



CIVIL SOCIETY DAYS 2021

A Sustainable Recovery for the Future of Europe's Citizens

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PROGRAMME



1 March 2021

10:00 – 12:00

Opening session

Chaired by **Brikena Xhomaqi**, Liaison Group co-chair
(*Lifelong Learning Platform*)

- ▶ Welcome by **Christa Schweng**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- ▶ Discussion on the **challenges in building a sustainable recovery** with:
 - **Dubravka Šuica**, Vice President of the European Commission
 - **Christa Schweng**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
 - **Daniel Freund**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Nathan Méténier**, member of Antonio Guterres' Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
 - **João Labrincha**, Academia Cidadã
- ▶ Audience Q&A

14:30 – 16:30

Workshop 1:

Multilevel sustainable democracy in Europe

Organised by the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA), European Citizen Action Service (ECAS), International Association Rurality-Environment-Development (R.E.D.) and the EESC Ad hoc Group on Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law

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Workshop 2:

Social Economy and youth entrepreneurship for a sustainable recovery

Organised by Cooperatives Europe and Social Economy Europe (SEE) and the EESC section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption (INT)

14:30 – 16:30

Workshop 3:

The role of education and culture in the sustainable recovery for Europe

Organised by Culture Action Europe (CAE), the European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB), the Lifelong Learning Platform (LLL) and the EESC section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC)

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3 March 2021

10:00 – 12:00

Workshop 4:
The future of work in the wellbeing economy

Organised by the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), the European Youth Forum (YFJ) and the EESC Sustainable Development Observatory (SDO)

14:30 – 16:30

Workshop 5:
Youth activism, systemic change and recovery in Europe

Organised by Volonteuropa, the European Youth Forum (YFJ) and the EESC Sustainable Development Observatory (SDO)

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4 March 2021

10:00 – 12:00

Workshop 6:
A Social Green Deal for a sustainable recovery

Organised by the Social Platform, Solidar and the EESC section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion (ECO)

14:00 – 15:30

Workshop 7:
The role of key civil society groups in the renovation wave

Organised by the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), the International Union of Property Owners (UIPI) and the EESC section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN)

16:00 – 18:00

Workshop 8:
The role and economic value of volunteers in the road to recovery and beyond

Organised by the European Volunteer Centre and the EESC section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC)



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5 March 2021

10:00 – 12:00

Closing session

Moderated by **Assya Kavrakova**, Director of ECAS

► **Towards a sustainable recovery for the future of Europe's citizens -
Panel discussion building on the workshops' outcomes:**

- **N.N.**, Portuguese EU Council Presidency
- **Vasco Cordeiro**, First Vice President of European Committee of the Regions
- **Diederik Samsom**, Head of Cabinet of **Frans Timmermans**, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, European Commission
- **Anja Fortuna**, Vice-President of the European Youth Forum
- **Sandro Gozi**, MEP and President of the Union of European Federalists
- **Victor Meseguer**, Director of the SEE
- **Piotr Sadowski**, President of the Social Platform
- Audience Q&A

► **Closing remarks by:**

- **Christa Schweng**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Brikena Xhomaqi**, Liaison Group co-chair (Lifelong Learning Platform – LLLP)