

EUCONSULT SPRING CONFERENCE BRUSSELS, 25-26 JUNE 2020

The Role of the Third Sector in Europe

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE

15.30-15.40 **REGISTRATION**

15.40-15.45 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Robin Brady, Chair, EUConsult

15.45-16.00 **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF KING BAUDOIN FOUNDATION AND
TRANSNATIONAL GIVING EUROPE**

Ludwig Forrest, Head of International Philanthropy, King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium

16.00-17.00 **TRENDS AND CONCERNS IN THE THIRD SECTOR**

Hanneke de Bode, Senior Consultant, ODS, Belgium

Third sector organisations in Europe come in different shapes and sizes. They cover a great variety of societal issues and have as much in common as they have differences. Yet, from our practice at ODS, we can distil a number of trends and concerns that we would like to share with you in order to compare notes and deepen our insight into what is happening at a more abstract level and what our response could be.

17.00-17.30 **AN INSIDERS VIEW OF THE THIRD SECTOR IN BELGIUM**

Ilja De Coster, Consultant, Supporting Fundraising, Belgium

17.30-19.30 **SOCIAL IMPACT VISIT**

19.30 **SPRING CONFERENCE DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER**



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FRIDAY, 26 JUNE

09.30-09.45 *Arrival*

09.45-11.00 **HOW DG EMPL SEES THE THIRD SECTOR AND ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE**
Maria Ilies, Policy Officer Social Inclusion, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission, Belgium

11.00-11.15 *Networking break*

11.15-12.15 **THE RELATIONSHIP OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND EU INSTITUTIONS**
Gerry Salole, Chief Executive, European Foundation Centre, Belgium

It is estimated that there are 147,000 foundations in Europe, who collectively manage 511 billion euros in assets and endowments and give an estimated 60 billion euros annually. If barriers to philanthropy could be removed, philanthropy could go much further in helping to find ways to meet Europe's greatest challenges. Discover how a Single Market for Philanthropy would realise the potential of the European philanthropy sector!

12.15-13.00 **EUCONSULT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

13.00-14.00 *Networking lunch*

14.00-15.00 **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE – THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND EXPERIENCE WITH EUROPE**

Selma Gusić, Activist, Schüler Helfen Leben Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Selma Gusić will focus on the problems and challenges youth organisations and young people in Eastern and South Eastern Europe face when it comes to EU-funded calls for project proposals and the implementation of the projects, and how they view the European Union in general. She will also talk about why and how the EU has to change its approach to young people in the region in order to make it possible for them to apply and learn how to implement the projects.

15.00-15.15 *Networking break*

15.15-16.15 **WORKSHOP: THE BUSINESS OF BEING A CONSULTANT IN CHANGING TIMES**
Robin Brady, Consultant, UK

How resilient is your business? The changing environment for civil society organisations is also a changing environment for consultancies working with civil society organisations. So how do you cope? Learn about some of the different ways you can make your business more resilient, while developing a new pipeline of potential clients.

16.15-16.30 **CLOSING DISCUSSION**

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