

## Friends of the Eastern Partnership

### Three online facilitated workshops + guest speaker:

- 9<sup>th</sup> October **Opening session. What is progressivism?**  
Guest speaker: **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS  
Facilitator: Kido Koenig
- 16<sup>th</sup> October: **Building a movement: social & civil alliances**  
Guest speaker: **Mikael Leyi**, Secretary General, Solidar  
Facilitator: Jelena Simic
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October: **How Can Local Progressive Policies be Made?**  
Guest speaker: **Karolina Ziolo-Puzuk**, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and a Warsaw City Councillor

### Regional Conference

Date and venue: Vilnius from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Overall Facilitation: Jelena Simic and Kido Koenig

### **Programme:**

#### **Tuesday 4 November 2025 - Arrival and Welcome Dinner**

Best Western Vilnius - Granite Conference Hall

**17.00** Opening by the representatives of FEPS, FES, FMS, OPC

**17.30** Special guest: **Ruslanas Baranovas** (MP, Foreign Relations Committee, Seimas)

**19.00** Dinner at the hotel

**20.30** Networking session

#### **Wednesday 5 November 2025 -**

**8.00** Breakfast

#### **9.00 Workshop 1: What is progressive in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the EU?**

Guest speaker: **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS

**11.00** Coffee Break

#### **11:15 Workshop 2: How can progressive local policies be made?**

Guest speaker: **Eduard Odinets**, former member of the Estonian Parliament and former City Councilor of Kohtla-Järve

**13.00** Lunch

**14:00 Workshop 3:** Building a movement: social & civil alliances

Guest speakers:

**Simona Padegimaitė**, Youth Coordinator LSDP Lithuania

**Eduard Odinets**, former member of the Estonian Parliament

**Mikael Leyi**, Secretary General, Solidar

**16.30** Coffee Break

**16.45 Conclusion:** next steps, establishing a roadmap

**18.00** Closing

**20.00** Dinner with Next Left Focus Group

**Thursday 6 November 2025**

**9.30** Political Tour in Vilnius

**12.00** End of the tour

**Departures**

