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## How can civil society participate more effectively in the EU?

*A collective reflection on the dos and don'ts*

Event co-organised by The Good Lobby and the European Parliament

### Programme

13.30

Registration

#### I. Introduction by the European Parliament

A representative from the Parliament will present "Democracy in action" and the EP strategy ahead of the European elections 2024.

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#### II. Keynote Speech by Alberto Alemanno - Why Civil Society should lobby for change

The keynote speech will frame the topic of the "Lobbying for Good Movement" and citizen's engagement, also giving a brief overview of the main tools that civil society and citizens dispose of to raise their voice at the EU level – starting from participating in the EU elections.

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### III. Panel 1: Successful stories of lobbying for good: which lessons learned for civil society organisations?

- Anaïs Berthier, Head of the EU Office, ClientEarth
- Luis Morago, Campaign Director, Avaaz
- Stephanie Ghislain, Political Affairs Manager, Eurogroup for Animals
- Nicholas Aiossa, Director, Transparency International

Moderator: Kelsey Beltz, Head of Global Partnerships, The Good Lobby

*The session will gather representatives from civil society who will share their experiences through successful stories and best practices. The objective will be to demystify concepts such as European Citizens Initiatives, petitions or Joint Letters, and show how these tools can be used successfully.*

 Coffee Break & Networking

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### IV. Panel 2: Lobbying the institutions: what methods actually work?

- **Mieke de Regt**, Attachée Belgian Permanent Representation.
- **Carl Dolan**, Senior Adviser to the European Ombudsman.
- **Juan Fernando López Aguilar MEP**, Chair of the LIBE Committee.
- **Ingrid Godkin**, Member of the Cabinet of Commission Vice President Šuica.

Moderator: **James Kanter**, Journalist and editor, founder of the **EU Scream** podcast

*This panel will facilitate an interactive session where representatives from the Commission, Council, Parliament, and European Ombudsman come together to share their perspectives as recipients of lobbying efforts.*