

Forum Ruchu Europejskiego, European Movement International, Evolution Institute, Concilium Civitas,
and Collegium Civitas – Department of New Media and Journalism

**Democracy Bottom-Up.
Building a Dialogue between Civil Society and Politicians
Warsaw summit**

2 June 2023

Place: Collegium Civitas, Palace of Culture and Science, 12 floor

PROGRAMME

9.30 Opening of the conference

Marcin Świącicki - President of the European Movement Poland

Petros Fassoulas - Secretary General of the European Movement International

9.35 Panel 1. The role of CSOs and citizens in strengthening and protecting democratic processes: experiences from Europe and the US

Chair: Nina Witoszek, professor, Oslo University

9.35 – 9.50 David Van Reybrouck

David Van Reybrouck is a pioneering advocate of participatory democracy. He founded the G1000 Citizens' Summit, and his work has led to trials in participatory democracy throughout the Netherlands, Belgium and France. He is also one of the most highly regarded literary and political writers of his generation and the author of *Congo: The Epic History of a People*, which won 19 prizes and has been translated into a dozen languages.

9.50 – 10.05 Sarah Monaghan

Sarah Monaghan is a widely known spokesperson and head of communications for the "Together for Yes Campaign" in the referendum that led to the legalization of abortion in Ireland in 2018. Sarah was responsible for the successful mobilization of villages and towns across Ireland, creating regional groups and collaborative cells. Currently, she is the manager of the so-called "Consent project", which continues to work on protecting the rights of raped and molested women.

10.05 – 10:20 Jerry Lieberman, Evolution Institute, US

Jerry Lieberman is the co-founder and secretary/treasurer of the international Evolution Institute in the US. He is the initiator of the 'quality of life' project and organizer of numerous educational and research initiatives to strengthen democratization processes in the US and Europe.

10:20 - 10:35 Erik Solheim

Erik Solheim is the former Norwegian Minister of International Development and Minister of the Environment (2005-2012) in the coalition government formed by the Labour Party, Norwegian Center Party and the Socialist Left Party. He also served as Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (2016 to 2018).

10:35 – 10:45 Coffee break

10.45 -12.00 Conversation with panelists, questions and comments from the audience

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

Panel 2. Democratic innovations in Poland: Creating a codex of good practices

Chair: Karolina Lewicka, journalist

13.00 - 13.10 Bartłomiej Nowotarski

Constitutionalist lawyer. He specializes in the processes of democratization of countries, with particular emphasis on the opportunities of Muslim countries. He is a member of the German Marshall Fund and co-founder of the Polish Institute for Islamic Studies and the Civic Knowledge Association. Project co-author: The Small Constitution (1992) and the electoral law for both chambers of the Polish parliament, which is still in force. He also worked on laws on political parties and their financing. He was the chairman of the Political Council of the Democratic Party.

13.10 – 13.20 Radosław Markowski

Radoslaw Markowski - professor of political science, Center for the Study of Democracy, at SWPS UNiversity & Polish Academy of Sciences. Research interests: comparative politics, democracy, democratization, electoral behavior. Visiting professor: at Duke, Wisconsin-Madison, Rutgers and CEU Budapest. Winner of the Am. Political Science Ass. (APSA) prize in 2000 and sociological Stefan Nowak prize in 2007.

13.20- 13.30 Kuba Wygnański

Sociologist, civil society researcher, scholarship holder at Yale University. In the past, an activist of the Solidarity movement. Co-founder of the Civic Fund. Currently, the President of the Shipyard Foundation, which, among many completed participatory processes (including consultations, meetings and civic hearings), last year organized the first nationwide civic panel in the country.

13.30 – 13.40 Hubert Tadych - EDYN: European Democracy Youth Network

Hubert Tadych is a representative of the Polish branch of the European Democracy Youth Network, where he is responsible for external relations in the rank of Partnership Officer. He cooperates with the Campus Poland Foundation, with which he coordinates a number of international projects. He was vice-president of the European Democrat Students and an expert of the European Youth Forum. Professionally a lawyer and advocate trainee. He worked in the European Parliament and in the European Committee of the Regions. A graduate of the MBA program in the field of energy and climate. Participant of the Office for International Leadership programs of the US Congress, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the School of Political Leaders.

13.40 – 13.50 Coffee break

13.50 – 15.00 Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience, including from Róża Rzeplińska, portal “Mam Prawo Wiedzieć”

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break

Panel 3. Ways forward: How to forge a pro-democracy coalition between political parties and CSOs ?

What is the EU's role in reclaiming social dialogue and the rule of law in Poland?

Chair: Jacek Żakowski , journalist, academic teacher, head of the Collegium Civitas Journalism Department

15.15 – 17. 30 Round table discussion between politicians and representatives of civil society

Participants:

Karolina Dreszer-Smalec (President of the National Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations - OFOP),

Paulina Kieszkowska (Free Courts Foundation),

Jakub Kocjan (Action Democracy, activist),

Jakub Karyś (CODE Leader),

Adam Bodnar (Lawyer, Doctor of Laws, Dean of the Faculty of Law at SWPS University, f. Polish Ombudsman for Citizen Rights from 2015 until July 2021)

Rafał Trzaskowski (Mayor of Warsaw, politician, vice-President of the Civic Coalition,)

Michał Kobosko (Polish press journalist and political activist, The First vice-chairman of "Polska 2050")

Adrian Zandberg (Politician, doctor of humanities. Leader of the "Razem" ("To-gether")party, Member of the Sejm of the 9th term)

17.30 – 18.00 Concluding remarks/ Closing of the conference – Marcin Świącicki

18:00 – 19:00 Reception