

ADDRESSING BACKSLIDING ON CIVIC SPACE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

**SIDE EVENT AT 38TH
SESSION OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**FRIDAY, 22 JUNE
12:00–13:00
PALAIS DES NATIONS
ROOM XXVI**

Across the world, backsliding on civic space has deepened and accelerated. Attacks on core civic freedoms – of association, peaceful assembly and expression – are happening in Europe as well and have become more brazen. This event will provide an opportunity to examine key trends across the EU and take a look at a number of member state case studies. New research and presentations will provide insights on: 1) the widespread development of regulatory measures, such as anti-terrorism, limitation to donations, and anti-money laundering legislation; 2) smear campaigns against civil society organisations and the criminalisation of assistance to migrants. The panel will equally talk about practical policy-making on how to uphold human rights commitments on civic space across the EU.

SPEAKERS:

- Felipe Gonzalez Morales, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- EU Representative (TBC)
- Carlotta Besozzi, Civil Society Europe
- Simona Constantinescu, Civil Society Foundation, Romania
- Francesco Martone, IN Difesa Di, Italy

Moderator: Matthew Jones, Human Rights House Foundation

Refreshments served at 11:45

For more information contact: clementine.demontjoye@civicus.org

The event will be livestreamed on the @CIVICUS Facebook page

Event Organisers

