

In partnership with Elisabeth Schroedter MEP, Member of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Partnership in Cohesion Policy

Date 20 February 2013

Time 9:00 – 13:00

Place Brussels, the European Parliament / Altiero Spinelli, A5E - 1.

This conference will focus on the proposed partnership principle legislation within the future Cohesion Policy and the current state of affairs with partnership at the Member States level. Participants will include members of ‘trialogue’ and those involved with negotiating Partnership Contracts and Agreements, as well as other stakeholders interested in Cohesion Policy. Conference participants will have an opportunity to present and discuss views on the draft legislative provisions on partnership, including arguments for wide-scale partnership that includes the engagement of citizens and citizen groups in Cohesion Policy decision-making processes. SFteam will present their position on partnership in Cohesion Policy legislation for further discussion.

First experiences of CSOs with partnership applied to programming for 2014-2020 in the Member States will be shared (including SFteam’s and Bankwatch joint report on the subject) and opportunities for the inclusion of wider safeguards for partnership in the implementation of Cohesion Policy into the Agreements and Programmes will be discussed.

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and keynote
Elisabeth Schroedter, Member of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Anelia Stefanova, Campaigns Director, CEE Bankwatch Network

9:15 –10:30 State of play with Cohesion Policy legislation trialogue
Diego Villalba de Miguel, European Commission, DG REGIO, Policy and Legislation

European legislation on partnership in Cohesion Policy – basic requirements and expectations

Elisabeth Schroedter, Member of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Member State perspectives regarding European legislation on partnership in Cohesion Policy

Gottfried Lamers, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

Civil society perspectives regarding European legislation on partnership in Cohesion Policy

Teodóra Donsz-Kovacs, SFteam and CEE Bankwatch Network

Peter Torkler, WWF Germany

Assya Kavrakova, Program Manager, European Citizen Action Service

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

Chair: Anelia Stefanova, Campaigns Director, CEE Bankwatch Network

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 12:45 Partnership in programming during the 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy – Taking stock
Presentation by CEE Bankwatch Network and SFteam

Zoltan Hajdu, Focus Eco Center, Romania

Partnership Agreements as safeguards during implementation – Discussion

Alda Ozola, Latvian Green Movement

Izabella Marton, European Anti-Poverty Network, Hungary

Keti Medarova-Bergstrom, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environmental policy

Gottfried Lamers, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

12:45 – 13:00 Conclusions

Roman Haken, Centre for Community Organizing, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

For more information and registration, please, visit

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