

Cities for Europe



**A Soul for Europe Conference 2017**  
**10 – 11 November 2017, Allianz Forum | Radialsystem V | Berlin**  
**In cooperation with 'Wir sind Europa' und 'Cities for Europe'**

*Who is assuming responsibility for Europe – How citizens, cities and parliaments should cooperate for Europe*

Friday, 10 November, Allianz Forum

7 – 9 pm                      Public debate "Who is assuming responsibility for Europe?  
How citizens, cities and parliaments should cooperate for Europe"

Citizens are the cause and goal of the European Union. However, those citizens, as well as the cities and regions they live in, represent not only the propensity of Europe - they are also jointly responsible for the success of the European unification process. This panel discussion confronts the citizens, the foundation of Europe, with the top-down mechanisms of everyday life in Europe. It demands for new methods of sharing responsibility in order for the European unification process to succeed.

The opening event will present statements of representatives from each level of political responsibility: **Emil Boc** (Mayor of Cluj-Napoca), **Elmar Brok** (MEP; president Union of European Federalists) **Rüdiger Kruse** (MdB), **Karl-Heinz Lambertz** (President Committee of the Regions), **Gerry Woop** (State Secretary for European Affairs, City of Berlin), **Juan Gabriel Vasquez** (Artist)

Saturday, 11 November, Radialsystem V

9:30 – 10:00 am      Registration

10.00 – 10:30 am      Welcome words

10:30 – 11:00 am      Keynote Speech  
by **Karl-Heinz Lambertz** (President Committee of the Regions)  
**Jo Leinen** (MEP; president European Movement International)  
**Juan Gabriel Vasquez** (author)

11:00 – 12.30 am      Round of Workshops

Cities for Europe: **Citizens shape the Future of Europe**, with Emil Boc (Mayor Cluj-Napoca), Karl-Heinz Lambertz (president Committee of the regions), Volker Hassemer (chairman Stiftung Zunkunft Berlin), Jo Leinen (MEP; president European Movement International), Hella Dunger-Löper (former state secretary) and Brigitte Russ-Scherer (former mayor)

Das Progressive Zentrum: **#DialogueOnEurope: New Ideas for Migration Policy**, with, Sir Graham Watson (tbc) and Maria Skorá

BOZAR: **Next Generation, Please!** with Leni Huyghe (artistic workshop, part 1)  
Theater an der Parkaue: **What Can Theatre (for Children) Do for Europe?** with Karola Marsch (dramaturge Theater an der Parkaue), Paul Dujardin (director BOZAR)

12.30 – 2 pm Lunch break and European Marketplace

2 – 3.30 pm Round of Workshops 2

Cities for Europe: **How can cities act for Europe?** with Hella Dunger-Löper (former state secretary)

Arts Research Institute of Georgia: **Civil Society in Georgia on the Way Towards Europe**, with Steve Austen (fellow Felix Meritis), Minister Viktor Dolidze, Minister Mikheil Giorgadze, Mr. David Sakvarelidze (Artistic Director of Tzsinandali Music Festival), Mr. Giorgii Sharvashidze (Rector of Javakhisvili Tbilisi State University) and Volker Hassemer (chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin)

Cafébabel & N-Ost: **Creating a European public sphere**, with Katharina Kloss, Sébastien Vannier and Anke Plättner

BOZAR: **Next Generation, Please!** with Leni Huyghe (artistic workshop, part 2)

3.30– 4 pm Artistic Intervention: presentation of the BOZAR workshop

4 – 5.30 pm Round of Workshops 3

Advocate Europe/Actors of urban change: **European Cities from the Bottom Up - New Responses from Civil Society and Local Administrations**, with Tamar Gurdikyan, Refugees for Co-Creative Cities and Martina Michels (MEP, tbc)

GRAD & Felix Meritis Foundation: **Creating Active Citizenship- The Notion of Civil Society and Culture in Belgrade and Amsterdam** with Radomir Lazovic (activist), Silke Gebel (MdA, tbc); Hala Naoum Néhmé, Steve Austen (fellow Felix Meritis), Volker Hassemer (chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin) and Nele Hertling (spokesperson 'A Soul for Europe')

Internationales literaturfestival berlin: **New Stories for Europe?** with Priya Basil (author), Daphne Büllsbach (European Alternatives), Ivana Sajko (artist and director), Paul Dujardin (director BOZAR), Juan Gabriel Vasquez (author) and Simon Mundy (author)

5.30 – 6 pm Conclusions and discussion of results

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