



## A Soul for Europe Conference 2016: Cultural Identities on the Move 8 and 9 November 2016

**Venue of the Conference:**  
Allianz Forum, Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin

### PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 8 November: “Cultural Identities On The Move – New Responsibilities For The Cities”	
12:15 p.m.	<b>Doors Open</b>
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Welcome Address</b> Markus Nitsche, Allianz Deutschland  <b>Welcome Address</b> Volker Hassemer, „A Soul for Europe“  <b>Opening/Introduction</b> Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor / Spokesperson “Cities for Europe”  <b>Opening Words</b> Hella Dunger-Löper, State Secretary, Commissioner of European Affairs of Berlin  <b>Opening Words</b> Richard Kühnel, Representative of the European Commission in Germany</p>
1:30 – 1:50 p.m.	<p><b>The Cultural Divide in Europe – How To Deal With It?</b>                      Oliver Jens Schmitt, Historian, Professor at University of Vienna</p>
1:50 – 2:10 p.m.	<p><b>How Do European Cities Meet the Current Challenges and Exercise Their Responsibility for Europe? – Two Statements from European Cities</b>                      Emil Boc, Mayor, City of Cluj-Napoca, Romania                      Wouter van der Heijde, Senior Advisor on European Affairs, City of Amsterdam, Netherlands</p>
2:10 – 2:40 p.m.	<p><b>Marketplace – What to Do for Europe? – Presentation of Projects</b>                      Cafébabel – the European Online Magazine, Emergency, Europa Light Installation, Idea Camp, Route 28</p>
2:40 – 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>The Cities And Europe – New Forms of Participation by Civil Society – Innovative Models for the European Level</b>                      Tabo Goudswaard, The Art Of Impact, Amsterdam, and André Schaminée, Twynstra Gudde, Amersfoort                      Stefan Richter, Berlin-Forum, Stiftung Zukunft Berlin</p>
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break with Tour over the Marketplace Europe</b>
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Workshops / Participatory Debates</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are Europe: integration, the role of culture and the challenge of plurality in our society</li> <li>2. Cities Leading the Way: participation, civil society and urban development</li> <li>3. Cities as Partners: the position and significance of cities in Europe</li> </ol>
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Closing Panel Discussion</b>                      Emil Boc (Mayor of Cluj-Napoca), Brigitte Russ-Scherer (“Cities for Europe”), Hannes Swoboda (former MEP); moderated by Volker Hassemer</p>
6:00 p.m.	<b>End of Conference Day</b>

Wednesday, 9 November	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Doors Open</b>
	Conference Day moderated by Andreas Bock, "A Soul for Europe" / n-ost
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b> by "A Soul for Europe" <b>Opening/Introduction:</b> Representatives of all partners state their European commitment
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Debate I: Arts And Culture For Europe</b> A positive European self-confidence should be guided by its democratic achievements against the hostile, partially racist and populist movements that are increased by the "refugee crisis", but also have other causes. Arts and Culture in particular convey another visionary image of Europe that needs to be upheld against those who refuse and fight against it. Cultural activities can and must help to convey tolerance and mutual understanding in an acceptable way <b>Video message</b> by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament <b>Controversy</b> with György Dragoman, writer <b>Panel discussion:</b> Enrique Barón Crespo, Ernest van Buynder, Beral Madra, Jens Nyman Christensen, Doris Pack, Helen Sildna, Julie Ward; moderated by Farid Tabarki and Volker Hassemer
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break with Tour over the Marketplace Europe</b>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Debate II: Flight and Migration: The New European Divide</b> While the so-called "refugee crisis" continually polarises societies in the West, it unites them in the East in their rejection of Brussels' policies. The European motto "unity in diversity" is meeting with fierce resistance by right-wing populist governments, who are offering national-religious narratives instead. But what is intended by those who create a climate of fear and suspicion towards migrants and refugees? How can a new European divide along the former Iron Curtain be overcome and how can artists and cultural producers contribute to a greater European awareness? <b>Input:</b> Rita Süßmuth <b>Panel discussion:</b> Dessy Gavrilova, Aleš Šteger, Rita Süßmuth, Dejan Ubović; moderated by Gemma Pörzgen
12:15 – 12:45 a.m.	<b>Artistic Intervention</b> MitMachMusik
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Debate III: Starting From The Bottom-up</b> The European project is fateful for the future of the Europeans themselves. It is "their" project; they are responsible for this project and not just its observers. Therefore, it must be about a more active European society now, it's a matter of active citizens. The impulses should come from "bottom-up". ASfE is trying to promote the general development of Europe through a bottom-up process, through the strong participation of citizens and the necessary, permanent dialogue at all political levels. <b>Controversy:</b> Ivan Krastev (Centre for Liberal Strategies Sofia) and Elmar Brok (MEP) <b>Discussion:</b> Maria Badia i Cutchet, Rumena Bužarovska, Ulrike Guérot, Arne Lietz, Lorenzo Marsili, Hannes Swoboda, Jon Worth; moderated by Farid Tabarki and Volker Hassemer
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Short Break</b>
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Debate IV: "15 Minutes Of Conversation With" on the Conference Topic</b> Speakers of the conference and other committed Europeans will be ready to share their practices, tools and reflections with the audience. A session to create a space for participants to learn, share and exchange inspiring experiences and ideas in small groups. <b>With</b> Cornelius Adebahr, Hubertus von Amelnunxen, Enrique Barón Crespo, Rumena Bužarovska, Paul Dujardin, Rose Fenton, Ulrike Guérot, Beral Madra, Jagoda Marinić, Paul Spies, Hannes Swoboda
4:30 – 4:45 p.m.	<b>Closing Words:</b> Nele Hertling, "A Soul for Europe"
4:45 p.m.	<b>End Of Conference</b>

## The State of Europe Speech 2016

9 November 2016 at Allianz Forum Berlin

Attendance by invitation only. Registration for this event is closed.

Wednesday, 9 November	
6:00 p.m.	<b>Doors open</b>
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	<b>The State of Europe Speech</b> Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission