

Forum Ruchu Europejskiego, European Movement International, Evolution Institute, Concilium Civitas,  
and Collegium Civitas – Department of New Media and Journalism

Warsaw summit 1-2 June 2023

## **Democracy Bottom-Up. Building a Dialogue between Civil Society and Politicians**

Place: Collegium Civitas, Palace of Culture and Science, 12 floor (entrance from Marszałkowska street)

### **TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

#### **Thursday 1 June**

19.00 -22.00 **Evening reception** for Summit guests

The place: **Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana,  
Al. Ujazdowskie 37, 00-540 Warszawa**

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#### **Friday 2 June, Palace of Culture and Science, 12 floor (Simultaneous translation provided)**

##### **9.30 Opening of the conference**

**Marcin Świącicki - President of the European Movement Poland**

**Petros Fassoulas - Secretary General of the European Movement International**

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##### **9.35 Panel 1. The role of CSOs and citizens in strengthening and protecting democratic processes: experiences from Europe and the US**

**Chair: Nina Witoszek**

##### **9.35 – 9.50 David Van Reybrouck**

David Van Reybrouck is a pioneering advocate of participatory democracy. He founded the G1000 Citizens' Summit, and his work has led to trials in participatory democracy throughout the Netherlands, Belgium and France. He is also one of the most highly regarded literary and political writers of his generation and the author of *Congo: The Epic History of a People*, which won 19 prizes and has been translated into a dozen languages.

##### **9.50 – 10.05 Sarah Monaghan**

Sarah Monaghan is a widely known spokesperson and head of communications for the "Together for Yes Campaign" in the referendum that led to the legalization of abortion in Ireland in 2018. Sarah was responsible for the successful mobilization of villages and towns across Ireland, creating regional groups and

collaborative cells. Currently, she is the manager of the so-called "Consent project", which continues to work on protecting the rights of raped and molested women.

**10.05 – 10:20 Jerry Lieberman, Evolution Institute, US**

Jerry Lieberman is the co-founder and secretary/treasurer of the international Evolution Institute in the US. He is the initiator of the 'quality of life' project and organizer of numerous educational and research initiatives to strengthen democratization processes in the US and Europe.

**10:20 - 10:35 Erik Solheim**

Erik Solheim is the former Norwegian Minister of International Development and Minister of the Environment (2005-2012) in the coalition government formed by the Labour Party, Norwegian Center Party and the Socialist Left Party. He also served as Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (2016 to 2018).

**10:35 – 10:45 Coffee break**

**10.45 -12.00** Conversation with panelists, questions and comments from the audience

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**12.00 - 13.00 Lunch**

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**Panel 2. Democratic innovations in Poland: Creating a codex of good practices**

**Chair: Karolina Lewicka**

**13.00 - 13.10 Bartłomiej Nowotarski**

Prof. Bartłomiej Nowotarski is a constitutional lawyer and political scientist at the Wrocław University of Economics.

**13.10 – 13.20 Radosław Markowski**

Radosław Markowski is the Head of Electoral Studies Division at the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Chair at the Department of Political Science, Warsaw School of Social Psychology, Poland.

**13.20- 13.30 Kuba Wygnański**

Kuba Wygnański is a former Solidarity activist, World Fellow of Yale, President of Shipyard Foundation - Centre for Social Innovation and Research

**13.30 – 13.40 representative of EDYN: European Democracy Youth Network**

**13.40 – 13.50 Coffee break**

**13.50 – 15.00 Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience, including from Róża Rzeplińska, portal "Mam Prawo Wiedzieć"**

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**15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break**

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**Panel 3. Ways forward: How to forge a pro-democracy coalition between political parties and CSOs ? What is the EU's role in reclaiming social dialogue and the rule of law in Poland?**

**Chair: Jacek Żakowski**

**15.15 – 17. 30 Round table discussion between politicians and representatives of civil society**

Participants:

Karolina Dreszer-Smalec (the vice-president of the National Federation of Polish NGOs (OFOP), Paulina Kieszowska (The Free Courts Initiative), Jakub Kocjan (Akcja Demokracja), Jakub Karyś (Leader of KOD), Adam Bodnar and leading representatives of pro-democratic parties: Michał Kobosko, Rafał Trzaskowski, Adrian Zandberg.

**17.30 – 18.00 Concluding remarks/ Closing of the conference**

**18.00 - 20.00 Reception for guests of the Summit**