

Invitation to provide written contributions to the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum will gather in Brussels on 16-17 November 2009, uniting for the very first time civil society representatives from the countries of the Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), EU Member States, international organizations and networks and third countries. The meeting will be held under patronage of the European Commission, the EU Presidency and the European Economic and Social Committee.

The Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Civil Society Forum (CSF), chaired by the European Commission, met in Brussels on 23 September 2009 and selected 220 CSO organizations to participate in November's Forum. More information on selection can be found under: [Selected Civil Society Organisations](#)

Due to the budgetary and organizational constraints the first meeting of the Forum in Brussels will be **by invitations only**.

In accordance with a Steering Committee suggestion, the Commission now invites all interested Civil Society Organisations, whether invited for November Forum or not, to provide written contributions to the EaP CSF.

Please follow these guidelines:

1. All contributions should be brief, concrete and concise – 3 pages maximum.
2. Contributions can be structured as following:
 - Recommendations to the Forum itself, regarding its structures, meetings, participation (including ideas on inclusiveness in the activities of the Forum after 16-17.11 meeting);
 - Recommendations on the Eastern Partnership structures;
 - Recommendations regarding policy areas covered by the Eastern Partnership, i.e. democracy, good governance and stability, economic integration and convergence with EU policies; energy security; people to people contacts;
 - Any other recommendations.

These **written contributions (in English or Russian) should be sent to the functional mailbox: RELEX-D1-EAP-CIVIL-SOCIETY@ec.europa.eu before the deadline of November the 1st.**

Please state clearly whether you agree to have your contribution, including the identification of the organization submitting the contribution, made public.

The Commission intends to publish all bona fide contributions on the webpage of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum and transmit them to the participants of the Forum before the meeting.