



MAJALAT - Brussels Civil Society Forum 2-3 December 2019

PRESENTATION & FULL AGENDA

Welcome to the second edition of the MAJALAT Brussels Civil Society Forum!

What is MAJALAT?

In Arabic, the word Majalat means "spaces, opportunities, fields and domains". This initiative aims to create spaces for constructive dialogue between the European Union (EU) and civil society organisations (CSOs), trade unions, social movements and academics from both sides of the Mediterranean, with the aim of influencing the vision and policies related to the region.

Majalat is a regional initiative supported by the European Commission (DG NEAR). The consortium that manages the project is composed of six regional networks of civil society: EuroMed Rights, the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), the Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC), the REF - Euromed France Network, le Forum des alternatives Maroc (FMAS) and SOLIDAR.

Another Civil Society Forum?

This unique initiative aims to create a permanent exchange between the EU and the civil society organisations of the Southern Mediterranean countries, taking into account the previous dialogues led by the EU. The Brussels Civil Society Forum is the culmination of a full cycle of activities with thematic workshops, national workshops, a workshop for young people; and the South seminar.

What is on the menu?

This year, five specific themes will be discussed with EU high level representatives and officials. Gender, youth and non-discrimination issues will also be integrated in the discussions as cross-cutting themes.

- Good governance and the rule of law
- Security and countering violence
- Migration
- Economic development and social dialogue
- Climate and social justice

The purpose of this second Brussels Civil Society Forum is to deepen the recommendations identified during the 2019 event cycle and to discuss implementation tracks and collaboration between CSOs and the EU.

I do not attend ... How can I follow the debates?

To establish a community among CSOs in the region, a digital platform has been developed at www.majalat.org. Forum conclusions, working papers and discussion papers will be available on that platform. You can also follow the discussion on Twitter via our dedicated hashtag #MajalatForum19. You can follow the live streaming here: <https://live.eesc.europa.eu/play/?id=13>

MONDAY, 2 December 2019

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 Opening session</p> <p>Moderation: Ms Hala Qubbaj-Saleh, Programs Director, Arab Campaign for Education for All Welcome speech, Mr Wadih Al-Asmar, EuroMed Rights President Intervention of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (TBC) Intervention of Mr Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) Speech by Ms Dilyana Slavova, President of the External Relations Section, European Economic and Social Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Projection video teaser MAJALAT</p> <p>Presentation of the Majalat initiative, the Forum agenda and expected results by Mr Yon Janssen, MAJALAT Project Director Presentation of the Majalat digital platform by Ms Natacha David, MAJALAT Communication Coordinator, Arab Trade Union Confederation</p>
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 “ Reality and dialogue of civil societies and social movements on both sides of the Mediterranean “</p> <p>Moderation: Ms Lilia Rebai, Director of Dialogue with Civil Society, EuroMed Rights Mr Messaoud Romdhani, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) Mr Conny Reuter, Secretary General, SOLIDAR Mr Nizar Hassan, Lebanese Activist and Researcher on Social Movements Ms Nathalie Mehdi, Program Officer, Euromed France Network Mr Ahmed Berkia, Disabled Peoples’ International Ms Touriya Lahrech, Arab Trade Union Confederation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exchange with participants</p> <p>OBJECTIVE The purpose of this session is to describe the political panorama of civil societies on both sides of the Mediterranean, including social movements and trade unions, in order to diagnose the main challenges and problems encountered, particularly the inclusion of young people, women and people with disabilities.</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break + Group photo
14:00 - 15:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 The 5 themes of MAJALAT in the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 (Governance, Security, Migration, Climate Justice, Economic and Social Development): analysis of the civil society and the implications for the Southern neighbourhood</p> <p>Moderation: Ms Cecilia Gondard, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, EURODAD Ms Armelle Lidou, Head of Unit A.5. Multiannual Financial Framework, Programming and Evaluation, DG NEAR Ms Zuzanna Sladkova, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, CONCORD Ms Zahra Bazzi, Programs Manager, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exchange with participants</p> <p>OBJECTIVE The purpose of this session is to identify the respective space for each of Majalat’s 5 themes in the future EU financial programming.</p>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 Summary of recommendations from the 5 MAJALAT themes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderation: Ms Serena Abi Khalil, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) Mr Sergio Bassoli, SOLIDAR Mr Marc Schade-Poulsen, Consultant and Researcher, Roskilde University Mr Robin Madoré, Youth Programs Officer, Euromed France Network (REF)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exchange with participants</p> <p>OBJECTIVE The purpose of the session is to prepare the work of the thematic workshops of the following day, by providing the content of each theme and the "entry points" of civil society recommendations into European policies.</p>
17:45 - 18:15	Departure and walk / transport to BIP Brussels (House of the Region), Rue Royale 2-4, 1000 Brussels
18:30 - 21:30	Cultural event and cocktail party

TUESDAY, 3 December 2019

5 Parallel discussion groups					
The purpose of the sessions is to discuss / validate the recommendations and "entry points" identified the day before for each thematic priority					
09:00 - 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 62 Governance</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderation: Ms. Lilia Rebai, EuroMed Rights</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 61 Security</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderation: Mr. Michel Tubiana, Ligue des droits de l'Homme (LDH)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 63 Migration</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderation: Mr. Rami Salhi, EuroMed Rights</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 60 Climate Justice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderation: Mr. Ayman Rabi, Palestinian Hydrologic Group (PHG)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room TRE 7701 Economic and social development</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderation: Ms. Serena Abi Khalil (ANND)</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break				
The purpose of the session is to identify potential implementation tracks for the 5 themes and collaboration paths between CSOs and the EU.					
11:00 - 12:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 62 Governance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 61 Security</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 63 Migration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room JDE 60 Climate justice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room TRE 7701 Economic and social development</p>
12:15 - 13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 Presentation of subgranting initiatives funded by MAJALAT and their contribution to structured dialogue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms Isabel Fajardo Lopez, International Cooperation Officer, SOLIDAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exchange with participants</p> <p>OBJECTIVE Forum participants are aware of third-party funding initiatives in the MAJALAT framework.</p>				
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch break				

14:30 - 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 Presentation of conclusions by parallel discussion group Moderation: Mr Michel Tubiana, French Human Rights League (LDH) Governance - Rapporteur: Ms Marwa Fatafta, Transparency International (TI) Security - Rapporteur: Mr Xavier Guignard, Noria Migration - Rapporteur: Ms Sara Soujar, Groupe antiraciste d'accompagnement et de défense des étrangers et migrants (GADEM) Climate Justice - Rapporteur: Ms Essia Guezzi, Climate Action Network (CAN) Economic and Social Development- Rapporteur: Mr Adib Nehme, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) European Commission - Ms Henrike Trautmann, Head of Unit B.2., Regional Programs Neighborhood South, DG NEAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exchange with participants</p>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 « How to strengthen the structured dialogue, ensure effective monitoring of joint commitments and sustain the process started »</p> <p>Moderation: Ms Catherine Sophie Dimitroulias, President of the Association of Women of Southern Europe and delegate to the Council of Europe Ms. Giovanna Tanzarella, Vice-President of Euromed France Network (REF) Mr. Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) Mr. Mustapha Tlili, Secretary General, Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC) Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) Ms. Rosamaria Gili, Head of Unit MENA.3 EEAS</p> <p>OBJECTIVE Set the future framework for dialogue for the years to come.</p>
17:15 - 17:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Room JDE 62 Closing speech</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Kamal Lahbib, Forum des alternatives Maroc (FMAS) Mr Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)</p>

VENUE

European Economic and Social Committee
Rue Belliard 99-101
B-1040 Brussels

Note : on 3 December, from 9.00 to 12.15, the parallel discussion group "Economic and Social Development" will be held in another building of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), room TRE 7701 (7th floor), 74 Rue de Trèves, 1000 Brussels. This building is within walking distance of Belliard Building 99-101.

All facilities are accessible to disabled participants.



INTERPRETATION

Interpretation is available in Arabic / English / French for all sessions.

CULTURAL EVENT

Monday 2 December, BIP Brussels - House of the Region, Rue Royale 2-4, 1000 Brussels, from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Participants are invited to attend a cultural event / cocktail party organised at the House of the Region - BIP Brussels.

At 17:45, the participants will leave the venue of the Forum to go to the House of the Region - BIP Brussels (20 minutes-walk). Bus transportation will be organised.

They will be able to attend the award ceremony of the video contest launched by MAJALAT, as well as a live painting activity on the project logo.

Afterwards, Kameleon will perform in concert - Kameleon is an artistic project born from the friendship of different musicians belonging to different cultures and coming from different countries.

