The Future of Digital Transformation in Europe

6 October, 14.00- 15.30 CET

Platform: WebEX **Language**: English

Objective: This will be an awareness raising event with a two-fold objective. On the one hand, to discuss with relevant stakeholders the status quo of digital transformation policies in Europe. This will include the first ideas already collected on the Crowdsourcing platform of the Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe. On the other hand, the objective is to invite organisations across Europe to join the Crowdsourcing platform and present their ideas about what priorities they think the EU should focus on in the next few years in the context of Europe's digital transformation.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
   Assya Kavrakova, Executive Director, ECAS & **Albin Keuc**, Director, SLOGA platform (10 minutes)

2. Panellists Introductory Interventions – Brief introduction of their role in the COFOE/digital transformation debate
   Moderated by **Klemen Balanč**, Network MaMa (15 minutes, 5 minutes each)

Speakers:

- **Peter Jenko**, Acting Director-General, Information Society Directorate, Ministry of Public Administration of Republic of Slovenia;
- **Milosh Ristovski**, Co-Chair, Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe;
- **Simon Delakorda**, Director, Institute for Electronic Participation, Network NVO-VID.

3. Presentation of the first results of the Digital Transformation Cluster
   Elisa Lironi, Senior Manager European Democracy, ECAS (10 minutes)

4. Round of questions to panellists.
   Moderated by **Assya Kavrakova,** Executive Director, ECAS
   Questions will relate to the following topics: *Digital Democracy, Digital Economy, Digital Education, Digital Safeguards and Digital Rights.* (20 minutes)

5. Q&A with audience (20 minutes)

6. Final Intervention and Conclusions
• **Helmut Scholz**, MEP, The Left (DE), Executive Board COFOE (10 minutes)
• **Maša Malovrh**, Beletrina Publishing Institute, Network NVO-VID (5 minutes)

Background: The event is organised during the Slovenian EU Council presidency and under the framework of the Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe to discuss the current and future Europe's digital transformation policies and actions.

The Convention is the only platform of the organized civil society across Europe, which aims to provide structured input on behalf of more than 90 civil society networks to the Conference on the Future of Europe. Its members are committed to ensure an ambitious and forward-looking agenda for the Conference and a meaningful civil society input that will be taken into account in the follow-up of the Conference with concrete policy impact.

One of the clusters of the Civil Society Convention is the **Digital Transformation Cluster**. It works to collect proposals from civil society organisations that will feed into the EU's policies of "A Europe fit for the digital age". The ambition is to strengthen the EU's digital sovereignty and set standards on data, technology, and infrastructure - with a clear focus on education, ethics, fundamental rights, and European values.

The Convention's Digital Transformation Cluster policy proposals will be based on crowdsourcing the ideas of civil society organisations across Europe on *Digital Democracy*, *Digital Economy, Digital Education, Digital Safeguards and Digital Rights.*

The Crowdsourcing Platform can be found here *and is currently only open to the organisations part of the Working Groups of the Convention.*