

AGENDA OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Citizen Participation in political processes and decision-making
- Mechanisms and tools for participation -
29 – 30 April 2015, Split City Museum, Papalićeva 1, Split, Croatia

Day 1: Wednesday 29 April 2015

9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and opening session
10:15 – 11:30	Introducing Citizens Participation and its role in policy development and implementation. Practical tips for those who practice citizens participation (public authorities and civil society). <i>Sandra Pernar, Croatian Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs representative and representative of NGOs from Croatia (tbc): What Citizens Participation is, and what is not. Benefits and limits of citizens participation. Why Citizens Participation? Hopes and fears of citizens participation. Preparation, designing the process and implementation</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	Citizens Participation on the EU level: How to join in and contribute that EU policies meet the needs of its citizens? <i>Paweł Głogowski, The European Citizens Initiative Campaign: What is an ECI? Experiences from completed ECIs with focus on different methods used to engage citizens. Review of ECI's governing rules, specific proposals on how to improve the ECI instrument. Advice to future ECI organizers on how to successfully run an ECI.</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	Discussion and practical illustrations on how the concept of Citizens Participaton have been or might be used in participating countries <i>Milica Vuletić, Tax Administration of Montenegro, Public Education Unit: Presentation of the successful Montenegrin campaign "Be responsible. Zero Grey Economy" which has won the second prize of the Open Government Partnership's international initiative competition</i> <i>Petra Jurlina, Centre for Piece Studies, Croatia: Introducing the implementation of the deliberative democracy method developed at Stanford University, and applied for the first time in Croatia 2014-2015 through the project run by the Centre for Piece Studies</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion during the coffee break

Day 2: Thursday 30 April 2015

9:30 – 10:30	Presentations of good examples - Sharing stories of different citizen participation methods and tools implemented across the EU: Challenges and how to overcome them? How to strengthen citizen participation on all levels? <i>Jan Korte, Zebralog, Germany: Strengthening public voice in Germany and introducing successful methods and tools of citizens participation and supporting citizens to participate in decision-making processes</i> The Standards of Public Participation providing points of reference for satisfactory participation in practice
10:30 – 11:30	<i>Martina Handler, Society for Environment and Technology, Austria: Standards of public participation in Austria and support to public administration in conducting high-quality participation processes</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	Participation methods and how to put them to work? <i>Anka Kekez Koštro, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science, Croatia and Martina Handler, Society for Environment and Technology, Austria: Introducing the methods of citizens participation and making analyses of different methodologies of Citizens Participation based on strengths and weaknesses, but also on recommendations on how to use these methodologies</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Review of Citizens Participation methods and creating joint recommendations that could be used for preparation of the Standards of Citizens Participation
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	Evaluation and discussion during coffee break

The working languages during the Conference will be English and Croatian. However for a better understanding from everyone a translation service from English to Croatian and Croatian to English will be also provided.