



Berlin Conference “A Soul for Europe” 9 November 2015

Europe. Its Values, Its Citizens

Venue of the Conference:

Allianz Forum, Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAMME

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8:30 a.m.	Doors open
9:00 a.m.	<p>Welcoming address: Birgit Grundmann, Allianz Deutschland (tbc) Opening: Martin Schulz, president of the European Parliament and Chair of the A Soul for Europe Advisory Board Welcoming address: NN, Federal Chancellery and Representative for Cultural and Media Affairs Welcoming address: State Secretary Hella Dunger-Löper, Commissioner for European Affairs and for Active Citizenship at the Berlin Senate Chancellery Welcoming address: Doris Pack, co-chair of the A Soul for Europe Advisory Board</p>
9:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	<p>Part I: The periphery as an inspiration for Europe <i>The periphery of Europe is not only a geographic category with strong sociocultural characteristics and it serves as a laboratory for all kinds of creative civil society movements: Despite all prejudices countries like Albania or Bosnia today show how religious and ethnic coexistence can work. Citizens in the Baltic countries strongly confess to their integration into European alliances by initiating creative projects. And while southeastern and southwestern countries face severe economic and structural problems, civil society organizations, artists and intellectuals tackle the crisis by implementing experimental ideas and initiatives. How can a creative spirit help to establish open and democratic relations, a true dialogue and cultural cooperation between the periphery and the rest of Europe?</i></p>
9:30 a.m.	Introduction: Hannes Swoboda, member of the A Soul for Europe Advisory Board
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9:50 a.m.	<p>Panel A: The periphery as a role model for coexistence and creativity in multiethnic, multireligious and multilingual societies</p> <p>Panel debate & Q & A session</p> <p>Antje Contius, managing director of S. Fischer Stiftung Alen Kristic, theologian and journalist Mirela Kumbaro, Minister of Culture of Albania Rarita Zbranca, director of AltArt Foundation and member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group Moderator: Kaspars Ruklis, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group</p>
10:50 – 11:20 a.m.	Coffee break

<p>11:20 a.m.</p> <p>Panel debate & Q & A session</p>	<p>Panel B: <i>The periphery is one of Europe's richest assets and a source of creativity for the integration process through means of culture. The panel outlines challenges and positive examples.</i></p> <p>Thierry Fabre, journalist and author Tanja Fajon, MEP (tbc) Vânia Rodrigues, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group Małgorzata Szumowska, film director (tbc) Moderator: Kaspars Ruklis, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group</p>
<p>12:40–1:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>1:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcoming address: Michael Roth, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office (tbc)</p>
<p>1:50 – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Part II: The City as a Spot of Innovation, inclusion and of new models for citizenship education</p> <p><i>Unemployment, perceived threats from immigration, globalization and de-estatisation, fear of social deprivation: A growing number of citizens are alienated with politics and the political elite and turn away from elections, the democratic institutions and their decision making processes. In times of growing mistrust against EU politics and success of populist political movements from right to left in European countries it's important to stimulate, include and activate civil society on the local level. Based on their European heritage, their social entrepreneurship, pragmatic approach and their creative power urban areas have an outstanding role for the European process beyond the local and regional competences.</i></p>
<p>1:50 p.m. 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Introduction: Ahmed Aboutaleb, mayor of Rotterdam (tbc) Introduction: Ruud Koopmans, WZB, Germany (tbc)</p>
<p>2:10 p.m.</p> <p>Panel debate & Q & A session</p> <p>2:40 p.m.</p> <p>Panel debate & Q & A session</p>	<p>Panel A: <i>Strategies against tendencies of political insertion and disinterest, exclusion, populism and anti-Islamism on the local level</i></p> <p>Arne Lietz, MEP, member of the A Soul for Europe Advisory Board Yannis Boutaris, mayor of Thessaloniki (tbc) György Peter, director of the Institute for Art Theory and Media Studies at Eötvös-Loránd-University, Budapest Peter Vermeersch, author Moderator: Farid Tabarki, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group</p> <p>Panel B: <i>Sharing a direct responsibility for Europe: cultural performance, social creativity and innovation in cities and urban areas. Two best practice examples:</i></p> <p>1) <i>We own the city, Europe wide network of young (social) entrepreneurs:</i> Amalia Zepou, vice-mayor for civil society initiatives of Athens 2) <i>European Alternatives.</i> Daphne Büllsbach, Citizenship and Democracy Director</p> <p>Mahir Namur, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group Paul Spies, director of Amsterdam museum Moderator: Farid Tabarki, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group</p>
<p>3:10 – 3:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>

<p>3:40 p.m.</p> <p>Panel debate & Q & A session</p>	<p>Panel C: <i>How to strengthen cultural and civil society networks of European cities and regions to take over responsibilities locally and from the bottom-up.</i></p> <p>Pervenche Berès, MEP (tbc)</p> <p>Volker Hassemer, president of the Board of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin and president of the Board of Management of the E.E.I.G. ASFE</p> <p>Miguel Angel Martin Ramos, Councillor of the European Academy of Yuste Foundation and member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group (tbc)</p> <p>Moderator: Farid Tabarki, member of the A Soul for Europe Strategy Group</p>
<p>4:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Conclusion and Outlook</p>
<p>5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reception</p>

07:00 p.m.

The State of Europe Speech

by the President of the EU Council, Donald Tusk

An event initiated by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Robert Bosch Stiftung and Stiftung Zukunft Berlin

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