

Programme European Conference 2016 in Wrocław 21 and 22 October 2016

Venue: New Horizons Cinema

Thursday, 20 October	
07:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Get Together Youth Conference
	Joint Dinner at “Kurna Chata” Joint dinner to get to know each other and enable first exchange
Friday, 21 October	
09:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Youth Conference
09:00 – 09:30 a.m.	Introduction and impulse by members of the A Soul For Europe Strategy Group (Nicolas Bertrand, Andreas Bock, Rarita Zbranca)
09:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Working on the subject “Citizens for Europe – Cities for Europe” (3 working groups) - What can we individually or as a group do in our city for Europe?
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	Working on the subject “Citizens for Europe – Cities for Europe” (3 working groups) - What can we individually or as a group do in our city for Europe?
12:30 – 01:00 p.m.	Plenum /Conclusion Discussion of the results from the working groups
2:30 – 6:30 p.m.	European Conference, Part 1 (Permanent coffee bar)
2:30 – 2:40 p.m.	Opening words by Rafał Dutkiewicz, Mayor of Wrocław
2:40 – 2:50 p.m.	Introduction by Volker Hassemer, Board Member “A Soul for Europe”, Chair Stiftung Zukunft Berlin <i>Strategy of the conference and intended results</i>
2:50 – 3:10 p.m.	Keynote by Marek Prawda, Representative of the European Commission in Poland
3:10 – 3:20 p.m.	Statement by Bernhard Schneider, Co-Founder “A Soul for Europe” <i>On the urban forms of European politics</i>
3:20 – 4:20 p.m.	What can cities achieve for Europe? Moderated by Steve Austen, Board Member “A Soul for Europe”, Felix Meritis Foundation <i>Visions for an active role of cities and regions in the European integration process</i> Emil Boc (Cluj) Edwin Bendyk, Journalist and writer Rafał Dutkiewicz (Wrocław) Jacek Jaśkowiak (Poznań)
4:20 – 4:30 p.m.	Statement by Hannes Swoboda, Former Member of the European Parliament <i>On the significance of the decentral structures of cities</i>
4:30 – 4:50 p.m.	Coffee Break

4:50 – 5:10 p.m.	<p>The cities' position following the Urban Agenda for the EU</p> <p>Impulse 1: Hella Dunger-Löper, State Secretary for European Affairs of Berlin Impulse 2: Bernhard Schneider, Co-Founder "A Soul for Europe" Impulse 3: Hugo de Greef, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", European Festivals Association</p>
5:10 – 6:10 p.m.	<p>Comments and discussion on the new role of the cities Moderated by Hugo de Greef, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", European Festivals Association</p> <p>Intervention by a representative of the Youth Conference Francisca Abreu, Former Deputy-Mayor in charge of culture in Guimarães Nicolas Bertrand, Member of the „A Soul for Europe“ Strategy Group Zbigniew Maćków, Architectural Curator Wrocław 2016 Brigitte Russ-Scherer, Spokesperson "Cities for Europe", mayor (retired) Hannes Swoboda, Former Member of the European Parliament</p>
6:10 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>Conclusion Steve Austen, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", Felix Meritis Foundation</p>
6:30 p.m.	Dinner

Saturday, 22 October

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>European Conference, Part 2 (Permanent coffee bar)</p>
9:00 – 09 :45 a.m.	<p>European Capitals of Culture of the remaining and upcoming decade Moderated by Doris Pack General Secretary of Franco-German Cultural Council, Former Member of European Parliament Arne Lietz, Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>Krzysztof Maj, General Director of ECoC Wrocław 2016 Oeds Westerhof, Director Network and Legacy of ECoC Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018 Dr. Karsten Xuereb, Executive Director, Valletta, ECoC 2018 Aleksandar Pekovic, Project Director Herceg Novi 2021 Svetlana Kuyumdzhieva, Artistic Director, Plovdiv 2019</p>
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Current situation with the instrument of European Capital of Culture Introduction by: Ulrich Fuchs, Member of the Selection and Monitoring Panel of the ECoC</p> <p>Alicja Herbowska, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the EU-Commissioner for Culture Airan Berg, International Artistic Advisor, Member of the „A Soul for Europe“ Strategy Group Ingo Weber, "Cities and Regions" working group within "A Soul for Europe"</p>
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	Coffee break
10:50 – 11 :50 a.m.	<p>Improvement proposals and discussion, moderated by Nele Hertling</p> <p>Intervention by a representative of the Youth Conference Chris Baldwin, Curator Interdisciplinary Performance Wrocław 2016 Ulrich Fuchs, Member of the Selection and Monitoring Panel of the European Capital of Culture Volker Hassemer, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin Rarita Zbranca, Member of the „A Soul for Europe“ Strategy Group</p>
11:50 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Specific consequences for the instrument of European Capital of Culture <i>Structure, content, organisation (role of Wrocław and other capitals of culture)</i> Moderated by Volker Hassemer</p> <p>Hugo de Greef, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", European Festivals Association Emil Boc, Mayor Cluj, Rumania Doris Pack, General Secretary of Franco-German Cultural Council, former Member of the Europ. Parl. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador (ret.) Shuji Kogi, Secretary General EU-Japan Fest Japan Committee</p> <p>Conclusion Rafał Dutkiewicz and Volker Hassemer</p>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch