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**CERV** | CITIZENS, EQUALITY,  
RIGHTS AND VALUES

**CIVIL**

**DIALOGUE**

**WEEK**



**AGENDA**

**25 – 28 MAY 2021**

Justice  
and Consumers

## 25/05: HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM WITH COMMISSIONERS DIDIER REYNDERS AND HELENA DALLI

2:00pm - 2:20pm	<p><b>Welcome word by Salla Saastamoinen - Acting Director General DG JUST &amp; introductory keynote speech by Commissioner Didier Reynders.</b></p> <p>Master of ceremony: Chris Burns - Euronews Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24</p>
2:20pm - 3:45pm	<p><b>High-level panel with debate: “Promoting values and rights in the EU: challenges and opportunities” with the participation of Commissioner Reynders, Members of the European Parliament, the Portuguese presidency and representatives of civil society.</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24 Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Didier Reynders - Commissioner for Justice, European Commission</li> <li>• Alice Kuhnke - Member of the European Parliament, LIBE Committee and Rapporteur CERV programme</li> <li>• Francisca Van Dunem - Minister of Justice, Portuguese Presidency</li> <li>• Debbie Kohner - Secretary General of European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</li> <li>• Alexandrina Najmovicz - Civil Society Europe, Co-Chair of the CSOs Convention for the Future of Europe</li> <li>• Joanna Maycock - Secretary-General of European Women Lobby (EWL)</li> <li>• Marie-Louise Colero Preca - President of Eurochild (TBC)</li> </ul>
3:45pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Coffee break - cultural intermezzo by Xavier Locus</b></p>
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Four parallel sessions in breakout rooms.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 1: Fundamental rights, Democracy and Rule of Law</b></p> <p>Policy discussion between representatives of the European Commission, a Member of the European Parliament, representatives of human rights institutions, and representatives of civil society.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Georgiadou - Deputy Head of Unit, “fundamental rights policy”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Member of the European Parliament (TBC)</li> <li>• Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans - Executive Director of the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL)</li> <li>• Elena Crespi - programme officer, The International Federation for Human Rights (FiDH) (TBC)</li> <li>• Other CSOs representatives</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 2: Equality and Rights</b></p> <p>Policy discussion between representatives of the European Commission, a Member of the European Parliament and four representatives of civil society organisations active in the area of equality and non-discrimination.</p> <p>Moderator: Irena Moozova - Director, Direction “Equality and Union Citizenship, DG JUST, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sirpa Pietikäinen - Member of the European Parliament, FEMM committee and shadow rapporteur CERV</li> <li>• Evelyne Paradis - Executive Director of ILGA Europe</li> <li>• Tamás Kádár - Deputy Director of EQUINET (TBC)</li> <li>• Gabriela Hrabanova - Director of ERGO</li> <li>• Lise Gosme – Director of COFACE Families Europe</li> <li>• Other CSO representatives</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 3: Daphne: Combating violence</b></p> <p>Policy discussion between representatives of the European Commission, a Member of the European Parliament and four representatives of civil society organisations active in the area of prevention of violence.</p> <p>Moderator: Karen Vandekerckhove - Head of Unit, “gender equality”, DG JUST, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frances Fitzgerald - Member of the European Parliament, FEMM Committee (S&amp;D)</li> <li>• Johanna Nelles - Executive Secretary of the monitoring mechanism of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence</li> <li>• Anna Widegren - Director of End FGM EU Director</li> <li>• Marcella Pirrone - President of WAVE</li> <li>• Masen Davis - Interim Executive Director, Transgender Europe (TGEU) TBC</li> </ul>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 4: Citizens' engagement</b></p> <p>Policy discussion between representatives of the European Commission, a Member of the European Parliament and four representatives of civil society organisations active in the area of civic participation.</p> <p>Moderator: Roberto Carlini - Director of the European Education and Culture Executive Agency. (EACEA)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marie-Hélène Boulanger - Head of unit, DG JUST, unit « citizenship », European Commission</li> <li>• Łukasz Kohut - Member of the European Parliament, CULT committee shadow rapporteur CERV</li> <li>• Gabriella Civico - Director of the European Volunteer Centre (CEV)</li> <li>• Frédéric Vallier - Secretary-General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)</li> </ul>
5:30pm - 5:50pm	<p><b>Wrap-up of the parallel sessions and closing by Commissioner Helena Dalli</b></p>

## 26/05: INFO-DAY - PROMOTING RIGHTS AND VALUES THROUGH ACTIONS: WHY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CERV PROGRAMME

10:00am - 10:50am	<p><b>Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values work programme 2021-2022 and Union values</b></p> <p>Information will be provided on CERV’s objectives, areas of intervention, activities, participation to the programme, budget available, funding methods (overview of the calls for proposals), timing, role of programme, and contact points. In particular, the Union Values strand will be presented. The presentations will be followed by a Q&amp;A session from the audience.</p> <p>Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Tomassetti - Acting Head of Unit, “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Francesco Zoia Bolzonello - Programme manager, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Muriel Bissieres - Policy officer, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> </ul>
10:50am - 10:55am	<p><b>Technical break</b></p>
10:55am - 11:50am	<p><b>Four parallel sessions in breakout rooms.</b></p> <p>In each room, information will be provided on the calls for proposals, namely, on the policy priorities, budget, activities, expected results, award criteria, and how to apply. After the presentations, there will be an interactive Questions and Answers session with participants.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 1: Anti-racism and non- discrimination (Equality and Rights)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding opportunities on equality promotion and fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination; National Roma Contact Points for Roma equality, inclusion and participation.</p> <p>Moderator: Francesco Zoia Bolzonello - Programme manager, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tommaso Chiamparino - Policy officer and coordinator on combatting anti-Muslim hatred / Christel Mercadé Piqueras, legal officer fundamental rights, unit “fundamental rights policy”, DG JUST, European Commission (tbc)</li> <li>• Zuzana Dorazilova- Deputy Head of Unit “non-discrimination and Roma coordination”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Francesco Zoia Bolzonello - Programme manager, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 2: Rights of the child, gender equality, data protection (Equality and Rights)</b></p> <p>Funding opportunities on gender equality promotion, protection and promotion of the rights of the child, and data protection.</p> <p>Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Véronique Pain - Programme assistant, unit “gender equality”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Marta Kuljon - Policy assistant, unit “fundamental rights policy”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Patricia Oprea - Legal and Policy Assistant, unit “data protection”, DG JUST, European Commission (tbc)</li> <li>• Kalina Lewanska - Programme assistant, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 3: Citizens’ engagement</b></p> <p>Funding opportunities on European remembrance, citizens’ engagement and participation and on Town-Twinning and Networks of Towns.</p> <p>Moderator: Daniela Mormile - Policy officer, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniela Mormile - Policy officer, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Tatiana Niskacova - Head of Sector, unit “Europe for Citizens”, European Education Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)</li> <li>• Pascale Biver - Project adviser, unit “Europe for Citizens”, EACEA</li> <li>• Peter Fabian-Hajek - Project adviser, unit “Europe for Citizens”, EACEA</li> <li>• Susana Neves Vargas - Project Adviser, unit “Europe for Citizens”, EACEA</li> <li>• Luminia Stanculescu - Project Officer, unit “Europe for Citizens”, EACEA</li> </ul>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Group 4: DAPHNE</b></p> <p>Funding opportunities on prevention and combat of gender-based violence and violence against children.</p> <p>Moderator: Jana Hošková - Head of Sector, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marta Kuljon - Policy assistant, unit “fundamental rights policy”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Christa Jakobsson - Assistant policy officer, unit “fundamental rights policy”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Andrea Simonelli - Programme assistant, unit “financial and programme management”, DG JUST, European Commission</li> </ul>
11:50am - 12:00	<b>Wrap-up of the parallel sessions and closing speech</b>
12:00 - 13:00pm	<b>Open thematic networking sessions</b>



## 27/05: INFO-DAY - PROMOTING RIGHTS AND VALUES: THE ROLE OF EU NETWORKS, THINK-TANKS - HOW TO GET FUNDING SUPPORT THROUGH OPERATING GRANTS

10:00am - 10:20am	<p><b>Strategic support to CSOs in CERV programme</b></p> <p>In this current context, it is vital that the EU ensures support to a vibrant and independent civil society in Europe. This presentation will explain how the EU will ensure this support through financing operating grants and kick start a strategic dialogue in the coming years.</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Chris Burns Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24 Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salla Saastamoinen - Acting Director General DG JUST, European Commission</li> <li>• Alessandra Luchetti - Head of Department “Creativity, Citizenship and Joint Operations”, EACEA</li> </ul>
10:20am - 11:00am	<p><b>Panel discussion on EU strategic partnership with CSOs</b></p> <p>Three representatives of civil society organisations will take the floor and present their views on future partnerships under the CERV programme</p> <p>Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24 Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drazen Hoffmann - Deputy Executive Director, Gong, Croatia</li> <li>• Xavier Guixé - Director, Fundació Solidaritat, Spain</li> <li>• Catherine Naughton - Director of the European Disability Forum, Belgium</li> </ul>
11:00am - 11:20am	<p><b>Break - Free 1:1 networking opportunities</b></p>
11:20am - 12:30pm	<p><b>Info session on the CERV call for proposals - Operating Grants</b></p>



	<p>During this session, information will be provided on eligible criteria, priorities, activities, cascading grants scheme, e-grants, etc. The session will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.</p> <p>Moderator: Dave Keating - France 24</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alicja Rowinska - EACEA</li> <li>• Pascale Biver – EACEA</li> </ul>
<p>12:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>Open thematic networking sessions on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-racism and non-discrimination</li> <li>• Civic engagement</li> <li>• Remembrance</li> <li>• Rights of persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Rights of the child, gender quality, gender-based violence and violence against children</li> </ul>

## 28/05: INFO DAY FOR CURRENT BENEFICIARIES OF ACTION GRANTS (REC AND JUST CALLS FOR PROPOSALS 2019 & 2020).

RESTRICTED TO CURRENT BENEFICIARY FROM REC/JUST CALLS FOR PROPOSALS 2019/20

09:15am - 10:45am	<p><b>Presentation on Reporting requirements: Why, what, when and how do you need to report to the European Commission?</b></p> <p>Information will be provided on the Participant Portal Reporting module. The Continuous and Periodic Reporting tools will be explained in detail and particular emphasis will be put on best practices in project coordination and sound financial management. Interactive Q&amp;A sessions will take place at the end of each presentation.</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Chris Burns &amp; Philippe Boving Speakers: TBC</p>
10:45am - 11:00am	<b>Break</b>
11:00am - 11:35am	<p><b>Presentation on Amendments</b></p> <p>During this session, detailed information will be provided on the Participants Portal Amendment module.</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Chris Burns &amp; Philippe Boving Speakers: TBC</p>
11:35am - 12:00pm	<b>Break</b>
12:00am - 1:30pm	<p><b>17 parallel sessions: meeting with the policy officer and other projects beneficiaries from your call for proposal 2019-2020</b></p> <p>Registered participants will receive the link to his/her dedicated session on the day of the event based on his/her call for proposal. Please don't forget to add this occurrence to your agenda to receive the information.</p>

