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A Soul for Europe Conference 2017
10 – 11 November 2017, Allianz Forum | Radialsystem V | Berlin
In cooperation with 'Wir sind Europa' and 'Cities for Europe'

*Who is assuming responsibility for Europe –
How citizens, cities and parliaments should cooperate for Europe*

Friday, 10 November, Allianz Forum

7.00 pm **Welcome words** by **Frédéric Meseeuw** and **Satu Kuitunen**, A Soul for Europe and **Gerry Woop**, State Secretary for European Affairs, City of Berlin

7.15 – 8.45 pm **Public debate** "Who is assuming responsibility for Europe?
How citizens, cities and parliaments should cooperate for Europe"

Citizens are the cause and goal of the European Union. However, those citizens, as well as the cities and regions they live in, represent not only the basis of Europe – they are also jointly responsible for the success of the European unification process. This panel discussion confronts the citizens with the top-down mechanisms of everyday life in Europe. It demands for new methods of sharing responsibility in order for the European unification process to succeed.

The opening event will discuss statements of representatives from each level of political responsibility: **Emil Boc** (Mayor of Cluj-Napoca), **Elmar Brok** (MEP; President Union of European Federalists), **Karl-Heinz Lambertz** (President Committee of the Regions), **Gerry Woop** (State Secretary for European Affairs, City of Berlin), **Juan Gabriel Vásquez** (writer)

The panel is moderated by **Laura Kleiner**, **Carin Tiggeloven** members of the initiative "Wir sind Europa!" and **Volker Hassemer**, Chairman of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin.

Saturday, 11th of November, 09:30 AM – 06:00 pm at Radialsystem V

09:30 – 10:00 am Registration

10.00 – 10:15 am Welcome Words
Hall I **Jochen Sandig**, RADIALSYSTEM V
 Andreas Bock, A Soul for Europe

10:15 – 10:45 am Keynote Speeches
Hall I by **Karl-Heinz Lambertz** (President Committee of the Regions)
 Juan Gabriel Vásquez (writer)

11:00 – 12.30 am **Round of Workshops 1**

Topic 1: Cities for Europe
Hall I

Organiser: Cities for Europe
Title: How Can Cities and Citizens Strengthen Europe? (Part 1)
Introductory statements and presentation of exemplary projects
Format: Presentation & conversation
Active participants: Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President Committee of the Regions, Emil Boc, Mayor Cluj-Napoca, Michael Cramer, MEP; project representatives
Volker Hassemer, Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin; Hella Dunger-Löper, former State Secretary
Host: Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor

Topic 2: Europe From the Bottom Up
Studio B

Organiser: Das Progressive Zentrum
Title: #DialogueOnEurope - New Ideas for Migration Policy
Format: Working Groups
Active participants: Joachim Zeller, MEP (tbc); Satu Kuitunen, Forum Aberdeen
Host: Maria Skóra, Senior Project Manager Das Progressive Zentrum

Topic 3: Arts and Politics – A Good Match?
Studio C

Organiser: internationales literaturfestival berlin (ilb)
Title: New Stories for Europe?
Format: Fishbowl Discussion
Active participants: Priya Basil, writer; Daphne Büllsbach, Executive Director European Alternative; Ivana Sajko, writer
Frédéric Meseeuw, Senior Project Manager BOZAR; Juan Gabriel Vásquez, writer; Simon Mundy, Vice-President of the Writer's for Peace Committee of PEN International; Nele Hertling, Spokesperson 'A Soul for Europe'
Host: Simone Schröder, internationales literaturfestival berlin (ilb)

Atelier A

Organiser: Center for Fine Arts Brussels BOZAR
Title: Next Generation, Please! – Part 1
Format: Artistic Workshop
Artist: Leni Huyghe, director/writer
Host: Melat Gebeyaw Nigussie, Project Manager *Next Generation, Please!*

12:30 – 1:30 pm
Foyer / Hall II

Lunch break and European Marketplace

1:30 – 02:00 pm
Hall I

Artistic Intervention **Musicians4UnitedEurope**
Impulse **Guillaume Klossa**, Chairman Civico Europe

02:00 – 3.30 pm **Round of Workshops 2**

Topic 1: Cities for Europe
Hall I

Organiser: Cities for Europe
Title: How Can Cities and Citizens Strengthen Europe? (Part 2)
Format: Parallel table talks with regard to four topics: 'Cultural Activities / Sister Cities / Cultural Heritage / Pulse of Europe'
Active Participants: Project representatives (tba); Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor; Hella Dunger-Löper, former State Secretary

Topic 2: Europe From the Bottom Up
Studio B **Organiser:** Arts Research Institute of Georgia
Title: Civil Society in Georgia on the Way Towards Europe
Format: Panel Discussion
Speakers: Minister Viktor Dolidze; David Sakvarelidze, Artistic Director of Tzsinandali Music festival; Giorgii Sharvashidze, Rector of Javakhisvili Tblisi State University
Doris Pack, former MEP; Volker Hassemer, Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin; Levan Khetaguri, Stichting Caucasus Foundation;
Host: Steve Austen, Felix Meritis Foundation

Topic 3: Arts and Politics – A Good Match?
Studio C **Organiser:** Cafébabel & n-ost
Title: Creating a European Public Sphere
Format: Open dialogue
Active participants: François Famélie, Babel International; Katharina Kloss, Cafébabel Paris; Sébastien Vannier, Cafébabel Berlin
“We are Europe” group members; Anke Plättner, journalist
Host: Andreas Bock, editor n-ost

Atelier A **Organiser:** Center for Fine Arts Brussels BOZAR
Title: Next Generation, Please! – Part 2
Format: Artistic Workshop
Artist: Leni Huyghe, director/writer
Host: Melat Gebeyaw Nigussie, Project Manager *Next Generation, Please!*;
Frédéric Meseeuw, Senior Project Manager BOZAR

3:30– 4:00 pm Coffee Break
Foyer/ Hall II

4:00 – 5:30 pm **Round of Workshops 3**

Topic 1: Cities for Europe
Hall I **Organiser:** Advocate Europe & Actors of Urban Change
Title: European Cities From the Bottom-Up - New Responses From Civil Society and Local Administration
Format: World Café
Active participants: Tamar Gurdikyan, 70 TK (Istanbul), Refugees for Co-Creative Cities (Oberhausen)

Martina Michels, MEP; Hella Dunger-Löper, former State Secretary;
Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor; Joachim Zeller, MEP
Hosts: Julia Hoffmann, Program Manager Advocate Europe; Christina Nuhr, Program Manager Advocate Europe; Sebastian Schlüter, Program Manager Actors of Urban Change

Topic 2: Europe From the Bottom-Up
Studio B **Organiser:** GRAD & Felix Meritis Foundation
Title: Creating Active Citizenship: The Notion of Civil Society and Culture in Belgrade and Amsterdam
Format: Panel discussion
Active participants: Silke Gebel, MP; Radomir Lazović, activist; Hala Naoum Néhmé, Municipality of Amsterdam
Volker Hassemer, Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin (in English)
Host: Steve Austen, Fellow Felix Meritis Foundation

Topic 3: Arts and
Politics – A Good
Match?

Organiser: Theater an der Parkaue

Topic: What Can Theatre (for Children) Do for Europe?

Format: Round table

Active participants: Karola Marsch, Dramaturge Theater an der Parkaue;
Sarah Wiederhold, Dramaturge Theater an der Parkaue (tbc)

Frédéric Meseeuw, Senior Project Manager BOZAR, Nicolas Bertrand,
Artistic Director Image Aiguë ; Nele Hertling, Spokesperson "A Soul for
Europe"

Host: Axel Möbius, Theater an der Parkaue

Presentation of the BOZAR workshop results

5.30 – 6 pm

Conclusions and Closing Words

Hall I **Nele Hertling** and **Dejan Ubovic**, A Soul for Europe