# Civil Society as a Crisis Readiness Factor in the Present EU

Warsaw, February 4th - 5th, 2025

PGE National Stadium, Conference Centre Gate 1, 2nd floor, Room “Warsaw”

**Main goal of the meeting:** Exchange of information and good practices for involving civil society organizations, volunteers and the citizens in both crisis preparedness and resilience building initiatives, in line with the recommendations of S. Niinistö's Report "Safer Together" (building / operationalizing the concept of *whole-society-approach*).

# Agenda day 1

**09.00 – 10.00 Registration of accredited participants and welcome coffee**

10.00 – 10.10 Opening of the meeting by the Minister for Civil Society

10.10 – 11.10 Inauguration panel with participation of:

 President of the European Economic and Social Committee

 Representative of UNHCR in Poland

 Representative of Directorate General ECHO (tbc)

 Managing Director of the Civil Society Europe (tbc)

11.10 – 12.00 introduction of delegations (2 mins / country)

**12.00 – 13.00 lunch break**

13.00 – 13.30 introducing the concept of the initiative by the Director Department for Civil Society +questions from participants

13.30 – 14.00 Information about the progress of work by the EESC Rapporteur on the EESC opinion SOC/812 “*Crises and crisis phenomena in modern Europe and civil society*”

14.00 – 14.30 Discussion: questions and remarks by delegates

**14.30 – 14.45 coffee**

14.45 – 16.00 panel presentations: involvement of NGOs in recent crises – covid-19 pandemic, refugee / migration crisis, flooding 2024, coordination tools

**16.00 – 16.15 summary of Day 1 + coffee / networking**

**19.00 – 21.30 official dinner at ResPublica Palace / Pałac Rzeczpospolitej**
address: Plac Krasińskich 3/5, Warsaw

# Agenda day 2

09.15 – 10.00 Presentation of the working document: “*Competences for dialogue with civil society in the Member States of the European Union. Current status and good practices of cooperation in crisis situations*."

10.00 – 11.00 Discussion and remarks by delegates: (4 min. / country)

**11.00 – 11.15 coffee break**

11.15 – 12.45 Civil protection perspective - summary of works in Groups PROCIV, AHWP Resilience and discussion

12.45 – 13.15 Summary of the High Level Meeting and next steps

**13.15 – 14.00 lunch and networking**

Additional information:

2 weeks before the event a document containing initial information from the survey (provided by administrations responsible for civil society) will be circulated to the accredited participants in order to prepare discussion on possible areas for cooperation at EU level.