



INVITATION: Conference on Egypt Before the Upcoming Elections Position, role and challenges for the civil society

The *European Partnership for Democracy* and the **MEDEA Institute**, with the support of *Generation Europe Foundation* are inviting you to the conference on *Egypt before the upcoming elections : Position, role and challenges for the civil society*.

After a short presentation by representatives of key Egyptian civil society organizations, the conference will be an opportunity to discuss the latest stage of the political transformation in Egypt; the role of the civil society in the upcoming elections; the status of the popular mobilization; and the chances for collective empowerment promised by the Arab spring in Egypt.

The participants will address a number of vital questions, such as: In the absence of an official international election observation mission, how can the EU and its member states (EU&MS) support local observers? Which instruments could the EU&MS use for supporting democratic development in Egypt? What is the EU&MS agenda and what could be the role of Egyptian civil society in this process? What can we expect from the upcoming elections for a constitutional assembly in Egypt? Which are the most relevant political actors at present and what are the chances of reaching a political consensus in a democratic process.

WITH:

Dr Magdy Abdel Hamid

Chairman of the Egyptian Association for Community Participation Enhancement.

Ms Nadine Abdalla Iskandar

Researcher at the Arab Forum for Alternatives and EuroMeSCo Liaison Officer.

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12.00 – 14.00

@ **Generation Europe Foundation**
(Chaussée St Pierre 123, 1040
Bruxelles)

Entrance fee (Including sandwiches and drinks): € 4

**Please confirm your attendance
by September 16**

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