# Eastern Partnership Youth Conference "Youth4Environment"

<u>Agenda</u>

**Date:** 24-26 September 2020

**Format:** online event

**Day 1: September 24**

| Day | Time | Session |
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|  | 9:45-10:00 | Technical connection |
| 24.09 | 10:00-10:30 CET | **Opening**<br><br>Introduction by **Zaur Akbar**, Working Group 4 Coordinator, EaP CSF<br><br>Welcome address<br>• **Michael Roth**, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office<br>• **Lawrence Meredith**, Director, Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission<br>• **Michael Meier,** Head of the Division "International Dialogue", Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung<br><br>Event Moderators: **Ana Indoitu**, Working Group 4, EaP CSF and **Artiom Radu**, Young European Ambassador, EU Neighbours East |
|  | 10:30-10:45 | **Belarus in the spotlight**<br>The political crisis in Belarus might send repercussions to the whole EaP region and the EU. **Irina Sukhy, Ecohome** will tell us what is happening with Belarusian society and what the environmental civil society organisations are busy with. |
| 24.09 | 10:45-11:00 | **Kick-off session**<br><br>Event Moderators: **Ana Indoitu**, Working Group 4, EaP CSF and **Artiom Radu**, Young European Ambassador, EU Neighbours East |
| 24.09 | 11:00-11:15 | **Virtual Coffee Break** |

| 24.09 | 11:15-12:30 | **Panel Discussion: Make-or-break time for the Eastern Partnership - Reducing climate footprint effectively** |
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| | | Human activities are among the main causes of increasing global temperatures, warming of the oceans, dramatic weather fluctuations – all of which are leading to a general change of the Earth's climate. The Paris Climate Pact (2015) was an important step towards the climate-neutral planet, yet several political, industrial and societal challenges need to be overcome in order to reduce the climate footprint in the EU's eastern neighbourhood. Moreover, the economic recovery from the curent pandemic must not come at the expense of our environmental goals. How alive is the Green Agenda, especially in the time of COVID-19? How can young people contribute to a sustainable recovery and a reduction in the climate footprint? |
| | | Speakers:<br>• **Irina Ghaplanyan**, Deputy Minister of Environment of Armenia<br>• **Maia Javakhishvili,** Deputy Head, Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment and Agriculture of Georgia<br>• **Ecaterina Melnicenco,** EcoContact, Moldova |
| | | Q&A session |
| | | Moderator: **Ina Coseru**, Working Group 3 (Environment, climate change and energy security) Coordinator, EaP CSF |
| 24.09 | 12:30-13:30 | **Lunch break concert played by Via Dacă (Moldova)** |
| 24.09 | 13:30-15:30 | **Parallel capacity building workshops**<br>• Workshop 1: "How to Simply Communicate Green Agenda Outside of Your Bubble" by **Tatiana Shauro**, Climate Action Network<br>• Workshop 2: "Green mentality for green life" by **Nathalie Niekisch,** Wandelwerk e.V. |
| 24.09 | 15:00-16:30 | **EaP CSF Green Ideathon – finding your project idea**<br><br>The EaP CSF Green Ideathon aims to generate solutions to environmental problems in educational systems and develop small-scale projects.<br><br>Facilitator: **Maria Davydchyk**, Smart Learning Academy |

**Day 2: September 25**

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| 25.09 | 9:00-9:30 CET | **Meet and Greet** |

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| | | Video Address by **Michael Kretschmer**, Minister-President of the German Federal State of Saxony |
| | | Video Address by **Sintija Bernava**, Working Group 4 coordinator, EaP CSF |
| | | Welcoming words: |
| | | <ul><li>**Yvon Slingenberg,** Director, International, Mainstreaming and Policy Coordination, DG Climate Action, European Commission</li></ul> |
| | | Event Moderators: **Ana Indoitu**, Working Group 4, EaP CSF and **Artiom Radu**, Young European Ambassador, EU Neighbours East |
| 25.09 | 9:30-10:45 | **Panel Discussion:  The European Green Deal – what future for EaP Youth?** |
| | | Climate actions can be pathways for young people to galvanise national and local agendas for changing behaviours and policies, and to ensure sustainable development of the Eastern Partnership region. Thus, young people want to be part of the public dialogue on the environment, expressing a vivid motivation to eliminate pollution, and enhance the level of clean energy and sustainable mobility – all to transform the impact of economics and damaging social behaviour patterns on the environment. What is the role of the European Green Deal for EaP and Russia? How can young people contribute to the dialogue with their authorities? How can the European Green Deal be implemented in the eastern neighbourhood, while ensuring the vision of young people? |
| | | Speakers: |
| | | <ul><li>**Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth**, Special Representative for the Eastern Partnership, German Foreign Office</li><li>**Iryna Stavchuk**, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Ukraine</li><li>**Olha Boiko,** Climate Action Network, Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia</li><li>**Linus Steinmetz**, Climate activist, FridaysForFuture</li></ul> |
| | | Q&A session |
| | | Moderator: **Anahit Ispiryan**, EaP CSF |
| 25.09 | 10:45-11:00 | **Virtual Coffee Break** |
| 25.09 | 11:00 - 12:30 | **Virtual Café** |
| | | The aim of this session is to discuss the current state of play in selected areas with experts in thematic groups (energy, pollution and mobility). This session will help participants to understand the current challenges in the respective areas as well as to learn what is already in place to solve the existing shortcomings. This session will build the ground for young people to elaborate further policy recommendations. |
| | | Introductory remarks: |
| | | <ul><li>**Ina Coseru**, Working Group 3 (Environment, climate change and energy security) Coordinator, EaP CSF</li></ul> |

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| | | | • **Ana Indoitu**, Working Group 4 (People-to-People contacts) member, EaP CSF<br><br>**Session 1: Clean Energy Package for European Green Deal**<br><br>This thematic session will focus on the future of renewable energy as part of the European Green Deal. It will focus on current policies, its shortcomings and potential actions and steps that need to be introduced in the EaP countries, giving a special attention to youth vision.<br><br>Expert: **Olena Pavlenko**, Dixi group Ukraine<br><br>Facilitator: Ana Otilia Nutu, EaP CSF<br><br>**Session 2: Environment**<br><br>The thematic session will focus on the major priorities and challenges of the current situation and policies in the environmental sector in the EaP countries. The contribution of the EU4Environment Regional Action to promote a greener and circular economy as part of European Green Deal will be presented. Potential actions and opportunities for youth participation and involvement will be addressed together with the group.<br><br>Expert: **Andrei Isac**, National Action Coordinator, EU4Environment, Republic of Moldova<br><br>Facilitator: Ecaterina Melnicenco, EcoContact, Moldova<br><br>**Session 3: Alternative Mobility**<br><br>The transport sector in the EaP countries is still experiencing unsustainable growth. The EaP countries governments should give more institutional support and tax incentives for electric, hybrid vehicles and non-motorised transport development and increase market penetration green transport modes. This thematic session will dwell more into the current needs of the mobility sector in light of the societal changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.<br><br>Expert: **Gela Kvashilava**, Expert on transport and road safety<br><br>Facilitator: Eka Laliashvili, EaP CSF |
| 25.09 | 12:30 – 14:00 | | **Lunch break** |
| 25.09 | 14:00 - 15:00 | | **"Big Fish" session**<br><br>A "Big Fish" session is an online public discussion with the EU stakeholders, which aims to facilitate direct dialogue between the participants of the conference and policy-makers. During this session, participants will have an opportunity to ask their questions to the policy-makers.<br><br>• **Markéta Gregorová,** Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance |

| | | • **Vassilis Maragos,** Head of Unit, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus & Eastern Partnership, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission<br>Moderator: **Ana Indoitu,** Working Group 4, EaP CSF |
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| 25.09 | 14:00-15:30 | **EaP CSF Green Ideathon – work in progress**<br><br>During this session, participants will continue developing their project ideas and transform them into project proposals. The aim of the session is to prepare final proposals, which will be pitched to the Selection Committee on Day 3.<br><br>Facilitator: **Maria Davydchyk**, Smart Learning Academy |
| 25.09 | 15:30 – 16:00 | **Virtual Break** |
| 25.09 | 16:00-16:45 | **Continuation of the EaP CSF Green Ideathon – work in progress**<br><br>Facilitator: **Maria Davydchyk**, Smart Learning Academy |

## Day 3: September 26

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| 26.09 | 10:00-12:00 CET | **EaP CSF Green Ideathon: Pitch your project**<br><br>A pitch is a short presentation/speech, aiming to persuade the audience to select a project. Participants will be given 3 minutes to describe briefly the aim of the project, its main targeted audience, and how the project will contribute to solving environmental issues and help to increase awareness among the population. Moreover, projects will have to show how they are interlinked with educational activities and/or educational curricula.<br><br>Selection Committee:<br>• **Christopher Forst**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Regional Office "Dialogue Eastern Europe"<br>• **Yaroslav Minkin**, Working Group 4, EaP CSF<br>• **Andriy Pavlovych**, Salto Youth<br>• **Ina Coseru**, Environmental expert, EaP CSF |
| 26.09 | 12:00-12:30 | **Break/finalisation of results** |
| 26.09 | 12:30-13:00 | **Announcement of the Winners of the EaP CSF Green Ideathon**<br>• **Christopher Forst**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Regional Office "Dialogue Eastern Europe"<br><br>**Closing remarks** |

| | | Speakers:<br>• **Andriy Pavlovych**, Salto Youth<br>• **Ina Coseru,** EaP CSF Steering Committee co-chair<br><br>Event Moderators: **Ana Indoitu**, Working Group 4, EaP CSF and **Artiom Radu**, Young European Ambassador, EU Neighbours East |
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