

Public launch of Civil Society State of the Union report & networking reception

Wednesday 6 September 2023, from 16:00 to 18:30 (CET)
Online and at JEF Europe, Rue des Deux Églises 14, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

We cordially invite you to the **public launch of the Civil Society State of the Union (CS SOTEU) 2023 report**, which will take place on **Wednesday 6 September 2023** in Brussels and **online**.

After months of hard work, we will present this joint report which comprises **our vision and key recommendations as civil society for a more democratic and socially and environmentally just European Union**.

The CS SOTEU 2023 report, addressed to EU institutions and EU Member States, has been **produced by Civil Society Europe (CSE)'s [Working Group on the CS SOTEU](#)**, a WG that is following up on the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) and supporting civil society and citizens' participation in EU democracy.

Altogether, **43 independent European networks of civil society organisations (CSOs)** specialised in different sectors **contributed to this report**.

The **report will be publicly launched and presented** on Wednesday 6 September 2023 in Brussels and online, from 16:00 to 17:00 (CET). This will be **followed by a networking reception until 18:30**.

We hope you will join us in person or online!

DEADLINE — Please [register using this link](#) by the 4th of September 2023 (midday, CET)!

P.S. CSE's WG is continuing the collaborative and ambitious work accomplished within the [Civil Society Convention for the Conference on the Future of Europe \(CSOCOFOE\)](#) from 2021 to 2022.

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Draft Agenda

16:00 - 17:00 – Presentation of the Civil Society State of the Union (CS SOTEU) 2023 report

1. **Welcome and introductory remarks** by Gabriella Civico, CSE President, Director of Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) & co-chair of CSE's WG on the CS SOTEU
2. **Summary of CS SOTEU report's chapter I "Strengthening democracy, fundamental rights and civic space in the EU and the world"** by co-chairs Alexandrina Najmowicz (ECF) and Antonella Valmorbida (ALDA)
3. **Summary of CS SOTEU report's chapter II "Enhancing freedom of movement and solidarity for a more inclusive European society"** by co-chairs Gabriella Civico (CEV) and Piotr Sadowski (Volonteuropa)
4. **Summary of CS SOTEU report's chapter III "A socially just EU"** by chair Martina Corti (SOLIDAR)
5. **Summary of CS SOTEU report's chapter IV "Fighting against climate change's impacts and addressing (global) environmental challenges"** by chair Manuela Gervasi (EEB)
6. **Summary of CS SOTEU report's chapter V "A digital transformation that leaves no one behind in the EU"** by chair Elisa Lironi (ECAS) – *TBC*
7. **Summary of CS SOTEU report's chapter VI "Shielding the future of European society through human-centred security policies"** by chair Gabriella Civico (CEV) – *TBC*
8. **Panel discussion and reactions**
9. **Closing remarks**

17:00 - 18:30 – Networking reception