

Online Dialogues and Discussions

“This Is Only the Beginning: Council of Europe and Civil Society After Reykjavík”

2 June 2023, 10am – 12pm CEST

The 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (CoE) held on 15-16 May 2023 in Reykjavík has been the first event of that level in last 18 years. In the [final outcome document](#), the decision makers from 46 CoE member states showed their unity for Ukraine, reconfirmed their commitment to the CoE values, declared their openness to meet current and future challenges.

Many topics and approaches mentioned in the document are in line with [The Hague Civil Society Declaration on Council of Europe Reform](#) – adopted by the first-ever Civil Society Summit (CSS) earlier this year and co-signed by over 90 European NGOs and individuals. In the Reykjavík Principles for Democracy, the Heads of State and Government also ‘commit to supporting and maintaining a safe and enabling environment in which civil society, as well as human rights defenders, can operate free from hindrance, insecurity and violence.’

Exactly one week after the discussion on the Reykjavík Summit results by the Standing Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) in Rīga, [CURE – Campaign to Uphold Rights in Europe](#) and the [Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe](#), conveners and organisers of the CSS in The Hague, cordially invite you to join these online dialogues and discussions to talk about the Reykjavík final outcome document and plan the future steps to keep Council of Europe as a strong and effective organisation.

Dialogues:

Round I: Strong Messages

Gerhard Ermischer, Conference of INGOs
Lize Glas, Radboud University

Round II: Missing Parts

Nina Grmuša, Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
Harry Hummel, CURE Campaign

Round III: Great Expectations

Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševiča, Head of the Latvian Delegation,
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Olexandra Matviychuk, Centre for Civil Liberties

Moderator:

Sergei Tereshenkov, CURE Campaign

Three Q&A sessions are also foreseen. Please register **until 30 May 2023** by sending a short message with your first name, last name and affiliation to info@cure-campaign.org.

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