



WE ARE EUROPE: CIVIL SOCIETY MEET UP 2018


“Against nationalism and populism, uniting Europe”

**MuseumsQuartier, Barocke Suiten A
Museumsplatz 1/5
23rd November | Vienna, Austria**



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Use the hashtag **#WeAreEurope** for all We Are Europe Civil Society Meet Up related tweets and posts. Here are some guidelines that will help you to have a great social media presence:

- Tweet and create posts about the sessions (without sharing sensitive information) - discuss topics of interest and comment on political debate and testimonies
- Engage with other Meet Up participants online
- Take pictures during sessions and tweet or post them on Facebook or on Instagram
- Retweet!
- Provide feedback to UEF staff
- Be respectful in tone and content -- remember, **your posts are public and live forever!**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the We are Europe: Civil Society Meet Up 2018!

The We are Europe Meet-Up is a participatory policy-oriented event conceived to provide civil society with a space to share main concerns of the current state of Europe, forge a common view on the main challenges facing civil society in Europe and build long-term solid partnerships with like-minded stakeholders.

Civil Society Meet-Up aims at fostering European citizenship and improving conditions for civic and democratic participation in the future of Europe debate, to create a space of expression for the civil society.

The programme of the We are Europe Civil Society Meet-Up includes:

- The roots, rise and trends of national populisms in Europe and their impact on European integration
- Voices from the grassroots: “Testimonies from pro-European civil society actors operating in politically hostile environments in different countries – sharing best practices”
- Debate focusing on the challenges faced by the civil society in the context of growing populism in Europe : “**Countering nationalism by building united Europe, challenges and opportunities**”
- Public debate “Sovereign again trough Europe” organised by Spinelli Group in cooperation with UEF.

Particular focus will be put on how to foster civil society role as an active player in the run up to the European Parliament elections in May 2019 and in the debate on the Future of Europe – countering the nationalist and populist policies.

AGENDA

We are Europe: Civil Society Meet Up “Against nationalism and populism, uniting Europe”

Friday 23rd November

Venue MuseumsQuartier, Barocke Suiten A, Museumsplatz 1/5, 1070 Vienna

09:30 – 10:00	REGISTRATIONS Welcoming coffee
10:00 – 10:15	OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome ▪ Introduction of participants ▪ Introduction of the topics on the agenda <i>Paolo Vacca, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists</i>
10:15 – 11:15	THE ROOTS, RISE AND TRENDS OF NATIONAL POPULISMS IN EUROPE AND THEIR IMPACT ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION <i>Video-intervention by Professor Matthew Goodwin, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent</i> Debate
11:15 – 12:45	VOICES FROM THE GRASSROOTS Testimonies from pro-European civil society actors operating in politically hostile environments in different countries <u>Speakers:</u> <i>Eszter Nagy, (Hungary), Secretary General Európai Föderalisták Uniója - Magyarország Egyesület</i> <i>Antonio Argenziano, (Italy), Secretary General of the Young European Federalists – Italy</i> <i>Chris Powers (UK), Young European Movement UK and Vice Chair of Federal Union</i> Followed by questions & answers
12:45 – 13:00	CLOSING COUNTERING NATIONALISM BY BUILDING A UNITED EUROPE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES <u>Speaker:</u> <i>Andrew Duff, President of the Spinelli Group</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:30	Registration for the Public Event
16:00	PUBLIC EVENT Public Debate “Sovereign again trough Europe” Debate organized together with The Spinelli Group, in cooperation with UEF Austria and Europe Direct Vienna

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

The event is open to civil society activists officially residents in an EU member state, an EU-candidate country, a country being part of the European Economic Area

Civil society activists meeting the following criteria are eligible to participate in the “We are Europe: Civil Society Meet-Up” programme:

- Applying candidate need to be officially be resident in an EU member state, an EU-candidate country, a country being part of the European Economic Area
- Applying candidate must agree with the main objectives of the “We are Europe” scheme and pursue the objective of an ever closer union between European citizens and nations

Participants residing outside Vienna will be eligible to **reimbursement of their travel expenses** (accommodation and subsistence excluded) **75% and up to a maximum reimbursement of 200 EUR**. Reimbursements will be made on the spot and in cash only, **upon presentation of proof of payment**. Please, don't forget to bring **the original receipts and tickets** with you.

Only participants who arrive on time (10:00 at the latest) **and attend the entire meeting** (10:00- 13.00 and 16.00-19:00) **are eligible for reimbursement**.

If you wish to support UEF work, you are welcome to donate your travel fees reimbursement to the UEF. For more information please address the [UEF staff](#).

VENUE



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