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SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY
IN THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

SECURITY OR DEMOCRACY | DO WE NEED TO MAKE A CHOICE?

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OPENING WORDS AND WELCOME

10:30 - 11:00

Jerzy Pomianowski | Executive Director of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED)
Jesper Møller Sørensen | Political Director, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

BILATERAL SCENE SETTER:

11:00 - 11:30

THE FUTURE OF VALUES IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP | Vice President of the European Parliament,
Chairman of EED Executive Committee
Lotte Leicht | EU and Brussels Office Director, Human Rights Watch (tbc)

UKRAINE | BREAKING THE VICIOUS CIRCLE OF CORRUPTION?

11:30 - 12:45

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND CITIZENS IN ENSURING EFFECTIVE ANTI-CORRUPTION REFORMS

Yevhen Hilbovytsky | Member, Nestor Group
Sergey Khadzhynov | Leader, Automaidan
Artem Romanyukov | Director and Co-Founder, Civic Control Platform
Moderator: Charlotte Flindt Pedersen | Director, Danish Foreign Policy Society

KEYNOTE SPEECH

12:45 - 13:00

Mogens Lykketoft | Former President of the United Nations General Assembly,
Member of the Danish Parliament

LUNCH BREAK

13:00 - 14:00



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**THE FUTURE OF THE EGYPTIAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT:
POSSIBLE FORMS OF CIVIC ACTIVISM IN A CLOSING SPACE** **14:00 - 15:15**

Khaled Mansour | Director of Human Rights Programme, Arab Reform Initiative
Bahey Eldin Hassan | Director of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies
Dina El-Sharnouby | Adjunct Instructor in Sociology, American University in Cairo
Moderator: Amr Abdel Rahman | Head of the Civil Liberties Unit, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (tbc)

SYRIA | FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE SHADOW OF WAR: **15:15 - 16:30**
DEVELOPING CIVIL ALTERNATIVES TO AUTHORITARIANISM AND EXTREMISM

Karam Nachar | Executive Director, Al-Jumhuriya Collective
Oussama Chourbaji | General Manager, Afaq Academy
Oula Ramadan | Founder and Executive Director, Badael Foundation
Moderator: Assaad Al Achi | Executive Director, Baytna

CLOSING REMARKS **16:30 - 16:45**
Lisbeth Pilegaard | Vice-Chair of the EED Executive Committee, Civil Society Expert

MEDIA EXHIBITION & NETWORKING RECEPTION **16:45 - 18:00**

SIDE EVENT ORGANISED IN COOPERATION WITH EUROMED RIGHTS **17:00 - 19:00**
FUTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORK IN NORTH AFRICA



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EVENT BACKGROUND

Today, the reality in many countries in the European Neighbourhood is bleak. Marred by political instability, corruption, and in some places, violent conflicts, deep challenges persist in terms of human rights, democratic and institutional development, and social cohesion.

The sense of optimism and promise of democracy that accompanied the Arab Spring and Euromaidan revolution in Ukraine has slowly faded, leaving behind disillusionment and a sense of insecurity. Instead of democratic consolidation, the revolutionary upheavals have given rise to political turmoil or resurgent autocracy, which creates a hostile and challenging reality for democracy activists in these countries.

The conference will take an in-depth look at the situation in three countries which have a key role to play in determining the political future in the European Neighbourhood: Egypt, Syria and Ukraine.

Democracy activists from these countries will share their first-hand experience on how external partners can best support them in their work to enhance democracy on the ground. They will also provide their assessment on concrete steps that can be taken to support positive developments despite the very challenging circumstances.

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