Belgrade city public transport is provided through a network of bus, trolleybus, and tram routes run by GSP "Beograd" and bus services operated by private bus companies, on around 130 routes.

Single tickets can be bought:
- in public transport vehicles, from the driver or conductor
- at kiosks marked with a ticket sales sticker
- at GSP points-of-sale

BusPlus system applies to all public transport vehicles (GSP, private carriers, Lasta and Bg Voz).

Paper cards (most suitable for tourists)
If you are not frequent user you should buy a paper card which costs 89 rsd, and you can drive with that card 90 min. on all lines (for 1st or 2nd public transportation zone).

Belgrade city public transport

Flights
Belgrade Nikola Tesla International Airport (BEG) is the main gateway to Serbia and the air hub of the entire Balkan region with direct flight connections to/from more than 70 major European, Middle Eastern, American, and Asian cities. There are 21 airline companies operating at Belgrade Airport, including five low-cost carriers (EasyJet, Wizz Air, Transavia, Norwegian, Flydubai).

From/To Airport
Venue: 15-20 min drive
Supporting hotels: 15-20 min drive
City center: 20 min drive
Taxi: One direction to venue / hotels / city center hotels (up to 3 people) approx. price is 15€ in total per ride.
Bus: Public Line 72 and Express Line A1 depart from the airport approximately every 20 min.
Approx. ticket price is 1€ / 3€

A1 Mini bus
Route: Airport – Slavija Square (Kralja Milutina Street) – Airport
Ticket price - RSD 300 (on the bus)
Approximate travel time - 30 minutes

Public Transportation Line 72
Route: Airport-Zeleni venac Square
Ticket price - RSD89 (if purchased on the kiosk), RSD150 (if purchased on the bus) Approximate travel time - 30-40 minutes

Also, you can order a ride through an application called CarGo (similar to Uber). Payment is made with a credit card. Find more information about CarGo here https://appcargo.com/.

Please follow this link (https://www.miross.rs/en/dogadjaji/civicus-2019/accommodation) to find and book one of the partner hotels situated in walking distance to the ICSW 2019 venues. All hotels are available with discounted prices and offer a variety of options. Please note that prices and terms of conditions apply only if you book your hotel through the official ICSW 2019 form.

GETTING THERE

WHERE TO STAY

*The Youth Assembly takes place from 6-7 April in Novi Sad, the Youth Capital of Europe in 2019.
KOMS and OPENS are the local co-hosts of the Youth Assembly.

DOBROĐOŠLI

WELCOME
All ICSW 2019 events will take place within 500m of each other in the Belgrade city centre, near public institutions and cultural and historical monuments including Nikola Pasic Square, the Parliament of Serbia, the Assembly of the City of Belgrade and Hotel Moskva.

ONSITE REGISTRATION & OPENING CEREMONY
Registration desks open at 08:30 AM, April 8th, 2019 in Youth Center Belgrade And 12:00, same date, in Kombank Hall.

PROGRAMME EVENTS
Kombank Hall is an institution of cultural and social significance, which has been transformed into a modern multifunctional space.
Belgrade Youth Centre provides a center for diverse multimedia events dedicated to young people and will serve as the primary venue for ICSW 2019 events sessions.
Impact Hub Belgrade supports entrepreneurs to address social and economic challenges and will provide additional space for concurrent event sessions.
Human Rights House supports civil society and focuses on economic and social rights, discrimination, hate crime, minority issues, and access to justice and will open its doors for ICSW 2019 side events.
MEDIA CENTER was founded by the Independent Association of Journalists of Serbia in 1994, as the only multimedia organization to provide wide-ranging media services covering the South East Europe region.

SITE VISITS AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS
Bagel Bagel Shop, social business run by women
Center for Cultural Decontamination, nonprofit cultural institution whose work is based on critical thinking, and cultural and artistic production
Center for Youth Integration
Human Rights House
ICT Hub
Impact Hub Belgrade, co-working space for changemakers
Pride Info Center
The locations of the site visits to local organisations, movements and actors will be provided upon registration on site.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS INCLUDE:

Museum of Yugoslavia
The Museum of Yugoslavia is a public history museum in Belgrade. It chronicles the period of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and Socialist Yugoslavia as well as the life of Josip Broz Tito.

Nikola Tesla Museum
The Nikola Tesla Museum is dedicated to honoring and displaying the life and work of Nikola Tesla. The museum is located in the central area of Belgrade.

Museum of Applied Arts
The Museum of Applied Art in Belgrade contains over 37,000 works of applied art, which reflect the development of applied art over a 2,400 year span. The oldest artifacts of the museum are Ancient Greek coins from the 4th century BC.

Savamala District
Savamala is one of Belgrade’s urban neighbourhoods, located between the central station and the right bank of the Sava River. It is known for its nightlife, street art and creative happenings. This part of the city turned into the first new wave of cultural activity led by freethinkers and cultural initiatives such as KC Grad and Nova Iskra.

Ada Ciganlija
Named one of Europe’s top ten city islands, the Ada Ciganlija is a river island that has been turned into a peninsula, and is popular among walkers and runners.
**QUICK FACTS**

**POPULATION**
Serbia: 7.320.340    Belgrade: 1.958.750

**TIME ZONE**
Central European Time, GMT+1

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**
Serbian

**CLIMATE**
Serbia’s climate is moderate continental, with four seasons. Spring in Belgrade is very pleasant with longer sunny and warm periods. The average daily temperature in April-June is 14°C to 27°C.

**MOBILE PHONES**
- MTS www.mts.telekom.rs
- Telenor www.telenor.co.rs
- VIP Mobile www.vipmobile.rs
All networks are based on GSM 900/1800 standard.

**CURRENCY**
Serbia’s currency is “dinar” (RSD)
EUR 1.00 = RSD 120
USD 1.00 = RSD 100

**TAXES**
20% Value Added Tax (VAT)

**TIPPING**
It is customary in restaurants and cafes to round up the gratuity fees to the nearest 10% -15% of the bill, depending on service.

**SHOPS & BANKS**
Shopping malls and stores are open until 23h. Most banks and post offices are open until 17h.

**FOOD & DRINK**
The tap water in Belgrade is safe to drink. Bottled water is also easily available. Serbia is a producer and exporter of high-quality mineral water. Local wine and beer are very good and inexpensive. Imported drinks are also available at most cafés, hotels and restaurants.

**INTERNET**
All hotels offer Internet services to guests. Many cafés also provide free WI-FI to customers. Serbia’s internet country code is .rs.

**ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**
Voltage is 220 V. Frequency is 50Hz. 110 volts appliances need a converter and adapter.

**SOME SERBIAN PHRASES**
yes = da [dah]
no = ne [neh]
please = molim [moleem]
thank you = hvala vam [hvahlah vahm]
good morning = dobro jutro [dobro yootro]
good afternoon = dobar dan [dobahr dahn]
good night = laku noc [lahkoo noch]
hello / hi = zdravo [zdrahvo]
good-bye = dovidjenja [doveejehnah]

**CREDIT CARDS**
Teller Machines (ATMs) accept all major credit cards and are located throughout the city. Major credit cards are accepted at almost all restaurants and stores in Belgrade.
ICSW\local aims to broaden engagement with partners in under-represented or marginalised regions, who due to financial and logistical constraints, were not be able to host events in Belgrade, Serbia. ICSW\local partners held ICSW events in different sub-national, regional and international locations between January and March, in the lead up to ICSW 2019. Representatives from ICSW\local events with are in Belgrade to share their diverse perspectives with the global delegation in Belgrade.

**Lebanon (23 February)**

*Track 1: Bridges*

**Music for Healing and Togetherness**

Concluding a year-long ambitious goal to bring together children and youth often in conflict through shared folk songs and cultural heritage, PartnersJordan, hosted a concert performed by a choir of disadvantaged youth in Beirut. The event celebrated the cohesion and unity created by joining youth from different and opposing communities to sing about their shared heritage and culture.

**Zimbabwe (7-8 March)**

*Track 1: Bridges*

**SDG Gallery Walk: Creating CSOs Spaces for Collaborative Effort**

The Poverty Reduction Forum Trust organized a Gallery Walk in Harare, Zimbabwe for local organisations and communities to share and exhibit their SDGs stories with International NGOs, Government, Private Sector, Academia and the wider community. The focus of the Gallery Walk was to reflect on different CSOs experiences, build partnerships and strategies for engagement around SDGs work in Zimbabwe.

**Ukraine (10 March)**

*Track 2: Streets*

**Women Mentoring Walk & Talk**

League of Professional Women organized a Women Mentoring Walk and Talk in Kyiv, Ukraine. The Walk and Talk event brought together established and emerging women leaders to walk together in a public park in downtown Kyiv. As they walked, the women leaders shared their professional challenges and successes and establish mentoring relationships with their younger peers who joined in the walk. The mentorship relationships established will be supported by League of Professional Women’s on-going women leadership initiatives.

**Varaždin, Croatia (13 March)**

*Track 1: Bridges*

**Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity**

CROSOL is organizing a public debate to engage Croatian citizens in discussing Croatian priorities during the EU Presidency from January 2020, and to encourage them to contribute their opinions in shaping these priorities together. Although the Presidency of the Council of the European Union must put the needs of all EU members first, it gives Croatia a chance to navigate and lead through the burning European issues in the role of the host. What does it take for this process to be considered successful? What topics do Croatian citizens consider important? How can citizens influence chairing process? These are some of the questions we will attempt to answer during this public discussion.
Argentina (13 March)

Track 1: Bridges

Partnerships in Development/Alianzas para el desarrollo

Following on the G20 talks from the previous year, RACI hosted a day of dialogues and open exchanges to discuss the main concerns of civil society in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event arranged different conversations between civil society, the public sector, and the private sector in a space where different activities took place at the same time.

Tirana, Albania (13 March)

Track 2: Streets

Civic Resistance (Qëndresa Qytetare) will organize an open forum “The Power of Albanian Citizens to build Civic Resistance against Corruption” with representatives from different organizations, activists, communities, young people etc. Several civic movements around the world will be presented that through their resistance have changed corruption problems in their countries. This will encourage public discussions about the ways of communicating with citizens in order to build bigger constituencies and dive deeper into the skills that CSOs need to engage with citizens for advocacy, community building, and philanthropy. At the end, all the participants will sign a declaration for a better society without corruption.

Indonesia (16 – 17 March)

Track 3: Stairs

Festival of Social Creativity (FeSoVity)

Sociopreneur Indonesia hosted the Festival of Social Creativity (FeSoVity) in Jakarta, Indonesia. The festival is part of their ‘Empathy Project’ and aimed to promote empathy through social-creativity to wider audience. By applying intensive experiential learning, primary and high school students, teachers, parents, and supporters from the communities and government worked collaboratively to play in a series of creative activities and created educational tools to be donated to designated schools in rural areas.

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Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina (15 March)

Track 1: Bridges

ProAct - Strengthening civic activism through the Coalition „United We Can Do More“ conference, organized by CDP Globus, will bring together representatives of civil society, social activists and experts in the field of social inclusion, employment, entrepreneurship, in order to actualize the role of civil initiatives in empowering society, especially in addressing issues of social inclusion and employment. Our specific focus will be possibilities for strengthening and expanding common civil society initiatives through the Coalition for the development of social entrepreneurship „United We Can More.”

Bitola, Macedonia (18 March)

Track 1: Bridges

Festival of Social Creativity (FeSoVity)

SFERA Macedonia will host the event „Building Bridges“ - full-day program for the citizens in the area. In the city center NGOs will present their activities and motivate young people to be active citizens, while the visitors will have a chance to talk about the research done by SFERA on youth involvement in Bitola. The event will offer an opportunity for NGOs to connect with each other for future projects, learn about what the people in their community think about civic engagement, and to share their ideas about what the future of civil activity looks in their community.

Skopje, Macedonia (20 March)

Track 1: Bridges

Festival of Social Creativity (FeSoVity)

Krik Macedonia will organize the networking event „Together, to get there!“ 30 representatives of day-care centers for people with disabilities and 30 representatives of youth organizations from across the country will gather together to learn to respect each other and feel the power of togetherness trough working together for a greater cause. The main goal of the event is to establish connections between the institutions and youth organizations and ideas for future collaboration.
**Mexico (20 and 27 March)**

**Track 1: Bridges**

**Reimagining Development: the power of the community**

Centro Mexicano Para La Filantropia (CEMEFI) will host local dialogues with rural and remote communities to reimagine democracy from the perspectives of local communities and promote community initiatives. These community dialogues will build trust between urban and rural counterparts and examine the role of the community with respect to human rights, equality, diversity, and conflict resolution.

**Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (28 March)**

**Track 1: Bridges**

The Center for Civil society Promotion will organize the round table “Insight in BiH civil society” to address lack of formal documents for cooperation between the government and CSOs; lack of regulation for transparent distribution of public funds; lack of legal framework for social entrepreneurship and philanthropy; capacities of unformal civic groups and political abuse on it, etc. The specific goal will be to create preconditions for a wider advocacy campaign towards relevant state institution for creation enabling environment for civil society development as well as to reach the common sense of understanding and positioning of the CSOs in current BiH environment.

**Serbia, Pirot (22 March)**

On March 22, on the occasion of the World Water Day, the Association New Old Mountain (Nova Stara planina) organized an action called Water for All in Pirot. By movie about struggle for water projection and protesting in the city center, they will try to point out that the right to water is human right and should be recognized by the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia as such. New Old Mountain is an activist movement that is struggling to preserve the river in the area of the protected natural area of Stara planina as well as throughout the Serbia. The action for the World Water Day was launched by civic initiative The Right to Water and together with local organizations and citizens will be organized a series of public debates, movies projections and performances in cities across Serbia - in Belgrade, Niš, Novi Sad, Zajecar, Šabac and Pirot.

**Podgorica, Montenegro (29 March)**

**Track 1: Bridges**

CRNVO will organize the national forum „Building Resilient Civil Society“ as an opportunity for Montenegrin CSOs to identify obstacles for building enabling environment for civil society in the country and jointly agree on issues that will be priorities for joint actions of CSOs and on tools used for combating these problems. The forum will include professional CSOs, unions, media and journalists, local CSOs and individual activists in order to support coalition building among different stakeholders in civil society. It will showcase major issues CSOs today are facing and will produce joint conclusions and priorities for 2019.

**Serbia, Šabac (26 March)**

**INCLUDE YOURSELF, ACT, CONTRIBUTE, CONNECT!!!**

Association Rainbow in 2017 launched an initiative for the creation the network of CSO Šabac, which was then joined by 23 CSOs of Šabac. During 2018 Rainbow created all the necessary documents for the efficient functioning of the network, selected the members for its working bodies and formed the CSO Council of Šabac. From the beginning 2019, several CSOs from Šabac expressed their wish to join the network. On march 26th, within the ICSW 2019 local event, a meeting of the CSO Council of Šabac was organized, where the new 5 members will join to network.

**Sarajevo, Pirot (22 March)**

**Serbia, Novi Sad (30 March)**

The ICSW local event “Work for all” - organized together by the activists of the CSO Patria and the magazine LICEULICE - will introduce the citizens of Novi Sad to the concept of the street vendor of the magazine called LICEULICE that employs people from marginalized groups who have serious difficulties in finding jobs for themselves. Active vendors and activists will share not only informational and promotional materials, but also their personal experiences and difficulties in finding jobs and will speak about the need to find a way to overcome these barriers. After the street event, which will take place on March 30th at the city center, there will be a gathering at the LICEULICE’s office in Novi Sad for the vendors, activists and friends of the organization.
Serbia, Bečej (1 April)

**CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS: OPENLY TO CHALLENGES AND POTENTIALS IN THE CIVIL SECTOR**

Bečej youth association will organize a round table entitled “Citizens for citizens: Openly to challenges and potentials in civil sector”. This round table aims to seek solutions to key issues, challenges and current problems, as well as to find opportunities for progress and cooperation in the civil sector. The main focus of the event will be a debate about the goals and values of associations, changes and potential cooperation - especially in areas of common interest. Also, we will focus - through various methods - on key issues (primarily in the CSO environment), models and ways of financing CSOs, legal frameworks and dilemmas, freedom of speech, false news, human rights and corruption.

Serbia, Niš (3 April)

**Conference and on-line campaign TOGETHER STRONGER**

The event consists of a conference that will be held at the premises of the organization Civil Alliance for Social Inclusion. The main subject of the conference will be promotion of the idea for the formation of an association of the Civic Alliance for Social Inclusion called “CASI Niš – from an idea to the accomplishment”. We will also answer the questions such as how we got the idea, what steps we took, how we lobbied for it, how and where we applied for the funds etc. There will be a video presentation with an interactive discussion among participants followed by a discussion on further steps in the process of the development of the Alliance and there will be a possibility for admitting new members to the Alliance. Also, there will be an online campaign on social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) called 5 days for 5 best actions where we will promote the activities done by the CASI organization.

Serbia, Požega (1 - 5 April)

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Serbia, Pančevo (2 April)

The organization called CETRA is organizing a forum and a debate called “Open society and civic space – the new challenges” that aims to bring together groups of different stakeholders (coming from the areas of civil society, media and active citizens) in order to involve them in an important and intellectually engaged debate on the current condition of shrinking space for civic engagement in Pančevo and Republic of Serbia.

Serbia, Leskovac (4 April)

**ROUND TABLE “ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY’S DEVELOPMENT**


A round table will be organized for representatives of associations, media, local authorities and institutions and it will involve different goals such as: presenting a program for action, defining common priorities for the development of the communities, making partnerships, mapping challenges in their everyday work and finding a way to overcome them. Gathered participants will define key priorities on the local level, the biggest challenges they are currently facing and will try to find in a creative way the “bridges” – innovative solutions for achieving the well-being of the local community through partnerships and common actions.

Tirana, Albania (3 April)

**Track 1: Bridges**

Partners Albania for Change and Development will organize the World Café Enabling Environment for CSOs in Albania. Around 150 CSO representatives will have the opportunity to present main issues of concern and to engage in concrete working agendas for addressing CSOs priorities. The event will serve as a medium that will enable the connections of local voices and ideas and strengthen the foundation for advocacy on issues related to enabling environment and sustainability of civil society in Albania. This will affect the strengthening of the civil society sector and the efficiency of its work for the society.
Serbia, Valjevo (5 April)

A civic association called “Dialog” from Valjevo will initiate a local dialog via round table in order answer the question: Is the city of Valjevo becoming a city with active citizens and efficient local management?

The dialog between different social actors in Valjevo should reaffirm and put the subjects referring to civic activism and changes on the local level back in focus of the (local) public. The association “Dialog” will also do an online research of the public opinion on civic activism on local level and on the efficacy of the local management. The results of the research will be presented at the central event and will be used for creating media material that can be used for a promotion of the civic activism and contribution of the civil society to the reform of the public management on local level. Based on both the conclusions of the discussions at the central event and the results of the online research, the association will create a document containing recommendation for amelioration of the civic activism and the participation of citizens in the changes on local level.

Serbia, Kragujevac (6 April)

CSOs FAIR: THE POWER OF THE CIVIC TOGETHERNESS OF KRAGUJEVAC

The association “Interactive” organizes a CSO fair at Kragujevac’s city center. CSOs will present their programs, projects and activities to the citizens and enable the interconnection of CSOs in order to ensure synergy and their greater influence in the community. The aim of the event is to increase the participation of citizens in the ranks of CSOs through 30 minute-panel discussions with the population in order to attract them to get involved in the work of CSOs. Also, the participants will sign a petition demanding from the local authorities to ensure better conditions for the work of CSOs in Kragujevac.

USA & Slovakia (virtually)

Track 2: Streets

The Role of Neutral Facilitators to help resolve intra-movement conflicts

In the weeks following the 2019 Women’s March on January 19, Partners-Global convened a group of activist leaders and academics to discuss the internal conflict within the movement and distill lessons for the future. They included colleagues at Partners Slovakia who have been facilitating the internal dynamics of the Decent Slovakia movement to provide an additional case study, and as a strategy for discussing sensitive dynamics that can be externalized from the US experience. The event was both a virtual convening of speakers, coupled with a live (curated) audience for discussion in Washington D.C.
The ICSW Youth Assembly is a leading international networking forum and meeting for young people and young civil society to engage with international peers, examining and taking action on some of the critical challenges facing civil society. The Youth Assembly also acts as a preparatory space that enables young delegates to make an impact during International Civil Society Week (ICSW).

The programme of the Youth Assembly is semi-structured, open for delegates to self-organise conversations on key topics of their interest around the ICSW programme tracks, participate in team-building activities, lead arts and outdoor activities and have intercultural exchanges. All Youth Assembly delegates will attend the International Civil Society Week 9 to 11 April 2019 in Belgrade, Serbia.

The upcoming Youth Assembly takes place in Novi Sad on 6 and 7 April 2019 at the Hotel Norcev. The event is co-hosted by KOMS and OPENS, leading youth organisations in Serbia. The Youth Assembly is being hosted in Novi Sad to promote the city as the European Youth Capital 2019.

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The Youth Assembly strives for increased youth participation in civil society and decision-making, and being hosted in 2019 European Youth Capital, engaging with local and regional youth initiatives will be a good learning opportunity for participants.

2019 THEMATIC FOCUS

The Youth Assembly 2019 programme will have a strong focus on the different alternatives to better support youth movements to make their work more efficient and effective and outline recommendations the donor community must take into account to better resource youth-led groups all over the world. Additionally, the agenda will give space for challenging conversations about the different innovative actions young people are leading to hold leaders accountable in their promise to achieve the Agenda 2030.
Dates: Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April 2019

Location: Norcev Hotel, Novi Sad, Serbia

Norcev Hotel is set within Frushka Gora National Park and surrounded by forest. It is just half an hour ride from the city of Novi Sad and a beautiful countryside with fresh air will warmly welcome Youth Assembly delegates.

Transportation from the airport in Belgrade to Norcev Hotel on 5th, from Norcev Hotel to Novi Sad and from Novi Sad to Belgrade on 7th April will be provided by the organising team.

On April 5 delegates arriving in the international Nikola Tesla Airport in Belgrade will be met by volunteers and shuttle buses will take them to the hotel. Transport from Belgrade airport to the Youth Assembly location will be scheduled with shuttle buses leaving several times throughout the day. Thank you in advance for understanding that delegates might have to wait for a while before leaving the airport for the buses to fill up. After check-out from the Norcev Hotel, most of the day on April 7 will be spent in Novi Sad. Giving delegates an opportunity to explore the city. In the evening of April 7, delegates will be shuttled back to Belgrade after the closing ceremony.

You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter @CIVICUSalliance and post news and updates with the hashtag #CIVICUSyouth.

Please contact Soledat Kenzhebulatova at youth@civicus.org if you have any questions about the Youth Assembly.
The ICSW Youth Assembly is a place for young people to engage with international peers, and to strategise and prepare for International Civil Society Week. The 2019 Youth Assembly will explore alternatives to better support youth movements to make their work more efficient and effective and outline recommendations for resourcing youth engagement. Additionally, the agenda will give space for challenging conversations about the different innovative actions young people are leading to hold leaders accountable in their promise to achieve the Agenda 2030.

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ICSW 2019
PROGRAMME

INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL SOCIETY
WEEK 2019
POWER OF TOGETHERNESS
MONDAY
8 APRIL

CIVIC SPACE SUMMIT, BELGRADE YOUTH CENTRE

The purpose of this one-day Summit is to launch a concerted mobilisation of civil society between April and September 2019 to put the issue of closing and shrinking space for civil society globally on the agenda of the UN Special General Assembly and High-Level Political Forum in September. The Civil Society Summit will bring together the leadership and members of civil society networks, platforms and international organisations to sign a Declaration and Call to Action and to set out our plan of action to put closing civic space on the international agenda.

- CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness
- Balkan Civil Society Development Network
- Action for Sustainable Development
- Civic Initiatives
- CIVICUS

By invitation only

OPENING CEREMONY, KOMBANK HALL

A lively and informative introduction to the week including a performance by Girls Rock Camp curated by the Femix Network of Female Creativity in Serbia, a political satire put on by 24-minutes’s Zoran Kesic, and personal reflections on the event theme “the power of togetherness” by Ethiopian Activist Yetnebersh Nigussie.

The opening ceremony will conclude with a drinks’ reception.

- CIVICUS
- Civic Initiatives
### Morning Plenary, Belgrade Youth Centre

The morning plenary will explore how the broader civil society context is changing and what is required for sustainable collaboration, focusing on the following key questions:
- **What are the latest developments in civic space regionally and globally?**
- **What tactics and strategies are working well to combat growing restrictions in civic space imposed in laws and in practice?**
- **How can joint work help ensure media freedom and combat misinformation?**
- **What are the critical issues that need our urgent, joint attention?**

**Speakers:**
- Farayi Murambwa, Activist, Zimbabwe
- Ilina Nesik, Balkan Civil Society Development Network, Macedonia
- Jesper Elias Laurisden, Helvetas, Switzerland
- Maria Karapetyan, Member of Parliament, Armenia
- Mario Mazic, European Grassroots Antiracist Movement, Croatia
- Anna Gielewska, Fundacja Reporterow, Poland
- Rilli Lappalainen, Bridge 47, Finland

**Moderator:** Anabel Cruz, Instituto de Comunicación y Desarrollo, Uruguay and CIVICUS Board Chair

### Concurrent Event Sessions

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### Concurrent Events, Belgrade Youth Centre

01 **PROTECTING CIVIC FREEDOMS - OUR STORIES OF RESILIENCE**

The anti-NGO law in Hungary, the Law on Freedom of Association in NGOs in Kosovo, SLAPPs in France, new “uncivil society organizations” rising in Serbia, Poland and elsewhere... All these phenomena contribute to a shrinking civic space. However, by limiting the freedoms and spaces, governments face a growing resistance in Europe. The workshop share stories of CSOs actions in times of shrinking civic space in the Balkans and wider Europe. It will tackle how CSOs counteract the negative trends, gauge where actions of resilience come from, and offer joint paths to explore in the future. The aim is to inspire and learn from each other, to reaffirm the collective voice in the joint struggles and to encourage coalition building across regions.

**Partners:**
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- German Marshall Fund
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<td><strong>This workshop will share some of the insights gained through research and consultations and facilitate discussion that will validate findings and contribute to conceptual clarity; highlight the role of diverse local peacebuilders and how they build peace in the face of adversity; and promote critical thinking around civil society roles, responsibilities and challenges to strengthening inclusion in peacebuilding.</strong></td>
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| 03 TRANSFORMING CSO ACCOUNTABILITY: A STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN APPROACH FOR INCREASED TRUST AND IMPACT |
| **This session will explore how an inclusive, dynamic approach to accountability that puts people at the core of decision-making can help CSOs strengthen their legitimacy and impact. The Global Standard for CSO Accountability and its project partners from around the world will provide a starting point to discuss different aspects of accountability, from the basics such as transparency and feedback to more advanced concepts around stakeholder engagement, responsive decision-making, adaptive programming, and innovative partnerships. This session offers something for everyone – from those who are new to the concept to accountability experts, for organisations large and small.** |
| **Accountable Now** |

<p>| 04 UNPACKING CIVIC SPACE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES |
| <strong>Civic space is the bedrock of any democratic society. It’s premised on universally-accepted rules that enable people to organise, participate and communicate with each other freely to influence the political and social structures around them. However, the state of civic space remains contested around the world. There are restrictions in law and policy, and attacks on civil society organisations and the independent media who hold duty bearers to account and give voice to citizens’ concerns. Nevertheless, gains can be made in protecting and expanding civic space. This event will present an overview of global civic space trends with a focus on the Balkans.</strong> |
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<td>(by invitation only) This closed event will bring together more than 100 of the world’s most prominent thinkers, activists, academics and civil society organizations working with the different types of value-based education. The session will allow participants to meet new peers, share ideas and experiences and critically reflect on the role and power of GCE as a tool to mobilize citizens and address pressing global challenges.</td>
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<td>The number of traditional and new media is growing but it doesn’t mean that media pluralism is in place and citizens are accurately, objectively, comprehensively and in a timely fashion informed. Journalists should resist any pressure to curtail the free exercise of the profession, but pressures are so strong and often turn into open attacks on journalists’ lives because of their professional work. Should journalists have to pay such a high price? What is the role of before State in protecting journalists and access to public information?</td>
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<td>As an empowering lifelong education, GCE is not only a tool for civil society organisations to reach out to their target audiences and mobilise citizens in their area of activity. Adjusting the civil society raison d'être in the turbulent times, requires challenging ourselves as activists and enthusiasts – by rethinking our own contexts and the roles we play in our organizations, networks, communities, regions and beyond. We need to not only express and confront ourselves, but also to be one with each other. To dissect our assumptions, critically reflect on them and re-assemble the pieces into a puzzle of a braver new world.</td>
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<td>ICSW delegates are invited to share insights about how the Power of Togetherness in the 21st Century is perceived across regions and generations. During an hour and a half, ICSW\local representatives and Youth Assembly delegates will open a space for the diverse and inspiring delegation of ICSW2019 to exchange examples and cases where coalition building and solidarity has proven to be a mobilizing element in civil society to create a positive change in a community. What have been the key triggers for civil society to organize a collective action? How have different generations collaborated towards a common goal? What does it take to coordinate strategies and work as one community of social justice advocates?</td>
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<td>Civil Rights Defenders will organize an interactive panel discussion with prominent human rights defenders coming from different regions of the world. During the discussion, panelists will share their experiences and discuss the challenges they face daily, working in an increasingly hostile environment. Panelists from different regions (Eurasia, SouthEast Asia, Europe) will present their strategies which they are implementing in their daily operations in order to overcome hostile environment. The discussion will highlight the importance of respecting fundamental and human rights in the context of shrinking civic space as well as the need of forming stronger alliances between different stakeholders around the world.</td>
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<td>Civil society is under severe pressure worldwide. The freedom of association and assembly and the freedom of speech is under attack from governments, business and other undefined actors. How does civil society respond? When we are deprived of our rights and power is consolidated, which counter-measures are at our disposal? In this interactive workshop you will meet civil society organizations from Africa, South-East Asia and Middle East that use different methods for claiming space. In some contexts, in order to regain power it has to be claimed through physical, cultural, online or other forms of space. They will take you through their experiences - both victories and set-backs. You will also have the opportunity to discuss your challenges and hopefully get new ideas of how to regain strength.</td>
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<td><strong>04 PEER NETWORKING: CHANGE CHAMPIONS: RE-THINKING APPROACHES TO STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY</strong></td>
<td>In 2018, INTRAC convened the first ICSW virtual event. Many providers of capacity development for civil society took part in that event. A key point of discussion was the need for new approaches to strengthen local provision of training and organisational development for civil society. Since then debates on shifting power and localisation have gained momentum, and this need is growing. Participants interested in expanding in-country support to strengthen civil society are invited to this participatory brainstorming event. The objective? To form a peer network of values-driven ‘civil society change champions’ that can share learning, good practice and develop ideas.</td>
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<td>The Consortium of the Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund will facilitate an interactive session on overcoming key challenges to conducting advocacy in restrictive environments. CSOs will share how they operate in closed and closing spaces. Partners, including those working at grassroots level and in severely restrictive contexts, will be invited to present detail on how they implement advocacy activities and the lessons that have emerged from their work. These contributions will shape the development of a toolkit to assist CSOs in developing effective and safe strategies to advance their advocacy agenda. This will include presentation of case studies, best practices, secure communication essentials, and a methodology to help CSOs design their own advocacy plans.</td>
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<td>This event features an interactive conversation with local civil society actors about the machine learning aspect of the Illuminating New Solutions and Programmatic Innovations for Resilient Spaces (INSPIRES) project. INSPIRES will create an unprecedented data repository to analyze the drivers of shifts in civic space, combining locally-created and curated data sets with extensive digital data sets and longstanding research.</td>
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<td>Social entrepreneurship and innovation play a major role in promoting and supporting CSO impact. Divac Foundation and Civic Initiatives, with the regional Smart Start project will share experiences of collaboration and work in the region of Western Balkans. The objective of the session is to share ways of how to improve the sustainability and social impact of civil society organisations through start-up financial programmes, the use of socially and environmentally responsible strategies for self-financing, social innovation and models of social entrepreneurship. This event will feature ten Serbian CSOs supported by the Smart Start project who will pitch their ideas for social enterprises and receive feedback from an international mentor panel.</td>
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**WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL**

**STAIRS**

Today’s track will explore the most effective ways to connect and scale—from leveraging technology to engaging new stakeholder groups, to connecting local initiatives to global frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals.

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|           | The morning plenary will explore the most effective ways to connect and scale collective action, focusing on the following key questions:  
*How can we leverage data, technology and online activism for impact?*  
*When and how does it make sense to participate in global frameworks like the SDGs?*  
*Which new stakeholders can we engage to protect and defend civic space?*  
*Which trans-local and intersectional movements are working most effectively and which ways of working can we apply to our contexts?* | Darko Brkan, UG Zasto ne, Bosnia  
Gabriel dos Santos, Children’s education activist, Brazil  
Harpinder Collacott, Development Initiatives, United Kingdom  
Renata Avila, Smart Citizen Foundation, Guatemala  
Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the Status of Human Rights Defenders | Moderated by: Patricia Lerner, Greenpeace International and CIVICUS Board  
SPARK: Anaru Fraser, Hui E! Community Aotearoa, New Zealand |

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<td>PartnersGlobal and CIVICUS have engaged their network partners on the topic of organizational resiliency in the face of closing civic space. The Resiliency+ Framework is the result of this process and is grounded in the realities facing civil society organizations around the world. The Resiliency+ Framework provides a process for CSOs to increase their adaptive capacity to prevent and/or respond to closing civic space based on the emergence/presence of external threats, assessment of internal capacities, and matched with specific strategies tools and tactics that are then organized into a Resiliency+ Roadmap (or intervention plan) and peer mentorship. This session invites CSOs to learn more about the framework and contribute to the ongoing refinement and trust-testing of it by creating the space for feedback, reflections, and sharing of experiences.</td>
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<td>Citizens around the world are prevented from exercising their inherit right and instinctive need to participate in shaping their societies. Organised civil society and individual activists face major backlash from governments when trying to enforce this right. Now more than ever, it is essential that we not only stand in solidarity when threatened but also that we work together. In this workshop, participants will learn about the Civic Charter – The Global Framework for People’s Participation, and how to use this tool to push back against the clampdown on civil society, focusing on their own coalition-building efforts, while also receiving advice from peers and finding new allies to drive forward their work.</td>
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| 03 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT THE CENTER OF ORGANIZATIONAL WORK? LET'S GET PRACTICAL! |
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| Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) have become priority areas across civil society organizations in recent years in order to address exclusionary practices and wider systemic failures. As global commitments and internal programmes have been created to increase civil society accountability, are we doing enough to encourage intersectional inclusion both vertically and horizontally across civil society? This session aims to identify recent innovations surrounding diversity and inclusion and evaluate how we can push further to ensure all programmes are meaningfully inclusive. Through discussion, we aim to identify practical steps we can take to bring D&I theory into practice. |
| CIVICUS Diversity and Inclusion Group |

| 04 HOPE-BASED COMMUNICATIONS: FINDING A NEW NARRATIVE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY |
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| The more we try to counter populist attacks, the more we feed those narratives in the minds of our audience. Advice from framing experts, based on findings from neuroscience, tell us that instead we need to create new ideas, new narratives, of our own. Instead of saying that civil society organizations are not criminal, we need to make people care passionately about civil society, with messages that appeal to emotions as well as to rationality, creating a sense of belonging and optimism. Through an interactive set of exercises, we will develop common value messaging for civil society, including talking points and key words, visual moments and activities that can effect narrative change. |
| VUKA! Coalition for Civic Action |
### 05 PHILANTHROPY FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Civil society around the world is struggling to secure long-term sustainability and constituency support. Their causes are relevant, but are they using the right approaches and language to mobilize citizens and effectively engage them in decision-making processes? What tools can they use to demonstrate transparency and build trust in their communities? How can they build strategic partnerships with businesses and other stakeholders? What other local (re)sources can they tap into, to increase their financial sustainability and become more impactful? How can we add value to the development of local philanthropy and generate lasting support to local communities?

**SIGN (South-East European Indigenous Grantmakers Network)**

### 06 DIGITAL SECURITY AND RAPID RESPONSE FUNDING CLINIC FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS IN NEED, IMPACT HUB BELGRADE

Recognizing the frequent threats facing civil society actors, this ‘clinic’ aims to (1) provide participants the opportunity to learn about implementing digital security processes to store, monitor and protect their information from threats while they undertake their work, and (2) share information on different rapid response funding mechanisms available to civil society actors and provide in-depth information on the application process. Bringing together multiple experts in these two spheres, the session will include opportunity for participants to have their questions answered and receive in-depth support.

**Lifeline Consortium**

### 13:00-15:00

**LUNCH, BELGRADE YOUTH CENTRE**

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**ICSW Local presentations, Belgrade Youth Centre**

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**Interactive Sessions, Belgrade Youth Centre**
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<td>Cette session a pour but d’explorer en groupe les meilleures pratiques de reddition des comptes par les preneurs de décision aux citoyens. Comment instaurer des systèmes où le gouvernement a pour gage d’être transparent quant à ses actions et résultats? PJUD stimulera les échanges en présentant la façon dont il favorise les discussions entre citoyens des zones rurales et preneurs de décision locaux au Benin, notamment à travers leur radio communautaire.</td>
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<td>The purpose of this session is to explore as a group the best practices of accountability by decision-makers to citizens. What kind of systems can we put in place so that governments be transparent about their actions and results? PJUD will kick off the exchange by presenting how it promotes discussions between citizens in rural areas and local decision-makers in Benin, through their community radio particularly.</td>
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<td><strong>1.2 DramaNass (Nass means people in Arabic language): Theater for youth active citizenship</strong></td>
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<td>This interactive session will look at accompanying participants to explore a new theater methodology called Youth-Quake. It encourages active citizenship among children and youth and prevents young people from marginalization. Participants will go through a simulated exercise of what the use of drama and theater can do to achieve the following sub-objectives: Improve the communication skills among their targeted groups Motivate their target groups to address and work together on a social, political or economic issue Empower young people and youth to know and claim their rights Sensitize local and international communities to the main challenges of our globe.</td>
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<td>This session will kick start with sharing about the case of Cooperation Committee for Cambodia's membership platform which will cover key services and platforms for CSO effectiveness, along with some key challenges and lessons learnt. Then small group discussions will follow and conclusions will be shared as a whole group. Therefore, all participants will be able to get new learnings and food for thoughts from all experiences and might come with innovative approaches for better coordination and effectiveness of the member services in respected countries.</td>
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<th>1.4 Transforming the United Nations in the 21st Century</th>
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<td>The UN's 75th anniversary in 2020 must be the starting point of a global governance transformation. This session will discuss how we may promote national, regional and global consultations across all sectors, to provide essential inputs from civil society for a system-wide stocktaking, strengthening and renewal of the UN in 2020 and beyond.</td>
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<td>Interactive session exploring how young activists can tap into collaborative networks, build powerful alliances and achieve the impact the world needs. In the face of shared challenges and growing complexity, people are innovating on how we come together to explore the answers. It is now easier than ever for people to collaborate, take collective action and inject new ideas, formations and energy into civil society. Participants will share and co-create how to support 21st century activism, building on the ideas of ten young social activists and movement builders. The future of activism is here, and civil society must innovate and adapt!</td>
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<td>The CIVICUS Monitor has documented increasing levels of human rights violations and restrictions on civil society: recent findings show that civil society is under serious attack in 111 countries—almost six in 10 countries worldwide. However, in recent years, political transitions have taken place that have led to restrictions being lifted in countries that were previously closed to civil society participation. This aim of the session is to focus on the actions that lead to positive changes in civic space and the role of civil society in making such changes sustainable.</td>
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| 04 POP YOUR BUBBLE: HOW TO SPEAK WITH PEOPLE YOU DON’T KNOW, LIKE OR AGREE WITH |
| SPEAK! |
| In many ways our world has never been more connected. And yet, we seem increasingly divided: by identity, ideology, fear, and those seeking to turn us against each other. The challenges we face will not be overcome if we simply speak to those we know, like and agree with; we need to learn how to speak with those we don’t. Civil society can help lead the way, but many of us are stuck in our own ‘bubbles’. So, let’s change that! Inspired by CIVICUS’ global SPEAK! campaign, this highly interactive session will engage attendees in three methodologies for bridging division and building connection, then reflect on how they might be applied in different countries and communities. |

| 05 RESILIENT ROOTS: HOW TO MAKE YOUR ORGANISATION MORE ACCOUNTABLE (AND RESILIENT?) |
| Resilient Roots CIVICUS Keystone Accountability Accountable Now Instituto de Comunicación y Desarrollo |
| This event will demonstrate the benefits of CSOs boosting accountability to their primary constituents – which includes greater legitimacy, relevance and effectiveness. It will then enable all participants to start planning how this could be achieved at their own organisations, and explore how this may also contribute to increasing their resilience in the face of closing civic space. To do this, participants will work in groups with organisations from the 14 Resilient Roots pilot countries, building upon their experiences of implementing new approaches to primary constituent accountability to identify the capacities, challenges and opportunities for doing so in their own contexts. |

| 19:30 | **RIVER PARTY** |
| | Inspired by the beautiful riverside in Belgrade, ICSW delegates will get the chance to experience unique festive atmosphere at the river rafts, introducing regional music sets and performances. The event will be co-organized by the organizers of Mirdita, Dobar dan cultural festival. |
### Morning Plenary, Belgrade Youth Centre

This session will explore what we can learn from current civic movements and how we can ensure citizens are at the center of driving change. It will focus on the following key questions:

*How do you define and build a successful movement?*

*How can we make sure civil society organizations are connected to, driven by, and accountable to citizens’ concerns?*

*What are the emerging best practices for translating civic movements into sustainable constituencies? When should civic movements be designed to expand and when to ‘work themselves out of a job’?*

*What is the role of the media, what position should it take, and what stories must civil society tell to better engage citizens and stakeholders?*

- **Abraham M. Keita**, Give Hope to Children Foundation, Liberia
- **Ana Babovic**, Leading Change Network, Serbia
- **Besa Luci**, Kosovo 2.0, Kosovo
- **Diana Vegas Castro**, Sinergia, Venezuela
- **Srdja Popovic**, Center for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies, Serbia
- **Wiem Chamsi**, Activist, Tunisia

*Moderated by*: Maja Stojanovic, Civic Initiatives, Serbia

**SPARK**: Caroline Vernaillen, Democracy International, Germany

### Concurrent Events, Belgrade Youth Centre

#### 01 CIVIL MOVEMENTS AS CORRECTORS OF SOCIETY

To see us, and to hear us, is the motto used by millions of citizens all around the world. People are filling up the streets of their cities demanding justice, better living conditions, more democracy and human rights for all. They’re protesting injustice, violence or climate change. At this session, we will have the opportunity to hear inspiring leaders of the civil movements who will share how they are making the change we want to see in the world. From mass street protests and guerilla action, to the dilemmas of entering the electoral political arena, do citizens really have the power to change the world? Yes, we do!

- **Don’t let Belgrade d(r)own**
02 COLLECTIVE ACTION TO END CHILD MARRIAGE

Based on the experience of Girls Not Brides partnerships in Africa and Asia, this session will look at some of the critical success factors for working in partnership. The session will zoom in on the different stages of partnership building, and explore some of the tools and methodologies developed by Girls Not Brides. Moreover, we will hear from different Girls Not Brides members how collective action has enabled them drive change in their country.

Girls not Brides

03 LOCAL RESOURCE MOBILIZATION – A PASSING CONCEPT OR AN EMERGING SHIFT IN FUNDING PATTERNS?

The workshop will be an exploration into experiences with mobilizing local community support for addressing local challenges – based on examples from Ghana and Kenya. Are experiences pointing to a passing development hype or is there a potential for improved sustainable community-led development? How can these new ways of organizing support and mobilizing resources pave ways for a change in the sustainability patterns and power dynamics in development work?

CISU, West Africa Civil Society Institute
Kenya Community Development Foundation

04 TRUST-BASED SUPPORT FOR CSOS

Sida is among the few donors that provide long-term Core Support to Kosovar CSOs, and KCSF is its first and biggest beneficiary. This relationship is based on trust – trust that the recipient organization knows best what is needed to fulfill its mission, trust that the recipient organization is best positioned to lead its strategic thinking and reflection, trust in the benefit of long-term partnerships, etc. This trust has enabled KCSF to express its potential, without feeling pressure to satisfy donor requirements only for the sake of continuation of support. This session makes the case for a trust-based approach for well-established organizations ready to embark on longer term partnerships.

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<td><strong>05 REACHING OUT AND ENGAGING CITIZENS</strong></td>
<td>Alan Clayton and Associates Civic Initiatives</td>
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<td>Communication and storytelling play a major role in engaging citizens and reaching out to a global audience. This workshop will focus on learning key communication concepts and understanding how emotional communication works, exploring what defines organisations with the biggest impact on their surroundings, and understanding the impact of storytelling on an organisation's DNA. Join us in creating a space of inspiration, focus and motivation.</td>
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<td><strong>06 CIVIC ACTIVISM AND THE ARMENIAN VELVET REVOLUTION: THE POWER OF YOUTH, WOMEN AND DIASPORA AS AGENTS FOR CHANGE</strong></td>
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<td>Speakers will present the role of Armenian Youth, Women and Diaspora during the Velvet Revolution that took place in April-May 2018 as a result of which the ruling party was toppled and new political forces took over the power, in particular - representatives of opposition political parties, civil society and non-formal civic activists. During the entire revolution process - Youth, Women and Armenian Diaspora all over the world played a crucial role, becoming a moving force, inspiring all members of the Armenian society. Through their actions, the Armenian society regained hope, optimism and trust towards the future of the country.</td>
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<td><strong>FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND ASSEMBLY IN IRAN: A CALL FOR ACTION (ATRIUM)</strong></td>
<td>Volunteer Activists CIVICUS</td>
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<td>A session to elaborate on the dire situation of civil society in Iran, and launch of a joint call for action</td>
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<td><strong>CLOSING ACTION: #FREEDOMRUNNER</strong></td>
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<td>Participants are invited to a closing action that literally takes delegates out onto the streets of Belgrade for a run/walk that will be a physical manifestation of the event theme “the power of togetherness”. By crossing a bridge, walking on the streets and moving on stairs, participants will discover a different side of Belgrade and take part in the launch of a global campaign #FreedomRunner.</td>
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FRIDAY
12 APRIL

REGIONAL WRAP-UP

REGIONAL WRAP-UP: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
BELGRADE YOUTH CENTRE
10:00 - 12:00

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