



EaP Civil Society seminar  
**East and West: Civil Societies in Cooperation**  
September 28 – 29, Tartu

Peipsi Centre for Transboundary Cooperation ([www.ctc.ee](http://www.ctc.ee)) in cooperation with University of Tartu J. Skytte Institute cordially invites you to the seminar “East and West: Civil Societies in Cooperation”. Seminar takes place in Tartu, Estonia, 28-29 September 2017, under the auspices of the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union ([www.eu2017.ee](http://www.eu2017.ee))

**Target Area and Beneficiaries:** NGO-s and social entrepreneurs working with environmental, social, educational, and community development issues outside capital regions in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; and also in the Baltic States and Poland. In total we expect around 50 participants.

**The aim** of the seminar is to strengthen the civil society (especially in rural areas) and involve them in discussion on the implementation and planning of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) policy. The seminar provides a platform for discussion on problems and challenges both of the EU and bilateral funded cross-border projects face. The participants work for formulation of common interest and standpoints. The seminar offers a chance to tell your story and share your experience with the EU and EaP colleagues, as well as to build up a network.

**Topics and themes:**

- Policy-orientated presentations on topics related to Government-civil society relations in the EaP region, funding programmes and their priorities,
- Participants case studies on both EU and bilateral funded cross-border projects. Lessons learned and proposals for improvements,
- Group work on main challenges of CBC projects, EU – EaP civil society partnership, funding issues,
- Field trip to South Estonia - best case studies on community development projects.

**Output:** With the help of Tartu University and the input of participants we aim to put together a seminar report on main challenges of EU – EaP civil society partnership and the main lessons learned, challenges for CBC projects; what works and what does not when it comes to EU funded and independent cross-border projects.

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## **28 September, Thursday**

*Location: Dorpat conference centre (Soola str 6, Tartu)*

*In the lobby: small exhibition of participating regions, organisations and their info materials, products.*

**9.30 Opening** – Eastern Partnership for Estonia. – *Margus Särglepp, Eastern Partnership Coordinator, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

**Panel 1.** Moderator: *Stefano Braghioli*

What is the role of civil society in national policies, regional relations and Eastern Partnership as a whole? – *Tiina Ilson, Estonian Centre of Eastern Partnership*

Analytical introduction to the relationship of Eastern Partnership countries and EU – *Stefano Braghioli, University of Tartu, J.Skytte institute*

Civil Society and Projects; our experiences – *Agne Kuimet, Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation*

**11.30** Coffee break

**11.50 Panel 2, introduction and case studies**

Baltic and Polish development cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries – *Wojtek Szpocinski, Polish Development Foundation*

**Case studies:**

Social entrepreneurship in TEMI community, Georgia ([www.temi-community.org](http://www.temi-community.org)) – *Lela Potskhverashvili*

Involvement of local communities in Azerbaijan in Nature Conservation work. – *Elchin Sultanov*

*Development cooperation in Latvia - Inese Vaivare, Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation*

**13.15 Lunch**

**14.15-16.15 Parallel Sessions** to introduce best practices and to discuss on main challenges of CBC projects, EU- EaP civil society partnership, funding. Working out a set of proposals

**I Innovation and investments in rural areas** in the field of sustainable energy,





ecological farming etc. Inventions by EU and Eastern partnership participants. *Session is lead by: Judit Rácz, Felső-Homokhátság Local Action Group*

**Case studies:**

*Kamarova Business Support Center, Belarus. - Eduard Voitekchovich*

*NGO Beehive, Lithuania - Urte Zukauskaite*

*The Association for Intercommunity Development of the Republic of Moldova – Constantin Vlas*

**II Education, re-training programs, civil society development in rural areas. Session is lead by: Stefano Braghiroli**

**Case studies:**

Children Ecological Theatre of AWHHE – Liana Eghikyan, Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment.

Results of the water resource management and AA implementation – Ina Coseru, National Environmental Center (Moldova).

**16.15 Coffee break**

**16.30-18.00 Concluding panel with the moderators of previous panels; moderator Maili Vilson, Univeristy of Tartu**

**Concluding speech:** Victor Guzun (Moldova/Estonia)

**18.30 Seminar reception**

**29 September**

9.30 Field trip to Lake Peipsi region- good examples of community development / cooperation projects **(pre-registration requested)**

10.15-11.45 Mooste Manor Foundation – development projects, services offered

12.00-12.45 Lunch in Mooste

13.15-14.45 Rápina Incubation center – Leo Kütt

15.30-16.30 Mahalaveski, local organic food

16.50-18.00 Borderzone Energy Development NGO – promotion of innovative solutions of local renewable energy resources [www.pea.ee/](http://www.pea.ee/) - Urmo Lehtveer

18.30 Conclusion and traditional Setu dinner Taarka Tarõ with Meremäe municipality leader

