



## **EU-RUSSIA CIVIC DIALOGUE: EXPERIENCE OF CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE EU AND RUSSIA**

Amid the current stormy waters of the Kremlin's relationship with the EU, there is a continuing need to engage with Russian citizens and support civil society. To this end, we will discuss experiences of civic and political engagement with a group of European and Russian discussants. What differences and what commonalities do we experience? What can we learn from each other? And how can we further engage in the future?

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 8 JUNE 2018 | MOSCOW, RUSSIA**

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome by  
ELF tbc

9:15 – 11:00 **Roundtable discussion on “Experience of civic and political participation in the EU and Russia”**

Discussion with:

**2 EU case presenters**

**2 Russian case presenters**

**+ 6 additional EU discussants and 6 additional Russian discussants**

Moderated by **Julius von Freytag-Loringhoven** | Project Director at FNF Russia (TBC)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

**11:15 – 13:00 World Café**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 **End of Event**

Working language: **English**

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# RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUNDTABLES**

## ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.