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cordially invites you to attend the

2<sup>nd</sup> annual round table debate “European Union politics - views from  
Central Europe”

## “Where are they? Civil society actors and European integration”

Popper Room, Monument Building, CEU  
9.15-13.00, 17 April 2012

Visit our website for the program and updated information on the event at  
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### *Program*

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<u>9.15 - 9.30</u>	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
<u>9.30 - 9.40</u>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> by Professor Uwe Puetter, Jean Monnet Chair in European Governance and Public Policy
<u>9.40 - 10.30</u>	<b>Keynote address “Involving civil society: the key to a more democratic Europe?”</b> , Professor Beate Kohler, University of Mannheim, Germany
<u>10.30 - 10.45</u>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<u>10.45 - 11.45</u>	<b>The role of civil society actors in EU policy-making and the new member states (Session 1)</b> <i>Chair: Professor Uwe Puetter, CEU</i>
<u>11.45 - 12.00</u>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<u>12.00 - 13.00</u>	<b>Civil society actors in Central and Eastern Europe and the implementation of EU policies: experiences, challenges and expectations (Session 2)</b> <i>Chair: Andrey Demidov, PhD candidate, CEU</i>

The event brings together a small group of scholars and civil society practitioners from the new member states. The aim of the event is to raise awareness among researchers and the interested public alike of the roles that civil society actors play in the process of European integration. It discusses this question with a particular focus on the experiences within the region of Central and Eastern Europe after the 2004 and 2007 European Union (EU) enlargements.

It is asked how far the EU has shaped a particular model of civil society involvement in political decision-making and how regional actors have reacted to it. What does the EU's emphasis on a particular role of civil society actors in European policy-making imply for the wider development of civil society in the region? Focusing on specific experiences with the role of civil society actors in the context of the implementation of EU policies in the region it is discussed what challenges civil society actors face in their day-to-day dealings with national and EU-level actors as well as within their own organizational structures and networks.

The event features a key-note address and two moderated discussion rounds.

#### Expert discussants:

- **Teodora Donsz-Kovacs**, National Society of Conservationists, Friends of the Earth, Budapest, Hungary
- **Andrej Friedl**, Advisor to the General Director, Chamber of Commerce, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Beate Kohler**, Professor, University of Mannheim, Germany
- **Monika Kosinska**, Secretary General of the European Public Health Alliance, Brussels
- **Rita Galambos**, Member, Hungarian Europe Society / Director of Strategic Development, Foundation for Democratic Youth