



Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
and APADOR-CH invite you to the webinar:

CSOS' ADVOCACY IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS

Mapping the scene, exchanging promising practices and lessons learned

7 December 2020

14:00 - 17:15 CET | Online meeting

The robust scope of competences and work of the European Union institutions may be perceived as difficult to influence by the national civil society organizations (CSOs). For these reasons, CSOs often do not use the international advocacy tool to its fullest potential, this avenue being mainly used when the domestic measures are no longer available for the organizations.

This webinar aims at raising awareness among CEE civil society organizations about different available avenues for advocacy at the EU level, discuss the already existing promising practices in the area of the EU advocacy and use CSOs' their experience as a learning tool.

If your organization has experience in the EU advocacy or you are planning to start it in the near future, this webinar is for you.

Registration

RSVP by 2 December 2020 by email stating your name, your job title and name of your organization at: maciej.kalisz@hfhr.pl.

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Webinar's program:

14:00–14:10 | introduction

14:10–15:30 | **CSOs engagement in the EU human rights and rule of law mechanisms**

Speaker: Barbara Grabowska-Moroz,
Ph.D., University of Groningen

There are several mechanisms at the level of EU institutions that could be used to respond to the breach of the EU values, including the rule of law. Each of these mechanisms have different uses and can bring different results.

This session will aim at mapping the main available mechanisms – infringement proceedings, rule of law framework, Article 7 procedure and the rule of law monitoring and analysing what are the ways for the civil society organizations to participate or influence any of these processes.

15:30–15:45 | break

15:45–17:15 | CSOs advocacy in the EU institutions. Practical guide

Speaker: Kersty McCourt,
*Human rights expert and visiting fellow
at Human Rights Implementation Centre
Bristol University*

The session will start with a brief discussion concerning CSOs experience in the EU advocacy as well as identifying the main obstacles in this area.

The session will also offer a practical presentation of how these institutions work and in what ways the CSOs can influence the scope of their work.