



## THINKING OUTSIDE THE BALLOT BOX: DEMOCRACY AND THE EU

### Ireland



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## PROGRAMME

9.00-9:30

**Registration of participants and light breakfast**

9:30-9.45

**Introductory remarks**

**ERNST STETTER**, FEPS Secretary General

9:45-10:30

**Keynote Address**

*Keynote introduction:* **SHANA COHEN**, Director, TASC

**TOM ARNOLD**, Former Director General of IIEA, Ireland

*Respondent:* **EAMON RYAN**, Green Party TD, Ireland

10:45-12:15

**Fishbowl I: Local Democracy**

**Participants:**

**MARCIN GERWIN**, Co-Founder, Sopotcka Inicjatywa Rozwojowa, Poland

**MORITZ FISCHER**, PhD Candidate, University of Tübingen, Germany

**KAELA SCOTT**, Head of Democratic Innovation, Involve, UK

**ALEX MARINI**, Founder, Più Democrazia Trentino, Italy

**YVES DEJAEGHERE**, Organizer, G1000, Belgium

**KADER SEVINC**, Founder, Democracy 4.0, Belgium

**KATICA JANEVA**, Project Coordinator, European Association for Local Democracy, Macedonia

**SIOBHÁN O'DONOGHUE**, Director, Uplift, Ireland

**CHARLOTTE BILLINGHAM**, Senior Executive Advisor, FEPS

*Moderator:* **MARIA FREITAS**, FEPS Senior Policy Advisor

12:15-1:15

**Conference Lunch**

1:15-2:45

**Fishbowl II: Restoring Confidence in Representative Democracy**

**NEAL LAWSON**, Chair, Compass, UK

**ALEXANDRA RUNSWICK**, Director, Unlock Democracy, UK

**DANIEL OPPOLD**, Advisor, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Germany

**KEN GODFREY**, Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy, Belgium

**CRAIG DWYER**, Co-Founder, Transparent Referendum Initiative, Ireland

**HASHIM MOHAMED JAMA**, Ambassador, Get Out the Vote, Sweden

**VERONICA STEFAN**, President, Social Doers, Romania

**NATASA VUCKOVIC**, Secretary General, Center for Democracy Foundation, Serbia

**IVAN DOHERTY**, Senior Associate, National Democratic Institute, United States

*Moderator:* **ROB SWEENEY**, FEPS-TASC Researcher, TASC



## Q&A

3:00-3:10

**Presentation:** Trends in institutional trust across the EU  
*Findings from the European Quality of Life Survey 2007-2016*

**Presenter:**

**TADAS LEONČIKAS**, Senior Research Manager, Eurofound

3:10-4:30

**Panel Discussion: Building Democratic Structures in the EU**

**Participants:**

**ANTHONY BARNETT**, Co-Founder, Open Democracy

**DAVID THUNDER**, Researcher, University of Navarra, Spain

**TADJEC BEOCANIN**, Mayor, Municipality Ajdovscina, Slovenia

**BASTIAN KENN**, Research Associate, European Democracy Lab

**CLODAGH HARRIS**, Head, Department of Govt. & Politics, University College Cork, Ireland

**SACHA GARBEN**, Professor of Law, College of Europe, Belgium

**PAUL GAVAN**, Sinn Fein Senator, Ireland

**MALISA ZOBEL**, Program Director, MIDI, Humboldt-Viadrina, Germany

*Moderator:* **JANE SUITER**, Organizer, The Ireland Citizens' Assembly

4:30-5:00

**Closing Remarks**

**CLODAGH HARRIS**, Head, Department of Govt. & Politics, University College Cork, Ireland

**MIKE JENNINGS**, TASC Board Chair