

are pleased to invite you to the seminar

Visegrad for Strengthening Democracy in the Western Balkans: Poland's Experience with Cooperation between Civil Society and Public Administration

29th October 2013 (Tuesday), 09.00-15.45

Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw
Warecka 1 A Street

The meeting will be held in English

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A seminar organised within the framework of the Thinking for Governance project

Programme:

- 9.00 - 9.15** ***Welcoming Speech***
Marcin Zaborowski, Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs
- 9.15 - 9.30** ***Presentation of the Project***
Tomasz Żornaczuk, "Thinking for Governance" Project Coordinator, Polish Institute of International Affairs
- 9.30 - 11.00** ***Human Rights: How Should the Success of the NGO-Government Dialogue be Maintained?***
Dominika Bychawska, Head of Observatory of Media Freedom in Poland and Coordinator of European Project in Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
Krystyna Żurek, Director, United Nations and Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc)
Snjezana Bokulić, Head of Human Rights Department of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
- Moderator: Hana Semanić**, Central European University – Center for EU Enlargement, Hungary

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00 *Options and Limits of NGO Cooperation with Public Administration*

Justyna Janiszewska, Chair of the Board, Education for Democracy Foundation
Grzegorz Makowski, Public Integrity (former Anti-Corruption) Programme, Batory Foundation
Filip Pazderski, Democracy and Civil Society Programme Coordinator, Institute of Public Affairs

Moderation: Jiří Kocián, Research Center of the Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 *Is the Immigration Issue a good example of NGO-Government Interaction?*

Witold Klaus, Head of the Board, Association for Legal Intervention
Radosław Wróbel, General Councilor, Bureau of the Head of the Office for Foreigners
Irena Dawid-Olczyk, Member of the Board, La Strada Foundation

Moderation: Milan Nič, Central European Policy Institute, Slovakia

15.30 - 15.45 *Closing Remarks*

Tomasz Żornaczuk, “Thinking for Governance” Project Coordinator, Polish Institute of International Affairs

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The idea of the project is to share with a broad spectrum of NGOs, CSOs and think-tanks from the Western Balkans the V4 counterparts' experience in their cooperation with the public administration in the EU integration process, particularly membership negotiations, and its continuation after the accession. The project aims to bring together the representatives of NGOs, CSOs and think-tanks from all Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia and Serbia and to present them the best practices of such cooperation in the Visegrád countries. While the Western Balkan countries are in different stages of the integration process, it is vital to prepare all structures for the eventual accession negotiations, where the non-governmental input can be particularly valuable and may contribute to sustained public support to the process. These activities would emphasize this key aspect of integration, with a particular focus on Chapters 23 and 24 – the first to be opened in all new negotiations. For more information, see: pism.pl/research/projects/Thinking-4-Governance*

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