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Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing Initiative

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7–9 October 2011

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OUR PROJECT

The Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing project gives European citizens active in the field of education and social inclusion the opportunity to interact among themselves, with policymakers and civil society organizations at the local, national and EU level.

At the local level it pursues a community-based, participatory approach and seeks to involve a diverse array of grassroots education organizations that work towards promoting soft factors for local development (culture, creativity, and innovation of citizens) and fostering local wellbeing through formal and informal education.

By convening citizens of diverse social and professional backgrounds, paying particular attention to the perspectives of disenfranchised groups, the project aims to enable local voices not typically heard to become a part of the Europe 2020 policy discussions around education integration issues, ensuring valuable interaction between EU decision-makers and those directly affected by EU policies.

This project is developed and implemented through the cooperation of 5 civil society education organizations from Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia and Romania. By benchmarking of successful community based grassroots activities that foster local wellbeing, and collecting policy recommendations for the local, regional, national and European Europe 2020 process, we believe that expertise and good practice can be shared across Europe.

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Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to the Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing conference. We look forward to an inspiring few days with lots of lively and thought-provoking discussions and enriching meetings. We have been working with our project partners from Austria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary and the Czech Republic to put together an exciting and focused agenda that brings together experts, visionaries and passionate grassroots leaders who are active in the field of education and social inclusion in five European countries. We hope you will find the event to be interesting, stimulating and informative and look forward to your views and comments on the opportunities of European grassroots civil society.

We have a full agenda during the next three days, so please take a few minutes to read through the information in this packet. It includes our conference program, workshop summaries and other important information.

The plenary and workshop sessions all take place in the meeting rooms situated in Mercure Korona Hotel's A and B wings. As a side-event, we have the opening of a caricature exhibition and reception at Millenáris, a major cultural venue in Budapest on the evening of the first day. We are also pleased to take you to field trips to various Budapest-based civil society organizations on the second and third days of the conference. We will provide more details of all accompanying programs at the opening of the conference.

If you have any logistical questions, please contact Laura Ciszter (telephone: +36-30-326-02-04), Boglárka Fedorkó (telephone: +36-70-421-87-51) or your country team leader.

We look forward to spending this time with you in Budapest. Thank you again for participating in our project and joining the conference.

Greetings,

Laura Ciszter

Boglárka Fedorkó

Hugh McLean

Daniel Pop

Education Support Program
Open Society Foundations



Agenda



Day 1 (7 October 2011)

9:00–10:45 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Location: Plenary room (1st floor, Wing B)

9:00–9:20 **Katalin E. Koncz** | Executive Director, Open Society Foundations, Budapest
Hugh McLean | Director, Education Support Program, Open Society Foundations
Lorenzo Gabrini Bellincampi | European Commission, EACEA

9:20–9:35 **Presentation of the Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing project**
by **Laura Ciszter** and **Boglárka Fedorkó** | Education Support Program,
Open Society Foundations

9:35–10:45 **Presentations by project country teams**

10:45–11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:15–12:30 **Home teams' meeting: getting to know each other, sharing experiences, objectives, motivation**

Location: to be announced

12:30–14:00 **LUNCH**

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Éva Varga | NESST, Non-Profit Enterprise and Self-Sustainability Team

Facilitator of the workshop: **Balázs Kiss** | trainer



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Invited expert: István Szabó | KPMG

Facilitator of the workshop: Ágota Bíró | trainer

14:00–16:30 ► **WELLBEING WORKSHOP:
Contribution of inclusive education and social inclusion projects to the wellbeing of local communities**

Location: room Mátyás (2nd floor, Wing A)

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Facilitator of the workshop: Peter Drál' | trainer

16:30–17:00 **Home teams' meeting—sharing and wrapping up**

Location: to be announced

19:00–20:30 **Vice Versa caricature exhibition and reception**

Location: Millenáris Cultural Center

(Kis Rókus str. 16–20, 2nd district, Budapest)

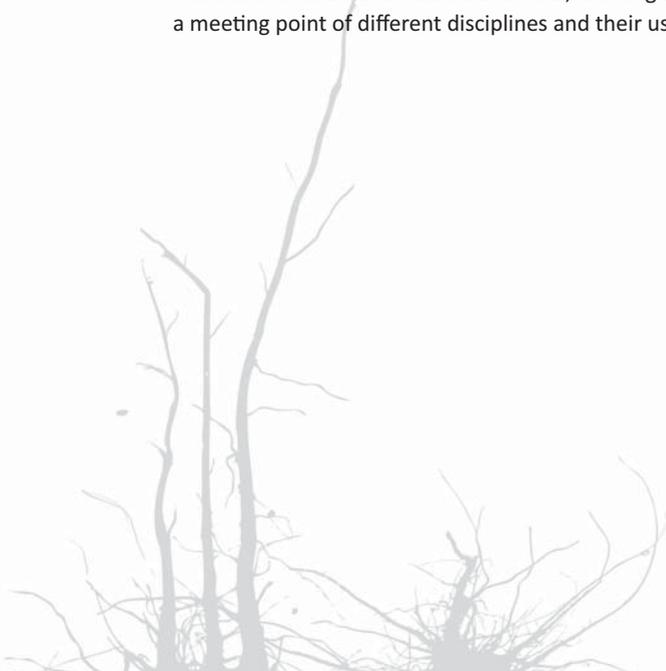
Buses will depart to the venue from the hotel at 18:15 and will return from the venue at 21:00.

We have the pleasure to invite you to the opening of the caricature exhibition of **Mr. Elemér Könczey**, followed by a short reception at the Millenáris Cultural Center.

The exhibition of the artist from Cluj (Romania) includes cartoons and drawings dealing with issues of marginalization, poverty, education of youth and social trends. With the tools of visual communication and humor, the artist highlights and emphasizes those social problems that education and social inclusion grassroots organizations are catering for in their everyday work.

To find out more about the artist, please visit: www.konczy.ro

The Millenáris Cultural Center hosts educational and cultural programs, encouraging interactivity and the practical use of public spaces. Millenáris is a multifunctional area for leisure activities, learning center, community space and a meeting point of different disciplines and their users.





Day 2 (8 October 2011)

9:00–12:30 EXPERT SESSIONS, GRASSROOTS PRESENTATIONS

9:00–9:45 **Innovative projects on the inclusion of Roma and marginalized children (H2O)** (Hungarian grassroots presentation)

Location: room András II. (1st floor, Wing B)

The H2O project supports the integration of marginalized and disadvantaged children and aims to popularize an innovative pedagogical method that is suitable for the children coming from all social groups and helps the cooperative competence of children with diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

Dr. Sándor Kürti | sponsor of the H2O project | Chairman, Kürt Zrt.

Tünde Fatima Rác | project manager of the H2O project

Dr. Emese Nagy | director, IV. Béla Primary School, Hejőkeresztúr

9:00–9:45 **Building Sustainable Communities: Role of grassroots organizations in the consolidation of community resources**

Location: room Lajos I. (1st floor, Wing B)

Developing Schools into Multifunctional Community Centers: Latvian experience

Community based organizations' initiatives as social empowerment for more inclusive communities (Romanian grassroots presentation)

9:00–9:45 **Civic participation and mobilization**

Location: room Zsigmond (1st floor, Wing B)

The panel will discuss the topics of civic participation and mobilization drawing on a Hungarian and an Austrian presenter's experiences.

Wolfgang Schmidt: Who is afraid of participation? Almost everyone ...
(Austrian grassroots presentation)

Gábor Kürti: Critical Mass—A grassroots mobilisation success story

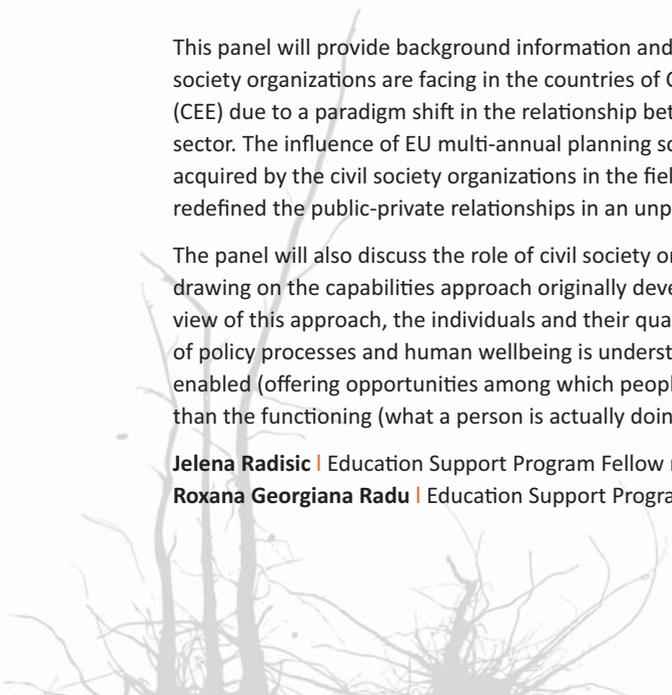
9:00–9:45 **How micro-level assessments of well-being can drive positive change***Location: room Kálmán (1st floor, Wing A)*

The aim of the panel is to show how effective micro-level assessments of well-being are important and can be used to drive change. Examples from the UK will be presented and used as case studies. Will highlight how the evaluation of the well-being impact of the projects funded helps the UK Big Lottery Fund understand needs, develop effective and relevant funding programmes and become a better funder. Secondly, the work of The Children’s Society in researching children’s well-being will show that studying children’s subjective well-being can illuminate the factors that are most important in children’s lives, and this can help guide central and local government policy. Thirdly, the work of Action for Happiness in Schools in pioneering a national movement to promote well-being in schools will be presented. Knowledge of the focus on children’s academic performance in schools, and data showing the positive effects of high well-being on learning, has led to this exciting new UK initiative, which aims to make schools use well-being as a central organizing principle.

Charles Seaford | new economics foundation10:00–10:45 **Educational services delivery at a cross-road: a paradigm shift in state-CSO relationships in Central and Eastern Europe***Location: room András II. (1st floor, Wing B)*

This panel will provide background information and context on the challenges civil society organizations are facing in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) due to a paradigm shift in the relationship between the state and the third sector. The influence of EU multi-annual planning schemes and the new functions acquired by the civil society organizations in the field of service delivery have redefined the public-private relationships in an unprecedented way.

The panel will also discuss the role of civil society organizations in social policy, drawing on the capabilities approach originally developed by Amartya Sen. In view of this approach, the individuals and their quality of life represent the focus of policy processes and human wellbeing is understood in terms of capabilities enabled (offering opportunities among which people are free to choose) rather than the functioning (what a person is actually doing).

Jelena Radisic | Education Support Program Fellow researcher**Roxana Georgiana Radu** | Education Support Program Fellow researcher

10:00–10:45 **Child well-being indicators in the European Union**

Location: room Lajos I. (1st floor, Wing B)

The European Union has always regarded as a primary objective its fight against poverty and social exclusion and is increasingly turning its focus on the issue of child well-being. As a contribution to this process of child mainstreaming through the improvement of monitoring tools in the field, TÁRKI Social Research Institute recently prepared a background paper for the Hungarian EU presidency, which will be presented at this panel. The set of indicators suggested by the report explores main dimensions of child well-being, e.g. income poverty, material deprivation, education, health and risk behaviour.

András Gábos | TÁRKI Social Research Institute

10:00–10:45 **Social enterprise—a strategy for grassroots?**

Location: room Zsigmond (1st floor, Wing B)

A social enterprise is an entrepreneurial activity designed to solve a critical social issue in an innovative way through a business. Its primary objective is to achieve significant social impact in a sustainable manner, while it also aims to strengthen the financial sustainability of the parent organization. But is social enterprise for everybody? What are the benefits of social enterprises? What are its challenges? May social enterprise be a good strategy for grassroots organizations? Such questions will be discussed at the workshop by Laura Tóth and Éva Varga, and also hints and tips will be shared based on NESsT's 15-year-old experience.

NESsT develops sustainable social enterprises that solve critical social problems in emerging market economies. NESsT works with civil society organizations, rural innovators, and mission-driven businesses to develop social enterprises that address the needs of marginalized communities. Through social enterprises, NESsT provides access to fair employment, mainstream and fair trade markets, affordable basic services, universal rights, and socially and environmentally-focused products.

Laura Tóth | NESsT, Non-Profit Enterprise and Self-Sustainability Team

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10:00–10:45 **Austrian grassroots panel**

Location: room Kálmán (1st floor, Wing A)

Two participants of the Austrian activities in the framework of the Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing project will share their best practices.

- Venite: Token for volunteers
- “Zeitbank”

10:45–11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**11:15–12:30 **Hungarian grassroots panel**

Location: room András II. (1st floor, Wing B)

The Hungarian Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing project's participants will provide insights into the Hungarian context and share their best practices.

Hunor Király (Anthropolis) will discuss the development of civil society within the specificities of the Hungarian political, historical and cultural context (as compared to the development of the Czech civil society, for example). Ways forward and possibilities how to overcome the challenges and the deficits in the functioning of the Hungarian civil society will be explored.

Márk Márton (Hungarian Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Nógrád county) will present the history and activities of his organization, and the situation of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in Hungary.

Seghatoleslami Milán is the student mayor of Miskolc, a city in Eastern Hungary. His passion is to mobilize youth and motivate them to spend their free time in meaningful ways. His presentation will give an overview on the activities of Miskolc Student Government.

Idikó Rózsás has extensive experience in civil affairs, community-based projects and programs for youth. In her current position at SZITI Social Association she works on active citizenship, children's and human rights and juvenile crime prevention projects. She will present a recent project of the organization, which aimed at building communications and PR capacities of CSOs to allow them to reach out to wider audiences.

László Kereszturi works for Faág Baráti Kör Egyesület, an organization running programs for marginalized children in the city of Pécs (Southern Hungary). Together with Gyöngyvér Kiss from Civil Licit, he will talk about a relatively new initiative, Civil Licit Sustainability Auction, in which he has taken part. The project wishes to provide platform for the cooperation of the civil and business sector. During the auction, CSOs can sell their social and environmental sustainability services to corporations. This Auction represents a good business opportunity for non-profit and for-profit organizations.

11:15–12:30 **Role of the civil society in building Public Private Partnerships**

Location: room Lajos I. (1st floor, Wing B)

The invited expert, Gábor Kolumbán will present the expectations toward and proper attitudes required from the civic organizations in order to help successful PPPs. PPP is much more, than joining public and private money or capital, mostly for big infrastructure projects like motorways. Behind any PPP project there is a strong

community level cooperation. The goal of PPPs is to fulfill a public need, using public and private resources.

The other presenter, Robert Kawalko will showcase successful grassroots fundraising campaigns and reflect on their strengths.

Gábor Kolumbán | consultant on public private partnership development

Robert Kawalko | European Fundraising Association

11:15–12:30 **Czech grassroots panel**

Location: room Zsigmond (1st floor, Wing B)

During this panel, three Czech grassroots organizations will provide examples of successful community initiatives:

- Barevný děti (Colourful children, České Budějovice)
- Paprsek (Ray of light)—Connect them—The importance of relief service for people with disabilities
- Tosara—New ways for education and inclusion of Roma and marginalized children in socially excluded areas

11:15–12:30 **Making stakeholders interested is a key to success of EU 2020 Strategy implementation—Myths and Reality**

Location: room Kálmán (1st floor, Wing A)

The presentation points out the rationale, evolution and main features of EU 2020 Strategy and its implementation by drawing lessons learned from previous experiences of the former Lisbon strategy. It focuses on procedural aspects of the strategy making and implementation cycles with special regard to education and training and two educational headline targets of the Strategy. The presentation tries to highlight the existing gap between principles for EU and national level implementation and actual operation. It seeks to pinpoint how the key factors to successful implementation such as ownership, trust-building, enhancing transparency, awareness-raising and stakeholders involvement might be accomplished.

Recommended further reading can be downloaded from the following web-sites:

- EU 2020 Strategy: http://europa.eu/press_room/pdf/complet_en_barroso__007_-_europe_2020_-_en_version.pdf
- Who does what and when: http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/who-does-what/eu-institutions/index_en.htm
- EU 2020 targets: http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/pdf/targets_en.pdf
- Monitoring progress through the European Semester: http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/tools/monitoring/index_en.htm

Zoltán Loboda | National Institute of Educational Research and Development

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21:30–23:00 **DANUBE RIVER CRUISE AND DINNER**





Day 3 (9 October 2011)

- 9:00–10:30 **Consultation simulation aiming to reach consensus on the recommendations of the education civil society for a sustainable quality education delivery in the EU context**
Location: to be announced
- 10:30–11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00–12:30 **Debate on priorities, roles and responsibilities of different actors contributing to the success of education and social inclusion**
Location: Plenary room (1st floor, Wing B)
- 12:30–14:00 **LUNCH**
- 14:00–16:00 **Optional field trips**
Location: to be announced





Short biographies of the invited trainers and speakers

Trainers



ÁGOTA BÍRÓ has an MA in Hungarian Literature and Linguistics and a B.Ed in English from ELTE University, Budapest. She also holds a postgraduate degree from Corvinus University in Public Education Management. She started her career as a teacher in a reform school, where she spent 9 years and had the chance to teach English and Hungarian to children from very different backgrounds, to become a class teacher and later a school manager, responsible for partnership building and fundraising for the school.

She was trained as a facilitator by the British Council and had the chance to work as a facilitator and trainer of trainers in Hungary and internationally in different British Council projects (e.g. Intercultural Navigators, Active Citizens, Young Leaders Training for Connecting Classrooms). She has worked as a projects and partnership manager for the British Council since 2009, mainly focusing on education related projects, such as Connecting Classrooms. Her main interest is mainstreaming inclusion and diversity in education and bringing together different sectors for making this happen.



ZÓRA CSALAGOVITS studied French philology, drama pedagogy at Eötvös Loránd University and also holds a postgraduate master degree in international studies (Pannon University). She is working currently in the local government of the 7th district of Budapest as head of the local youth information point and support centre, where among other tasks she is developing non-formal learning activities for the local educational institutions and their pupils/students. From 2002 to 2010 she has been working at the same municipality as youth referent, responsible for youth policy at local level.

She is also the board member of a youth CSO and works as trainer and facilitator since 2004, mainly involved in international youth projects. In the organization, she is working with volunteers on the topics of: inclusion, cultural diversity, participation and non-formal education.



PETER DRÁL' studied journalism, political science and nationalism studies at Comenius University in Bratislava, Bard College in New York and Central European University in Budapest. In the past six years he has worked in the Slovak NGO Milan Šimečka Foundation as a manager and trainer of human rights and intercultural education projects for youth, youth workers, teachers, public servants, policemen and other professional groups. He developed and delivered several trainings and educational materials for national and international organizations, including International Organization for Migration, British Council and Open Society Institute. He is a member of the Accreditation Commission for the Youth Programmes at the Slovak Ministry of Education and expert of the Slovak National Agency for Youth in Action Programmes. In the past he worked also as a junior researcher of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and as a lecturer at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of the Comenius University in Bratislava. In his research and training activities he focuses on the issues of inclusion, migration and multicultural education. He enjoys punch ice-cream and dancing tango.



BALÁZS KISS holds a university degree in sociology. He has been working as a trainer and facilitator since 2005. He worked for an NGO for more than six years, delivering trainings for various target groups (young people, professionals from the social and educational sectors) besides working as a youth worker. He was involved with international research and development projects about intercultural competence as well. Since 2010 he works in the business sector and as a freelance trainer and facilitator. In the past years he has worked with several Hungarian and international organizations that are active in the fields of youth work and education, hence he has an overview on the work and challenges of organizations in some other countries as well.



Speakers



ANDRÁS GÁBOS (PhD in sociology) has been working as a researcher for TÁRKI (Tárki Social Research Centre, Hungary) since 1 of January 2000. The main research fields of interest are: fertility effects of intergenerational transfers, cost of children, work incentive effects of family policies, poverty (especially child poverty) and income inequality. He is a regular author of publications edited by TÁRKI, analysing the household surveys conducted by the same institute.

He coordinated the Hungarian team's research efforts within the WORKCARE project. He also coordinated the one-year project 'Study on child poverty' (DG EMPL, leader: TÁRKI) started in December 2008.



ROBERT KAWALKO (European Fundraising Association) is co-founder and President of the Polish Fundraising Association, Vice President of the European Fundraising Association, studied at universities in Krakow and in Fribourg in Switzerland. After 7 years in IT business, where he was responsible for the marketing and PR, he worked as a fundraiser for several non-profit organizations and since 2000 runs his own consulting and training enterprise.



GÁBOR KOLUMBÁN has outstanding experience in management and leadership of Public Private Partnership processes in the rural and regional development in Romania. In strategic leader positions of county and local governments, NGO and private companies, he gained invaluable knowledge of the working conditions, institutional culture and institutional relations in the Romanian context. He has developed innovative solutions for community based development partnerships between the civil society and the local government. He initiated and developed small area rural partnerships, and established the financial mechanism for supporting these organizations from the public budget.



ZOLTÁN LOBODA is currently working in the National Institute of Educational Research and Development in Hungary. Formerly he was an education diplomat in the Hungarian Permanent Representation to the EU. During the Hungarian Presidency he chaired the Education Committee of the European Union. Between 2004–2010 he was the director of EU Relations Department of the Ministry of Education. He represented Hungarian educational government in number of international fora such as the OECD Education Policy Committee and EU Education Committee. He has also chaired the ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub Advisory Committee between 2007–2010 and the intergovernmental cooperation in the field of Holocaust education, research, and remembrance in 2005. His other professional engagement covers varying activities relating to international aspects of education policy including in-service training courses and participation in international projects.



JELENA RADISIC is a doctoral student at Department of Psychology (University of Belgrade). She predominantly works in the field of educational psychology, with focus on the teaching/learning process, teachers' key competencies and standards/outcomes related to quality of education. Parts of her interests relate to parents' participation and schools' collaboration with the local communities. In her work she employs both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Currently she is involved in several projects in the field of education. She was awarded two ESP Research Fellowships and is member of International Society for Cultural and Activity Research (ISCAR).



ROXANA GEORGIANA RADU is a research fellow of the Education Support Program of the Open Society Foundations since November 2009, focusing on educational policies and parental involvement in school life, as well as on public-third sector relations in South East Europe. She is currently a PhD candidate in Political Science at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, University of Geneva (Switzerland). She holds a masters' degree from the Central European University (Budapest), where she also worked as a program coordinator and researcher with the Center for Media and Communication Studies. Her expertise includes civil society empowerment, educational governance and social uses of new technologies. She can be contacted at roxana.radu@graduateinstitute.ch



CHARLES SEAFORD is Head of the Centre for Well-being at the new economics foundation (nef) in London. The Centre's work focuses both on promoting well-being as a policy objective and on advising on the policy process and content implications of this objective. His recent work includes papers on the role of universities, the political role of a headline well-being measure, what a well-being oriented economic policy would look like, housing policy and the steps that need to be taken to make well-being an objective of policy. Previously he worked at the UK Sustainable Development Commission and in management consultancy. He co-founded Prospect, a current affairs magazine, has a BA from Oxford University and an MSc in Business Studies from the London Business School.



ANDREEA SUCIU holds a Master Degree from the Babes Bolyai University (Cluj, Romania) in partnership with Michigan State University in Community Development and is currently a research fellow of the Local Government Initiative of the Open Society Foundations. She joined CENPO Public Policy Center, Romania in 2009. She has been the Romanian project coordinator of the Grassroots Europe for Local Wellbeing project. Her research covers the topic of the involvement of civil society in EU-level public consultations. She also has extensive experience in participating on behalf of CENPO in Romanian public consultations. Her additional research interests include wellbeing policies, regulation of government and civil society.



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A U S T R I A				
Weber	Werner	To find alternatives in educare and life.	Solidary economy	Economy orientated towards human wellbeing.
Miculik	Roman	—	aktive-arbeitslose	To help people to enforce their rights.
Klien	Rainer	Human rights	SOS-Mitmenschen Burgenland	To provide support for asylumseekers.
Presch	Hedwig	—	Institut für Alterskompetenzen	We make our competences and experiences visible and strengthen age-adjusted kinds of learning - mostly informal learning and discussions about the advantages and disadvantages of getting older.
Stiegrid	Pammer	Operation of Zeitbank for older and young people in our community and holding lectures in other communities.	Zeitbank für Alt und Jung, Gemeinde Lengau	Organized neighborhood assistance, primarily for older people with the ability of self care. Help others build communities. To demand legal enforcement of rights.
Kalayci	Erdal	—	CeSIP-Centre for Social and Integration Projects	Activating and integration of migrants in East Austria.
Schrei	Sonja	—	Safran&Rosen	From open garden doors to open hearts and open borders.
Arslan	Hikmet	—	CeSIP-Centre for Social and Integration Projects	To connect people and build bridges between cultures.
Liszt	Peter	—	Volkshochschule der Burgenländischen Roma	Educate and teach Romani and non-Romani people. Create a place for intercultural exchange.
Subocz	Grazyna Dorota	Theater, communication, getting to know different cultures	Teatr Vademecum	To foster the cultural identity of national minorities in a European country, looking for similar organizations, new projects.

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Elyas	Elamin	Intercultural communication	ISIS	Getting people together
Hannemann	Claudia	Storytelling (in pictures)	TRANSPARENT	Information, networking, new concepts of work
Akrami	Ahmadshah	Communication	Verein Miteinander	To encourage each other.
Erben-Hartig	Regina	Peace and dancing and diversity	danceability	Networking internationally for dance for people with diverse possibilities esp. for CEE
Schmidt	Wolfgang	—	AMSEL	Unemployed people help themselves.
Spitzner	Renate	Social progress with "Music-social method"	Venite	To implement music-social projects for people living with special needs.
Spitzner	Gerald	Social progress with "Music-social method"	Venite	To implement music-social projects for people living with special needs.
Mair	Martin	Critical thinking, actionism	Aktive Arbeitslose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of self-organization of the unemployed and people living in precarious conditions. • Informing the public about the concerns of the unemployed and people living in precarious conditions. • Enforcement of human rights.
Rausch	Karin	To live in real life and to love the people.	Aktive Arbeitslose	To improve the political landscape for poor and unemployed people.
Jandl	Roswitha	—	Deceleration and orientation—intstitute for age competence	To make our skills and expertise visible and strengthen age adjusted kinds of learning. Mostly informal learning and discussions about the advantages and disadvantages of getting older.

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CZECH REPUBLIC				
Víchová	Věra	—	Diakonie ČCE–SKP v Praze	Organization's mission is to provide assistance to people who find themselves in crisis situations, socially weakened population, vulnerable families, people with mental illness, seniors and people with disabilities who need support.
Lendelová	Dagmar	Live in dignity and freedom	Farní Charita Lovosice	Helping people in need without distinction of race or religion
Špindlerová	Hana	—	Horseback riding club POČÍN, o.s.	Our mission is to provide the opportunity of active and meaningful use of leisure time and to provide individuals with special needs with therapeutic riding.
Bocek	Miroslav	Literature, theatre, dance, music, mountains	Barevný deti, o.s.	The basic aim of our organization is to integrate migrants into the Czech society through theatre and other creative activities. To support cultural offer with the emphasis on the local minorities and immigrants.
Dobiasova	Tereza	Theatre, dance, literature, needlework, shopping	Barevný deti, o.s.	The basic aim of our organization is to integrate migrants into the Czech society through theatre and other creative activities. To support cultural offer with the emphasis on the local minorities and immigrants.
Kurka	Jan	—	Téma dne, o.s.	To involve citizens, to integrate migrants, to produce culture
Šturma	Jaroslav	Wisdom and compassion	DC Paprsek	We want handicapped people to live in a way other people do
Šefčíková	Martina	Dancing, singing	DC Paprsek	We want handicapped people to live in a way other people do
Štefková	Ivana	Getting new information, learning to know myself and other people	Neposedá, o. s.	To contribute to the development of civil society
Hejzlarová	Lucie	—	Proxima sociale o.s.	Getting support and help to children, young people and other people who face hardships in life.

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Splavec	Martin	To finish my studies, live a peaceful life and to help handicapped people	Zajicek na koni	To improve mental and physical conditions of handicapped (physically as well as socially) children.
Stárová	Ivana	Help people in need	Farní charita Lovosice	To help people in need.
Hradilková	Žofie	Dance, meeting interesting people, doing something meaningful, meeting different cultures	Tosara	The aim of the organization is to improve living and cultural conditions of excluded people and communities and to increase awareness of major population about the situation in socially excluded areas. We also want to support ethnic tolerance and mutual understanding.
Špindler	Jiří	—	JK POČÍN, o.s.	To provide children and teenagers with opportunity to meaningfully use their free time and people with disabilities and special needs with therapeutic riding.
Kumhera	Petr	Do something useful	Green Doors	Encourage people in reintegration.
Pertlová	Lucie	—	Zajicek na koni	To improve mental and physical condition of handicapped (physically as well as socially) children.
Hlaváčková	Vanda	—	Témadne, o.s.	citizen involvement
Marie	Siváková	Work	Diakonie ČCE - SKP v Praze	Diakonie ČCE – The centre of Christian help in Prague is one of the 33 centres of Diakonie Evangelic Church of Czech Brethren. The word Diakonie comes from the Greek word “diakonei” which means to be of service. So we are the Christian organization.
Müllerová	Jitka	—	Středisko Diakonie ČCE – Sociálně terapeutická dílna	Training and education of people aged between 19 to 64 with mild to moderate mental and physical disabilities of social and motor skills leading to more independent life in society.

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Moštková	Marie	—	Středisko Diakonie ČCE – Sociálně terapeutická dílna	Training and education of people aged between 19 to 64 with mild to moderate mental and physical disabilities of social and motor skills leading to more independent life in society.
Šamaliková	Petra		centrum Mandala	Assisting people in difficult life situations, helping women to return to the labor market and ensuring the prevention of socially pathological phenomena and acquiring basic social skills in preschool and school age.
Řezáčová Lukášková	Zuzana		centrum Mandala	Assisting people in difficult life situations, helping women to return to the labor market and ensuring the prevention of socially pathological phenomena and acquiring basic social skills in preschool and school age.
HUNGARY				
Horváth	Ferenc	My little daughter and facing challenges	National Roma Police Association	building bridges between citizens and the police body
Szép	Dorottya	—	Marom Klub Egyesület	intercultural dialogue
Seghatoles- lami	Milán	I like helping the youth and people. I enjoy my life and I always like learning.	Student Council of Miskolc	If the youth have a problem we try to help them and we organize a lot of programmes for them. Nowadays young people tend to be lazy and it is the biggest problem. So we try to find a solution by organizing colourful and interesting projects for them.
Sümeği	Katalin	My passion is the horse riding. (Unfortunately I can't do that too often.)	Zöld Fiatalok Egyesület (Hungarian Young Green Activists' Association)	We want to emphasise the importance of individual responsibility and we want sustainable urban living and a more livable world.
László	Flóra	Life	Uccu Roma Informal Educational Foundation	Decreasing discrimination of Roma between high school students between the age of 14-18 years.

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Oskovics	György	Sports and caring	Hódmezővásárhelyi és Kistérségi Nyugdíjas Szervezetei Szövetsége (Network of Pensioners' Associations from the region of Hódmezővásárhely)	The willingness to act does not depend on age!
Márton	Márk	Travelling, city tour, museum, film	Hungarian Association of The Deaf and Hard of Hearing /Organization of Nógrád	Integration of the deaf and hard of hearing in work, education and common life, making sign language popular, providing equality and human rights for the target group(s), exchange of experience with other organizations.
Kelemen	Valéria	Helping children	Dartke	To help the integration of Roma children; to find and develop good social practices
Rácz	Tünde Fatima	First of all, my son, kids, helping people, but I also love: my garden, my flowers, the nature, interior design, styles, photography, books, movies, etc.	DEA, H2O Projekt	The most important goal of H2O is to get the students to think on a higher level, and boost their skills that they did not use before, while working on a basic question or central subject in a group.
Matolcsi	Zsuzsa	My passion is "people"	Foundation for Democratic Youth	It is our belief that modern democracies should rely on the active participation of well-informed citizens. Therefore our aim is to promote youth service on the national and international level.
Kereszturi	László	Life itself	Faág Baráti Kör Egyesület	Finding meaningful activities and healthy ways to explore life for socially excluded children.
Rózsás	Ildikó	—	SZITI Social Association	To organize youth free time activities ; - to use non formal pedagogic methods in difficult topics (for example: youth rights, drugs etc);to organize holiday camps ; to give guidance for youth; professional aid for teachers

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Balázs	László	to be happy	Association for Carpathians	Our most important aim is to help environmental education, to show the idea of the sustainable development with education and attitude forming, to popularize ways of farming and life that help to protect the built and the natural environment.
Tamáskó	Tünde	I like reading	Association for Carpathians	Our most important aim is to help environmental education, to show the idea of the sustainable development with education and attitude forming, to popularize ways of farming and life that help to protect the built and the natural environment.
Szabó	Eszter	Getting to know people as much as possible.	Nem Adom Fel Alapítvány	Our mission is to show that everybody is rich enough to give a hand to someone else, and that disabled people are equal and essential parts of a society.
Kovács	Beatrix	Art, dance, film, travel, animals	BioRitmus Életmód és Mozgásművészeti Tehetségpont (BioRitmus Talent Centre for Lifestyle and Dance)	To teach tolerance.
Harter Árpádné	Juztina	—	Szivárvány Autizmus Egyesület (Rainbow Association for the Autistic)	To enhance the life quality of people living with disabilities.
Király	Hunor	Literature, art, civil society, animals, gastronomy, cooking, Budapest, urban planning, friendly cities, travel, sea, Dalmatia, films, music, graphic novels, bicycle sport, bicycles as transport, trekking, antiques...	Anthropolis	Expert advisory on international development (for NGDO's), providing global education materials and knowledge for teachers, publishing a periodical, raising public awareness on global issues.

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Véress	Tamás	No passion	Igazgyöngy Alapítvány	The Igazgyöngy Foundation caters for children living in extreme poverty and aims to contribute to their social integration (region of Eastern Hungary).
Gurzó	Emese	Travel, reading, friends	DARTKE	Social integration.
Csovicsics	Érika	Reading, films, people, friendship	sama da noi- Vigyázz Reánk Egyesület	To improve the life conditions of Roma families.
Táler	Orsolya	—	Kék Vonal Child Crisis Foundation	Children must be listened to.
LATVIA				
Adlers	Aris	Folk Dance	Association of the shore development of Judazu lake "Mezlauki"	To develop local cooperation for sustainable development of the territories around "Judazi" lake.
Skestere	Inga	—	Latvian Movement for Independent Living	Advocacy for the rights of persons with disability.
Leikurna	Inga	Folk dance	Society "EVOLUTION" and Izvalta primary school	Our prerequisite is simple—organization to improve the quality of life.
Kudins	Valdis	Traveling	Latvian Rural Forum	The mission of LRF is to promote balanced development of Latvian rural territories in order to create it as a place where contented people live, able to meet their economical and social needs in the place of their residence
Ranse	Daila	Traveling	Foundation "Fonds- Skolai pie ezerina" (School by the Lake)	The mission of the foundation is to promote and support creative and research activities of Valmiera 5th Secondary school's students and teachers, as well as to inform and involve the school's stakeholders into activities organized by the foundation.
Harju	Astrida	Creative rest in nature	Aluksnes&Apes foundation	Charity, work with NGO sector.

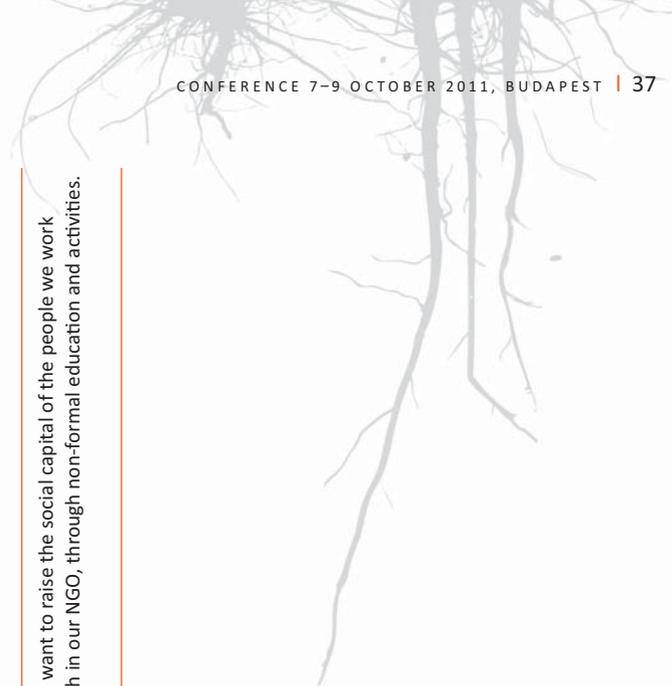
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Pastore	Ausma	Journey, fishing	The Education Development Centre	The mission of the EDC is to promote further development of an educated, democratic society in Latvia by promoting the professional capacity, competitiveness, cooperation and civic participation skills of each individual.
Rusina	Aija	Gardening	Education Development Centre (EDC)	To promote further development of an educated, democratic society in Latvia by promoting the professional capacity, competitiveness, cooperation and civic participation skills of each individual.
Konrade	Biruta	Gardening, handicrafts, skiing	civil -society organization "Kodols"	to popularise and carry out the community development, nature protection, culture and education
Badune	Inguna	Policy, senior activities, culture	Association "Balta maja"	We care about society and the individual education, social welfare, public participation and create an environment where people feel accepted, heard, supported.
Keplere	Aina	Folk dance, reading, to engage in any other project	Fund for promotion in Allazi	involve local citizens in village life
Vilkina	Eva	To develop and encourage quality of life for people in need, to establish community for mentally disabled youth, place where to live and work	"Wings of hope"	To meet the interests of disabled children and promote their integration in the society, give help to children in need and their parents and to encourage a positive attitude to involving disabled children in social life
Kinne	Astrida	I am keen on handicraft as well as traveling	Ventspils regional NGO support centre	The aim of the Ventspils Regional Support Centre of NGO is to promote the development of the single sector of public organizations in Ventspils and Ventspils district, encourage the development of a civil, democratic and open society.
Krumina	Linda	Doing is being, sitting still brings no good.	Association "Iespeju durvis" (The Door to Opportunity)	Developing an involved, educated local community

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Locmele	Silvija	Taking care of flowers in my garden, reading, to see and enjoy how my children grow.	Association "Suncandle" - "Saulsvece", special sort of flower in Latvia	To improve quality of life for rural people, to develop high quality, positive environment.
Verse	Iveta	Traveling; swimming	Education Development Center (EDC)	to promote further development of an educated, democratic society in Latvia by promoting the professional capacity, competitiveness, cooperation and civic participation skills of each individual.
Jansone	Kristine	Reading	Association "The Waves of Kurmene"	Main direction of the activities of the association is to promote development of civil society, to increase participation of people in political processes and civic and social activities.
Mikelsone	Laura	Travelling, organization of events, cookery	Methodological support centre of the society	Borcenii county residents who are exposed to social exclusion, integration into balanced society and promotion of various social groups' cooperation.
Klava	Ilze	Latvian sauna	Latvian 4H club	Learning by doing!
Gustavsone	Zita	—	Foundation "Bridge of Opportunities" (Iespeju tilts)	Support people with special needs and work towards their full inclusion in the society.
ROMANIA				
Anton	Angela	Hard to say, because I have more passions. One of them is the classical dance.	EuroAlter CLUJ	The mission of our organization is to promote and explore, through different conferences, publications and Transeuropa Festival, which is taking place yearly, the possibilities offered by a transnational politics and culture.
Batranu	Costel	Tourism	Public Documentation and Information Center	To inform the population with public information about public institutions.

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Berescu	Marius	Coaching, training, mentoring, NGO, happiness	Support for Youth Development	The mission of "Support for Youth Development" Association is to stimulate and sustain active, civic and responsible youth participation to the educational, social, cultural and economic environment of communities they live in.
Stoian	Elena	—	PlusMinus	Organizing local debate platforms on urban development in Romania. Strengthening a national network of architecture and urban planning initiatives.
Adorjáni	Júlia-Katalin	To make people around me happy :)	Tree of Life Association —Élefa Családsegítő Egyesület	To care for the families and provide moral and material support for them in the different stages of their live.
Popa	Catalina-Livia	Quality of Life	Quality of Life Association	We are a youth association, working in quality of life area. Our mission is to contribute in order to improve quality of life for human being.
Rancioaga	Liviu Stefan	My passion is to walk through the mountains, and cities, but I want them to be clean. This requires that people's attitudes change and the environment volunteering and citizenship are more advanced.	Sinaia-Athis-Mons Friendship Association	To promote non-formal and informal education and develop new skills for younger.
Ileana	Costin	Social relationships	Pro Vita Association for Family Assistance	Help those in need.
Grigoras	Brindusa Antonia	Helping children to fulfill their own potential in life and to be happy!	AIDROM - The Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania	'Churches, in mutual respect, acting together in Christian faith for social justice, human dignity, reconciliation and integrity of creation.'

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Popa	Andra Maria	—	Academic Club of European Studies (CASE)	The mission of CASE is to support the process of deepening Romania's integration into the EU by creating and supporting academic initiatives that promote European values and practices and by encouraging academic participation in the Romanian society.
Anghel	Sebastian-Lucian	—	CEDES—Center for Social Development	CEDES—Center for Social Development is an NGO, non-profit that aims to transform society by overcoming poverty, inequality, repression, violence and addiction and assurance of democracy, wealth, justice and order.
Ocean	Raluca-Carmen	Arts, Crafting and Events	Initiative of Change Club for Young Leaders	To offer a core educational and training program for teenagers.
Cărbunaru	Florentina	Working with youngsters	CIVITAS Foundation for Civil Society	To enhance local government capacity, and to stimulate citizens' involvement in decision making and local governance.
Cazacu	Alexandra	—	Civicus Romania	Non Formal Education
Eichelmann	Loredana Cristina	To change the world around me doing projects which help other people's lifes.	Organization for Development Strategies and Programs	Identifying the needs of community and offering solutions through professional services.
Barth	Erika Zsuzsanna	—	Area 3	Developing a customized strategy concerning the rebirth of the Eastern European Community feeling, to increase the quality of urban spaces.
Dan	Onoriu Raul	Travelling	Council of Children & Youth, Baia Mare	Promoting the participation of young people in taking decisions and participation in the life of the community.

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Morar	Florin Laurentiu	To know that I've achieved something, to be able to look back on all my life's work at the end and be proud and to be remembered by many long after I'm dead.	National Center for Volunteering, Cluj-Napoca	To develop volunteering as a way of involving citizens in solving community problems in Cluj.
Pop	Iulian Gheorghe	Computers	Pintea Viteazul Student Association	Student representation.
Miu	Alina Elena	Connect youngsters, challenge situations and change what you don't like.	Ray of Hope	We want to raise the social capital of the people we work with in our NGO, through non-formal education and activities.







































































































































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