

Call to Europe

FEPS – Društvo Progresiva – FES Zagreb

Ljubljana, 6th December 2021

In the second half of 2021, the government of Slovenia has been providing Presidency for the Council of the European Union, when East-West disputes consumed so much energy, and an effort was made to energise the process of EU enlargement to the Western Balkans. This time the FEPS – Društvo Progresiva – FES Zagreb **Call to Europe** conference will focus on three key topics:

- **EU integration in the field of health policy, after the pandemic experience**
- **Free media in Europe, and its role in sustaining democracy and the rule of law**
- **The future of Europe – key issues for citizens in the coming decade.**

Programme

Venue: CD Club, Prešernova cesta 10, Ljubljana (<https://www.cd-cc.si/en/halls/cd-club>)

14.30-15.00

Arrival

Registration, refreshments, publications on display

15.00-15.15

Welcome

by László ANDOR, Secretary General, FEPS

Mojca KLEVA KEKUŠ, chairwoman, Društvo Progresiva

Video message: Sonja SCHIRMBECK, Director, Friedrich-Ebert- Stiftung, Zagreb Office

15.15-16.30

Panel debate on the Health Union

Moderated by Branko GABROVEC, President of the SD Council for Health

Video message from Roberto SPERANZA, Minister of Health, Italy

- Mihály KÖKÉNY, former minister of health, senior fellow of the Global Health Program at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Nina PIRNAT, former Director of the National Institute of Public Health



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- Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS, former European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (online)
- Timon FORSTER, PhD Candidate in International Relations, Freie Universität Berlin

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee break**

17.00 - 18.15 **Panel debate on the free media**

Moderated by Tanja KERŠEVAN SMOKVINA, Assistant Prof. (Univ. of Ljubljana)

- Ágnes URBÁN, Associate professor (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- Primož CIRMAN, Journalist, Necenzurirano.si
- Guillaume KLOSSA, founder CIVICO Europa
- Thijs REUTEN, MEP, S&D Group in the European Parliament

18.15 - 19.00 **The debate on the future of Europe: Keynote speeches**

Moderated by László ANDOR, Secretary General, FEPS

- Maria João RODRIGUES, President (FEPS), former minister and MEP
- Tanja FAJON, SD party leader (Slovenia), member of the European Parliament