Cooperating Partner:

Berlin Conference 2020
A new Culture of Common Responsibilities for a Europe Bottom-up
Online Working conference towards an Action Agenda 2020 - 2023

Sunday, 8 November 2020

10.00 – 12.00 Working Groups
Please find detailed information in the document “Working Groups”

12.30 – 14.00 Cites for Europe – the Responsibility of Cities for Europe
In the opening plenary session representatives* of local governments and citizens from all over Europe share their views on the role of cities and regions in a Europe Bottom Up process.

Opening Speech by Michael Müller, Governing Mayor of Berlin,
Discussion with European Mayors and City Representatives: Luca Bergamo, Rome, Italy; Emil Boc, Cluj-Napoca; Romania; Jacek Jaskowiak, Pozen, Poland; Katrine Nödtvedt, Bergen, Norway; Mohamed Ridouani Leuven, Belgium; Krzysztof Soska, Szczecin, Poland; Maximilian Wonke, Panketal, Germany with Rosa Balas Torres, Director-General for External Relations of the Regional Government of Extremadura; Martin Guillermo, General Secretary of European Border Regions and Lena Düpont, Member of the European Parliament

Moderation: Volker Hassemer, Stiftung Zukunft Berlin

14.15 – 15.30 Working Groups
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16.00 – 18.00 Plenary discussion of European Citizen Initiatives
Presentation of the results of the working groups and discussion of the citizens Initiatives on the draft of a common Action Agenda for a Europe bottom-up. (see the Action Agenda attached)
Monday, 9 November 2020

09:30 – 11.00 Europe Bottom-up - Visions for the Success of Europe?

A new culture of shared responsibility for Europe is emerging in civil society, not least because of the belief in personal civic responsibility. In this panel we want to discuss concrete conditions for a Europe bottom-up with representatives from cultural and economic sector.

Speakers are Klaus Maria Brandauer, Actor; Marcel Fratzscher, President of the German Institute for Economic Research, DIW Berlin; Nele Hertling, Member of the Academy of Arts Berlin; Barrie Kosky, Director of the Komischen Oper Berlin; Dieter Kosslick, Director ret. of the Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale); Mohamed Ridouani, Mayor of Leuven; Istvan Szabo, Director; Serhij Zhadan, Writer; Steve Austen, Director MBA-Program Culture, Heritage & Citizenship der Netherlands Business Academy

11.30 – 14.00 A Common “Action Agenda” for a Europe Bottom-up

The initiatives Cities for Europe, A Soul for Europe and We are Europe are working on an Action Agenda, with demands also for European politicians. This draft is the starting point for concrete agreements and cooperation after the conference.

Presentation of the draft Action Agenda by Kathrin Deventer, European Festival Association and Volker Hassemer, together with Robert Piaskowski, City of Krakow; Rarita Zbranca, Centrul Cultural Clujean; Nicolas Betrand, A Soul for Europe


19.00 - 20.00 Speech on the State of Europe by David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament
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