

Programme ENoP Public Conference

The Sustainable Development Goals – a Global Agenda for Citizens in a Globalised World

Date: 18th April 2018, Wednesday

Time: 09h30-13h00

Venue: Central Park Hotel Sofia, bul. "Vitosha" 106, 1463 Sofia, Bulgaria

Global development challenges force the EU, its partners and member states to broaden their perspective and identify drivers of sustainable development. They also push us to develop new and creative means of implementation that might allow us to successfully achieve the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** agreed upon by the global community in 2015. In this context, the EU has launched a **New European Consensus on Development: Our World, our Dignity, our Future**. It is a European translation of the principles and goals agreed upon in the Agenda 2030. Furthermore, it is a political document and a strong policy statement, which in clear and strong language reaffirms the commitment of the European Union to democracy, human rights and good governance.

The **Agenda 2030 for sustainable development is a universal guideline**, applicable to both developing countries and EU member states. Its transformational ambition requires the broadest commitment and engagement among new audiences as well, particularly in areas where development policy, in its traditional understanding, receives limited attention. European citizens need to be involved in and sensitised about global challenges, such as poverty eradication, food security, climate change, democratic societies, gender equality, sustainable consumption and production patterns. The Agenda 2030 provides a tool to navigate through the complexity of globalisation, evoking everyone's respective responsibilities on a local, regional and national level, shaping policy responses to global/universal challenges rather than being an exposed to them.

This conference, organized by ENoP and its Bulgarian member foundations, will look at the efforts undertaken by the EU to adapt its policy to the dynamic global context, where development cooperation faces significant difficulties and conflicting interests, whilst often lacks coherence or public support. The event will bring together Bulgarian decision-makers, representatives of the EU institutions and CSOs. It will discuss the possible paths of stimulating pro-development views among the wider public. The event will also focus on the role of national decision-makers in this process, and link the civil society debate with political parties and the political party system. It will further reflect on how to better involve local authorities in the development discourse and engage them in mainstreaming development awareness.

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09:30 -10h00 Registrations and welcome coffee

10h00-10h15 Welcome note:

- **Katya Koleva**, President of the Institute for Social Integration; ENoP Steering Committee
- **Sidonie Wetzig**, Policy Officer at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Chair of ENoP WG Sustainable Development

10h15 – 10h30 Keynote speech

- **Ognian Zlatev**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Bulgaria

10h30 – 10h40 Presentation of ENoP statement on the Revised European Consensus for Development

- **Luis Blanco**, Research Associate at the MNED, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Co-Chair ENoP WG Sustainable Development

10:40 – 11h20 Panel discussion

- **Kristian Vigenin**, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Volker Hey**, European Commission Directorate General For Development and Cooperation EuropeAid DEVCO A1 SDGs, Policy and Coherence
- **Eva Corral**, GLOBAL 5 - Development Cooperation Coordination, European External Action Service

Moderator: **Katya Koleva**, President of the Institute for Social Integration; ENoP Steering Committee

11:20-11h45 Open discussion

11:45-12h00 Closing remarks

12h00-13h00 End of event followed by a standing lunch

Please confirm your participation by 16.04.2018 at ifsi.bulgaria@gmail.com and policy@enop.eu