

Networking Conference 2019

“Civil Society 4.0”

We would like to invite representatives of your organisation to the networking conference “Civil Society 4.0”. With this conference WECHANGE eG wants to connect civil society actors from Germany, Russia and the countries of the Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and provide a space for exchange, networking and issue-based cooperation.

The Federal Foreign Office as the sponsor of the conference intends to not just support individual exchange projects by civil society members, but also wants to initiate networking and attract new members to this network of organisations. Topics like digitalization, new forms of collaboration and sustainability in all possible facets (economically, ecologically, organisationally) will be discussed during the conference.

When: 16 - 20 June 2019

Where: Berlin, Unicorn - Brunnenstraße

Who: NGOs and initiatives from the Eastern Partnership Countries, Germany and Russia

The conference is organised by WECHANGE eG and supported by the German Federal Foreign Office (FFO) in the framework of the Program “Expanding Cooperation with Civil Society in the Eastern Partnership Countries and Russia” <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/europa/erweiterung-nachbarschaft/nachbarschaftspolitik/cooperation-with-civil-society/373732>

Objectives of the conference

1. Presenting the exchange program for NGOs by the German Federal Foreign Office and to encourage project applications
2. Providing a room for networking and discussing future project ideas
3. Sharing knowledge and best practices on digitalisation, new forms of collaboration and sustainability of NGOs

Main topics:

1. Digitalization and new forms of collaboration:

- Civic-Tech organisations and platforms
- New forms of collaboration
- Data security and human rights
- Cross-border journalism

2. Sustainability of NGOs: Financing, ecological, social, organizational sustainability

The target group of the conference:

NGOs or initiatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Germany, which are working or are interested in the conference topics mentioned above and which are thinking about an exchange project with Germany or the Eastern Partnership Countries & Russia. The participants must be at least 18 years old.

Draft of the conference program:

Arrival Day, 16.06.2019	
9:00 – 17:00	Transfer to the hotel, hotel check-in
17:30 – 19:00	Registration and get together
19:00 – 22:00	Dinner and networking
Day 1, 17.06.2019	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction
9:30 – 11:00	Keynote Wechange and the Federal Foreign Office (FFO)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of the program of FFO
12:00 – 13:00	Get to know activity
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Panel discussion and Q&A
15:00 – 16:00	Group activity
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Presentations of organisations
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap up
19:00 – 22:00	Dinner and networking

Day 2, 18.06.2019	
8:30 – 9:00	Travel reimbursement
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction
9:30 – 11:00	Workshops on digitalisation, collaboration and sustainability
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Workshops on digitalisation, collaboration and sustainability
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Field visits to NGOs, ideas for future projects
19:00 – 22:00	Dinner and networking
Day 3, 19.06.2019	
8:30 – 9:00	Travel reimbursement
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction and Wrap up
9:30 – 11:00	Workshops on digitalisation, collaboration and sustainability
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	World Café method for project ideas
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	World Café method for project ideas
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Pecha Kucha method - presentations of ideas for future projects
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap up
19:00 – 22:00	Farewell dinner
Departure Day, 20.06.2019	
8:30 – 9:00	Travel reimbursement
9:00 – 12:00	Hotel check-out, transfer to the airport

Selection process:

Due to the high level of interest and the limited places available (80 participants), we have decided to implement a selection process for the conference. Unfortunately, we cannot accept all organisations. The selection of organisations is made in accordance with criteria agreed with the German Federal Foreign Office.

Only one participant per organisation will be selected. Half of the organisations or individuals will come from Germany and the other half from the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. Organisations which have experience with the German Federal Foreign Office Program, as well as those which are not familiar with it, will participate. We will focus on organisations representing the main topics of the conference during the selection process, but we do not exclude organisations from other areas.

Conditions: The working language is English. Accommodation and food are provided; travel costs are covered by Wechange eG.

Please fill out this form <https://oepr-partnerschaft.de/application/?lang=en> , until 4th of April 1pm (CET).

We will let you know if you have been selected by the 10th of April. Please do not book any tickets yet!

Further details will be published after the application process. If you have any other question, we are here for you conference@wechange.de.

We are looking forward to your applications!

Your Wechange Team