



Power of Networks - Building Transnational Political Alliances

ONLINE WORKSHOP ZOOM

ABOUT THE EVENT

“Euro-MENA Freedom Project” is a creative platform connecting the liberals of Europe to the liberals of Middle East and North Africa (MENA). It consists of a series of activities throughout the year 2020 to join forces and set up a 2025 agenda for the liberals in both regions. The project's main goal is to find solutions to counter ideological, economic and social threats and re-channeling the conversation between both regions.

The “Power of Networks- Building Transnational Alliances” workshop aims to exchange knowledge and experiences between liberal networks in Europe and the MENA on how to operate in society.

EVENT SCHEDULE

04 June 2020

17:00 Opening and Presentation

Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director at European Liberal Forum

Dirk Kunze, Regional Director, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Middle East and North Africa

17:10 **Culture and History**

As the historian Niall Ferguson writes in his ‘The square and the tower’ book, networks have been part of society since the 16th century. A lot of his analysis on how these historic ‘hidden’ networks in Europe developed and gained power, gives us guidelines for current and future times. This session focuses on his insights, in combination with the cultural, philosophical and liberal background of the networks and movements we now know to point out similarities and differences between EU&MENA networks.

Moderator: Kiki Bakker, Consultant, kikibakker.

19:00 End of Session I



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17:00

Scenario Writing Workshop

During this session we will be inviting an expert to do a two hour session on how society in both EU and MENA might develop, and to discuss the options and opportunities that networks have to grow within their contexts.

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Yara Asmar, Regional Strategy Manager, FNF MENA

19:00

End of Session II

11 June 2020

17:00

Structures of Networks

The issues discussed in the first two days will give some guidance into how the networks can operate. We will ask the networks to share their structure, and their feedback on what does work, and what doesn't. We will expose during this session an overview of best practices, and showcase examples from other network organizations and grassroots movements.

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18:30

Break



18:45

Focus and Activities

This session focuses on the means to maximize cooperation between the European and MENA networks

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20:30

End of Session III

Working language will be English.

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