“EU-RUSSIA LEGAL DIALOGUE: DESIGNING A ROAD MAP FOR THE CIVIL SOCIETY”
CONFERENCE

Berlin, June 15, 2015

09:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Opening notes
Stefan Melle, German-Russian Exchange/ DRA, Berlin
Barbara Quick, MFA, Berlin

10:15 – 11:45 Session 1 (panel discussion):
“Civilian oversight, citizens’ watch, social control? Finding common language, comparing the concepts...”

- Elena Shakhova, Citizens Watch, St. Petersburg
- Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć, Citizens Network Watchdog, Warsaw

Moderator: Olga Salomatova, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw

11:45 – 12:15 Coffee break

12:15 – 14:00 Session 2 (panel discussion):
“Challenges of NGO work in our countries: Working conditions vs. Working restrictions?”

- Russia: “Politicization” and Marginalisation of Civic Activism
  Sergey Golubok, Chamber of Lawyers, Saint Petersburg
  Maria Kanevskaya, Human Rights Resource Centre, Saint Petersburg

- Hungary: Crackdown on Independent NGOs
  Balázs Tóth, Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Budapest

- Spain: Curtailing Freedom of Assembly and Association
  Montse Fernández, Observatorio del Tercer Sector, Barcelona

- Germany: A Paradise for NGOs?
  Tobias Münchmeyer, Greenpeace, Berlin

Moderator: Barbara von Ow-Freytag, EU-Russia CSF/ Prague Civil Society Center, Prague
14:00 – 15:00  Lunch

15:00 – 16:20  Session 3 (group discussions):

“Legal Dialogue and Practices of Civilian Oversight”

A. Lobbying and Advocacy
B. Environmental rights
C. Gender Issues
D. Social Rights and Welfare System
E. Restricted Access institutions

16:20 – 16:40  Coffee break

16:40 – 17:00  “Civilian Oversight: Good and Bad Practices”
Concluding notes

17:00 – 18:00  Session 4 (panel discussion):

“Ways and fields of cooperation with the legal community”

- Peter Franck, Amnesty International Germany, Berlin
- Jennifer Gaspar, CEELI Institute, Prague
- Olga Gnezdilova, Russian Justice Initiative, Voronezh/Berlin
- Sergey Golubok, Chamber of Lawyers, Saint Petersburg

Moderator: Anna Sevortian, EU-Russia CSF, Berlin

19:00  Dinner

Venue:
Seepark Kurhotel am Wandlitzsee
Kirchstraße 10, Wandlitz

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