





Programme European Conference 2016 in Wrocław 21 and 22 October 2016

Venue: New Horizons Cinema

Friday, 21 Octob	er
2:30 – 6:30 p.m.	European Conference, Part 1 (Permanent coffee bar)
2:30 – 2:40 p.m.	Opening words by Rafał Dutkiewicz, Mayor of Wrocław
2:40 – 2:50 p.m.	Introduction by Volker Hassemer, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", Chair Stiftung Zukunft Berlin Strategy of the conference and intended results
2:50 – 3:10 p.m.	Keynote by Marek Prawda, Representative of the European Commission in Poland
3:10 – 3:20 p.m.	Statement by Bernhard Schneider, Co-Founder "A Soul for Europe" On the urban forms of European politics
3:20 – 4:20 p.m.	What can cities achieve for Europe? Visions for an active role of cities and regions in the European integration process Moderated by Volker Hassemer
	Emil Boc (Mayor of Cluj-Napoca) Rafał Dutkiewicz (Mayor of Wrocław) Steve Austen, Board Member "A Soul for Europe" Stanisław Tamm (City Council Poznan) Edwin Bendyk, Journalist and writer
4:20 – 4:30 p.m.	Statement by Hannes Swoboda, Former Member of the European Parliament On the significance of the decentral structures of cities
4:30 – 4:50 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:50 – 5:10 p.m.	The cities' position following the Urban Agenda for the EU
	Impulse 1: Hella Dunger-Löper, State Secretary for European Affairs of Berlin Impulse 2: Bernhard Schneider, Co-Founder "A Soul for Europe" Impulse 3: Hugo de Greef, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", European Festivals Association
5:10 – 6:10 p.m.	Comments and discussion on the new role of the cities Moderated by Hugo de Greef, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", European Festivals Association
	Intervention by a representative of the Youth Conference Francisca Abreu, Former Deputy-Mayor in charge of culture in Guimarães Nicolas Bertrand, Member of the "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group Zbigniew Maćków, Architectural Curator Wrocław 2016 Brigitte Russ-Scherer, Spokesperson "Cities for Europe", mayor (retired) Hannes Swoboda, Former Member of the European Parliament
6:10 – 6:30 p.m.	Conclusion Steve Austen, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", Felix Meritis Foundation
6:30 p.m.	Dinner

Saturday, 22 October		
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	European Conference, Part 2 (Permanent coffee bar)	
9:00 – 09 :45 a.m.	European Capitals of Culture of the remaining and upcoming decade Moderated by Doris Pack General Secretary of Franco-German Cultural Council, Former Member of European Parliament Arne Lietz, Member of the European Parliament	
	Krzysztof Maj, General Director of ECoC Wrocław 2016 Oeds Westerhof, Director Network and Legacy of ECoCLeeuwarden-Fryslân 2018 Dr. Karsten Xuereb, Executive Director, Valletta, ECoC 2018 Aleksandar Pekovic, Project Director Herceg Novi 2021 Svetlana Kuyumdzhieva, Artistic Director, Plovdiv 2019 Shuji Kogi, Secretary General EU-Japan Fest Japan Committee	
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Current situation with the instrument of European Capital of Culture Introduction by: Ulrich Fuchs, Member of the Selection and Monitoring Panel of the ECoC	
	Alicja Herbowska, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the EU-Commissioner for Culture Airan Berg, International Artistic Advisor, Member of the "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group Ingo Weber, "Cities and Regions" working group within "A Soul for Europe"	
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	Coffee break	
10:50 – 11 :50 a.m.	Improvement proposals and discussion, moderated by Nele Hertling	
	Intervention by a representative of the Youth Conference Chris Baldwin, Curator Interdisciplinary Performance Wrocław 2016 Ulrich Fuchs, Member of the Selection and Monitoring Panel of the European Capital of Culture Volker Hassemer, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", Chairman Stiftung Zukunft Berlin Rarita Zbranca, Member of the "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group	
11:50 – 12:30 p.m.	Specific consequences for the instrument of European Capital of Culture Structure, content, organisation (role of Wrocław and other capitals of culture) Moderated by Volker Hassemer	
	Hugo de Greef, Board Member "A Soul for Europe", European Festivals Association Emil Boc, Mayor Cluj-Napoca, Rumania Doris Pack, General Secretary of Franco-German Cultural Council, former Member of the Europ. Parl. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador (ret.)	
	Conclusion Volker Hassemer	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	