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

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

Friday, 10 November, Allianz Forum

7.00 pm                    **Welcome words** by **Frédéric Meseeuw** and **Satu Kuitunen**, A Soul for Europe and **Gerry Woop**, State Secretary for European Affairs, City of Berlin

7.15 – 8.45 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 basis of Europe – they are also jointly responsible for the success of the European unification process. This panel discussion confronts the citizens 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 discuss statements of representatives from each level of political responsibility: **Emil Boc** (Mayor of Cluj-Napoca), **Elmar Brok** (MEP; President Union of European Federalists), **Karl-Heinz Lambertz** (President Committee of the Regions), **Gerry Woop** (State Secretary for European Affairs, City of Berlin), **Juan Gabriel Vásquez** (writer)

The panel is moderated by **Laura Kleiner**, **Carin Tiggeloven** members of the initiative "Wir sind Europa!" and **Volker Hassemer**, Chairman of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of November, 09:30 AM – 06:00 pm at Radialsystem V

09:30 – 10:00 am    Registration

10.00 – 10:15 am    Welcome Words  
**Hall I**    **Jochen Sandig**, RADIALSYSTEM V  
              **Andreas Bock**, A Soul for Europe

10:15 – 10:45 am    Keynote Speeches  
**Hall I**    by **Karl-Heinz Lambertz** (President Committee of the Regions)  
              **Juan Gabriel Vásquez** (writer)

11:00 – 12.30 am **Round of Workshops 1**

Topic 1: Cities for Europe  
**Hall I**

**Organiser:** Cities for Europe  
**Title: How Can Cities and Citizens Strengthen Europe? (Part 1)**  
**Introductory statements and presentation of exemplary projects**  
**Format:** Presentation & conversation  
**Active participants:** Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President Committee of the Regions, Emil Boc, Mayor Cluj-Napoca, Michael Cramer, MEP; project representatives  
Volker Hassemer, Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin; Hella Dunger-Löper, former State Secretary  
**Host:** Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor

Topic 2: Europe From the Bottom Up  
**Studio B**

**Organiser:** Das Progressive Zentrum  
**Title: #DialogueOnEurope - New Ideas for Migration Policy**  
**Format:** Working Groups  
**Active participants:** Joachim Zeller, MEP (tbc); Satu Kuitunen, Forum Aberdeen  
**Host:** Maria Skóra, Senior Project Manager Das Progressive Zentrum

Topic 3: Arts and Politics – A Good Match?  
**Studio C**

**Organiser:** internationales literaturfestival berlin (ilb)  
**Title: New Stories for Europe?**  
**Format:** Fishbowl Discussion  
**Active participants:** Priya Basil, writer; Daphne Büllsbach, Executive Director European Alternative; Ivana Sajko, writer  
Frédéric Meseeuw, Senior Project Manager BOZAR; Juan Gabriel Vásquez, writer; Simon Mundy, Vice-President of the Writer's for Peace Committee of PEN International; Nele Hertling, Spokesperson 'A Soul for Europe'  
**Host:** Simone Schröder, internationales literaturfestival berlin (ilb)

**Atelier A**

**Organiser:** Center for Fine Arts Brussels BOZAR  
**Title: Next Generation, Please! – Part 1**  
**Format:** Artistic Workshop  
**Artist:** Leni Huyghe, director/writer  
**Host:** Melat Gebeyaw Nigussie, Project Manager *Next Generation, Please!*

12:30 – 1:30 pm  
**Foyer / Hall II**

Lunch break and European Marketplace

1:30 – 02:00 pm  
**Hall I**

Artistic Intervention **Musicians4UnitedEurope**  
Impulse **Guillaume Klossa**, Chairman Civico Europe

02:00 – 3.30 pm **Round of Workshops 2**

Topic 1: Cities for Europe  
**Hall I**

**Organiser:** Cities for Europe  
**Title: How Can Cities and Citizens Strengthen Europe? (Part 2)**  
**Format:** Parallel table talks with regard to four topics: 'Cultural Activities / Sister Cities / Cultural Heritage / Pulse of Europe'  
**Active Participants:** Project representatives (tba); Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor; Hella Dunger-Löper, former State Secretary

Topic 2: Europe From the Bottom Up  
**Studio B** **Organiser:** Arts Research Institute of Georgia  
**Title: Civil Society in Georgia on the Way Towards Europe**  
**Format:** Panel Discussion  
**Speakers:** Minister Viktor Dolidze; David Sakvarelidze, Artistic Director of Tzsinandali Music festival; Giorgii Sharvashidze, Rector of Javakhisvili Tblisi State University  
  
Doris Pack, former MEP; Volker Hassemer, Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin; Levan Khetaguri, Stichting Caucasus Foundation;  
**Host:** Steve Austen, Felix Meritis Foundation

Topic 3: Arts and Politics – A Good Match?  
**Studio C** **Organiser:** Cafébabel & n-ost  
**Title: Creating a European Public Sphere**  
**Format:** Open dialogue  
**Active participants:** François Famélie, Babel International; Katharina Kloss, Cafébabel Paris; Sébastien Vannier, Cafébabel Berlin  
“We are Europe” group members; Anke Plättner, journalist  
**Host:** Andreas Bock, editor n-ost

**Atelier A** **Organiser:** Center for Fine Arts Brussels BOZAR  
**Title: Next Generation, Please! – Part 2**  
**Format:** Artistic Workshop  
**Artist:** Leni Huyghe, director/writer  
**Host:** Melat Gebeyaw Nigussie, Project Manager *Next Generation, Please!*;  
Frédéric Meseeuw, Senior Project Manager BOZAR

3:30– 4:00 pm  
**Foyer/ Hall II** Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 pm **Round of Workshops 3**

Topic 1: Cities for Europe  
**Hall I** **Organiser:** Advocate Europe & Actors of Urban Change  
**Title: European Cities From the Bottom-Up - New Responses From Civil Society and Local Administration**  
**Format:** World Café  
**Active participants:** Tamar Gurdikyan, 70 TK (Istanbul), Refugees for Co-Creative Cities (Oberhausen)

Martina Michels, MEP; Hella Dunger-Löper, former State Secretary;  
Brigitte Russ-Scherer, former Mayor; Joachim Zeller, MEP  
**Hosts:** Julia Hoffmann, Program Manager Advocate Europe; Christina Nuhr, Program Manager Advocate Europe; Sebastian Schlüter, Program Manager Actors of Urban Change

Topic 2: Europe From the Bottom-Up  
**Studio B** **Organiser:** GRAD & Felix Meritis Foundation  
**Title: Creating Active Citizenship: The Notion of Civil Society and Culture in Belgrade and Amsterdam**  
**Format:** Panel discussion  
**Active participants:** Silke Gebel, MP; Radomir Lazović, activist; Hala Naoum Néhmé, Municipality of Amsterdam  
  
Volker Hassemer, Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin (in English)  
**Host:** Steve Austen, Fellow Felix Meritis Foundation

Topic 3: Arts and  
Politics – A Good  
Match?

**Organiser:** Theater an der Parkaue

**Topic: What Can Theatre (for Children) Do for Europe?**

**Format:** Round table

**Active participants:** Karola Marsch, Dramaturge Theater an der Parkaue;  
Sarah Wiederhold, Dramaturge Theater an der Parkaue (tbc)

Frédéric Meseeuw, Senior Project Manager BOZAR, Nicolas Bertrand,  
Artistic Director Image Aiguë ; Nele Hertling, Spokesperson "A Soul for  
Europe"

**Host:** Axel Möbius, Theater an der Parkaue

Presentation of the BOZAR workshop results

5.30 – 6 pm

Conclusions and Closing Words

**Hall I** **Nele Hertling** and **Dejan Ubovic**, A Soul for Europe