

EUROPEAN FOREIGN POLICY AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

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Wednesday 3rd March 2010
14.00 - 18.00
At MAISON DE L'EUROPE,
35 Rue des Francs Bourgeois,
75004 Paris, FRANCE

THIS CONFERENCE WILL LOOK INTO DIFFERENT MODELS FOR ENSURING CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, EXPLORING EXISTING PRACTICES AND NEW SUGGESTIONS, AND FOCUSING IN PARTICULAR OVER THE TEST CASES OF EU – LATIN AMERICA AND EU – CHINA RELATIONS.



The day is divided in two sessions:

1) 14.00 - 15.30: OPENING SESSION: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In the year of establishment of the new European External Action Service, the opening session of the conference looks at the rationale and motives for engaging civil society in international forums and negotiations.

SPEAKERS:

- **Helena Drnovšek Zorko** Ambassador and Head of the Division for International Cultural Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia and Governon for Slovenia of the Asia Europe Foundation.
- **Franziska Keller**, MEP, Germany, Greens, Member of the Development Committee and of the Mix Parliamentary Commission EU-Turkey
- **Francesco Martone**, permanent peoples' tribunal, Fondation Basso
- **Gabriele Zimmer**, MEP Germany, Die Linke, Delegation of the relation with Mercosur, involved in the "From Lima to Madrid" process

2) 15.30 - 17.00: ENGAGING SOCIETY IN INTERNATIONAL SUMMITTS: THE CASE OF CIVIL SOCIETY FORUMS

In this session we will look at some specific examples of civil society participation in international relations, bringing together the organisers of leading Europe-China civil society forums.

SPEAKERS:

- **Jean Paul Delattre**, Fondation Charles Leopold Mayer and China-Europa Forum
- **Sally Rousset**, Representative of the Asia-Europe People's Forum in France
- **Franziska Katharina Brantner**, MEP Germany, Greens, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and of the Delegation for relationship with Israël.

This event will be followed by a Press Conference from 17.00 to 18.00.

For more information, please visit:
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