAT CAN EUROPE DO?”**

Followed by debate with participants

17:30– 19:00

2nd panel with Members of the European Parliament and local political representatives

- **“TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS: WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR EUROPE AND FOR HUNGARY?”**

Followed by debate with participants

19:00

Reception

Saturday 23rd February 2019

Venue: European Youth Centre Budapest – Zivatar u. 1, 1024 Budapest

OPEN SEMINAR

08:30 – 09:00

Registrations

09:00 – 09:30

OPENING

- Welcoming
- Introduction of participants
- Outline of the programme and the objectives of the day

09:30 – 12:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

“DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND MEDIA FREEDOM UNDER PRESSURE: THE ISSUES, THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE, THE ROLE OF EUROPE”

- Expert introductions / presentations
- Discussion with experts and representatives of civil society from Hungary and other Central and Eastern European countries

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 15:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

“THE FUTURE OF EUROPE BETWEEN NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY”

- Expert introductions / presentations
- Discussion with experts and representative of civil society from Hungary and other Central-European countries



15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<u>WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS</u>
17:30 – 19:30	<u>POLITICAL COMMISSION MEETING (internal UEF/JEF meeting)</u> Session I: Defining the background and the key issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background (European trends, national developments, recent events)• Impact on European integration• Assessing the causes and how to address them• The citizens dimension – how to turn the tide
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>

Sunday 24th February 2019

Venue: European Youth Centre Budapest – Zivatar u. 1, 1024 Budapest

09:00 – 12:30	<u>POLITICAL COMMISSION MEETING (internal UEF/JEF meeting)</u> Session II: Preparing JEF and UEF policies - Deep dive into selected topics: <u>What measures can Europe implement to safeguard democracy and rule of law across Europe</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed conditionality on EU funds• Review mechanism on Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights• Article 7 procedure of the European Public Prosecutor's Office• The role of media / common European Media space• Other topics
12:30	<u>CLOSING</u>

