

“Ways to Raise Citizens' Voice”

Host: Municipality of Dąbrowa – Poznań, Poland

The aim of this international event is to collect, discuss and exercise forms of engagement of citizens, including ways of impacting decision making at EU level. As the event is taking place in Poland, it will put a strong focus on the current situation related to the war in Ukraine and migration to Poland on an unprecedented scale. The event will offer a hands-on approach, a critical point of view to decision making and to civic participation, as well as a constructive approach to propose new ways of raising citizens' voices. Please join us! We address the message to local and regional authorities, civil society organisations, associations of towns, private and public bodies, European think tanks, students and interested citizens beyond any borders.

The host of the event is a small, yet extraordinarily effective, rural municipality of Dabrowa.

The event is free of charge, but please make sure to register at:
<https://europeforcitizens.wixsite.com/ecnet/event-details/ways-to-raise-citizens-voice>

The schedule is in CET (Brussels, Warsaw, Madrid time)

Tuesday, 17th May

Venue: Stadion Lech Poznan, ul. Bułgarska 17, Poznań

9:15-9:30 Official opening

>> Welcome speech, welcome of local and international participants present in Poznan and online - Marcin Barczykowski – Mayor of Dabrowa Municipality

>> Programme of the meeting - the EC-NET Project Team

9:30-11:00 Plenary session: Old and new forms of engagement of citizens - exchange of methodologies.

>> Introduction: How did we start to help refugees from Ukraine – Radzym Jankiewicz.

>> How does a bottom up support for refugees from Ukraine look like – an example from the cooperation of an NGO (Pozarządowe Mogilno Association) with a local government unit (Starostwo Powiatowe in Mogilno) – Radosław Nowak and Karol Nawrot.

>> How can the private sector support refugees – Maciej Jankiewicz (eVolpe)



>> Actions of the local and state administration – Radzym Jankiewicz (Municipality of Dąbrowa) supported by students of Mogilno schools.

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Open space: How to make good use of the existing European tools of participatory democracy?

Part 1 – Initiatives of European think tanks towards the EU to help Ukraine

>> No More War Citizens Assembly – Ophelie Masson (European Alternatives)

>> EUkraine Now! – Virginia Fiume (EUmans)

>> The appeal of the Polish Women's Strike to the European Commission – Małgorzata Wochowska

>> Activity of the Wiosna Association: Packages of Solidarity – Marta Bailey

Part 2 – The role of Social Media in building a new form of social involvement – a discussion moderated by Radzym Jankiewicz and Małgorzata Wochowska

Examples from Poland and other countries of the EC-NET partnership