



Engaged Democracy Convention vol.3

Engage, Inspire, Empower!

21-23 May, 2025

Venue: Laboratorium, Skopje

21 May

Arrival of participants

14:00 -16:00 - Registration and welcome lunch

16:00 - 16:15 - Welcome and opening remarks by Aleksandra Tomanić, EFB and Vedran Džihic, IDESE

16:15 - 18:00 - **Challenging the Status Quo: Student Protests and Democratic Change in the Balkans**

Speakers: Milena Stefanović (Associate Professor at the Faculty of Drama Arts), Tatjana Rašić (student from the University of Novi Sad), Borjan Eftimov (student from the Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje), Nikola Naumoski (civil society activist from Skopje)

Moderator: Ognjen Janeski, journalist

18:00 - 18:30 - Coffee break

18:30 - 19:30 - Getting to know each other - facilitated introduction

Moderator: Ilija Stankovski

19:30 - 21:00 - Dinner

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09:30 - 10:00 - Welcome coffee

10:00 - 11:30 - **Mental health session: Pause, Breathe, Persist**

Moderator: Gordana Marčetić Radunović

11:30 - 12:00 - Coffee break

12:00 - 13:30 - Parallel thematic workshops:

- **Decent work** (The Institute for Social Policy Musine Kokalari)
- **SLAPP** (Civic Initiatives)
- **Digital security** (SHARE Foundation)

13:30 - 15:00 - Lunch

15:00 - 17:00 - Parallel thematic workshops:

- **Public space** (Ivana Dragšić)
- **Environment** (AKT)
- **Media** (BUKA)



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17:00 - 17:30 - Coffee break

17:30 - 19:00 - **Who's Afraid of Gender in the Balkans? Local Roots and Global Connections**

Speakers: Iva Parađanin (Tampon Zona), Nina Kritički, Rumena Bužarovska (Radio Mileva)

Moderator: Kalia Dimitrova, Meduza

19:00 - 20:30 - Dinner

20:30 - 22:30 - Ivana Dragšić DJ

23 May

9:30 - 10:00 – Welcome coffee

10:00 - 12:00 - **Parallel workshops**

- **Climate Action in the EU of 2035** (European Climate Foundation)
- **From the Inside Out: A Personal Look at Burnout and Resilience** (Gordana Marčetić Radunović)
- **Resilient Together: Community Engagement, Grassroots Fundraising, and Resource Sharing for CSO Sustainability** (Antoaneta Ivanova)
- **Common Ground: Reflections on the new EFB program** (Miloš Ćirić)

12:00 - 12:30 - Coffee break

12:30 - 13:30 – **Reflections from working groups and further actions** by Katarina Tadić, EFB

13:30 - 15:00 - Lunch and departure of participants