

Eurosfat 2014: Quo Vadis Europe?

Eurosfat is the annual stakeholders' forum on European affairs organized in Romania. The purpose of the event is to bring together politicians, civil society, the private and public sector and citizens in order to discuss and to shape the positions and the expectations they have towards the European Union.

The second edition of **Eurosfat** will take place on **Monday, 7 April 2014, at the Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest** and will be entitled "Quo Vadis Europe?". On the eve of the European elections, those active in European policies are invited to take stock of the past years and to set forth recommendations for new MEPs and the new European Commission. Candidates for the European Parliament elections will participate in special debates to answer questions of the civil society on the form and content of their European commitment. Furthermore, a special high level debate will be organized with leaders of the main European political parties, including designated candidates for the Presidency of the next European Commission.

The first edition of **Eurosfat** was organized by the Europuls Association together with over twenty partner organisations, on the 15th of March 2013, at the Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest. The event was highly successful and was attended by over 600 participants. Among its guests we recall the presence of the European Commissioner, Dacian Cioloș, of distinguished Members of the European Parliament: Norica Nicolai, Cristian Preda, Adina Vălean, Ioan Enciu, Amelia Andersdotter, as well as of Members of the Romanian Parliament, European and national officials, NGOs, think-tank representatives and citizens.

The forum is structured in **two main plenary sessions** and six thematic workshops. The opening plenary will concentrate on European elections and possible ways of improving the electoral process, while the closing plenary session will be a live broadcast high level meeting in which the leaders of the main European political families will present their views on the future of the European Union ahead of the European elections and the subsequent designation of the new President of the European Commission.

The workshops will be organised as **candidate debates and expert debates**. The candidate debates will bring into attention the political programmes and the vision of those participating in the campaign for the European elections. The expert debates will highlight the role of civil society representatives, public policy experts and citizens vis-à-vis improving the positions and status of Romania as a EU member.

Preliminary programme of Eurosfat 2014

9h00 – 10h30	Opening plenary session with focus on the European elections	
	Keynote speakers: Romanian and European MEPs, researchers, leaders of the civil society	
10h30 – 11h00	<i>Candidate debates</i>	<i>Expert debates</i>
	1. Protecting democracy and the rule of law: what instruments does the European Union have?	4. Agriculture and rural development: what perspectives for Romania?
	2. The regionalisation and the administrative territorial reform. What consequences for the management of structural funds?	5. Schengen area and the management of EU external borders
	3. What solutions for European economic recovery	6. The labour mobility within the European Union
16h30 – 18h30	Closing plenary session <i>The future of the European Union – the visions of the main European political families</i>	
	Keynote speakers: candidates for the presidency of the European Commission, leaders of the main European political parties, heads of Romanian party lists for the European elections	
18h30 – 19h30	Cocktail	

Co-organisers of Eurosfat 2014

Europuls is an organization founded by Romanian professionals in EU affairs with the objective to promote the European integration process in Romania. Europuls aims to encourage the public debate on European issues and to raise awareness about European values and policies through articles and studies, as well as through the organization of public debates, workshops and conferences.

The Romanian Centre for European Policies (CRPE) was established in 2009 by a group of experts, in order to support Romania's role in Europe by providing expertise in public policy. CRPE's mission is to promote Romania as a coherent and influential actor in setting the public agenda and in policy making in the EU, and to continue the process of Europeanization of Romania through good governance, expertise and informed public debate.