



International conference

Churches and Civil Society

Date **Monday, 29th to
Tuesday, 30th April 2019**

Location **Head office of
Protestant Church of Zurich**
Hirschengraben 50, 8001 Zürich

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Programme

Monday, April 29th

1 p.m.	Welcome and opening Walter Lüssi , Protestant Church of Zurich, president Oikosnet, president plusbildung – Ökumenische Bildungslandschaft Schweiz
1:10 p.m.	Aim of the conference and introduction of the project Rüdiger Noll , Protestant academies in Germany, Berlin
1:30 p.m.	Introduction of participants
2:30 p.m.	Input: What is «Civil Society»? Why does Europe and why do European states need a vibrant civil society? What are the obstacles to a vibrant civil society in Europe and in European states? Dr. Monica Schreiber , Aachen
3:15 p.m.	Discussion in small groups about the input Coffee, drinks and cakes are served
4:15 p.m.	Input: Civil society in Switzerland Characteristics of Swiss political culture and its implications for civil society Prof. em. Wolf Linder , University of Berne
4:45 p.m.	Queries and exchange of views
5:15 p.m.	Rest
5:30 p.m.	Swiss civil society live Four representatives of Swiss civil society will report on their activities and initiatives (NGOs, churches, social movements) along key questions: What is explicitly «Swiss» in civil society projects? What are strengths and weaknesses? Obstacles for development, lacks? Jana Waser , Foreigners Advisory Council Zurich Oliver Wenczel , Platform Agenda 2030 N.N., Operation Libero Thomas Wallimann-Sasaki , Dr. theol., Justice and Peace Switzerland, Initiative against exportation of weapons
6:30 p.m.	Plenary
7:15 p.m.	Closing
7:30 p.m.	Dinner

Programme

Tuesday, April 30th

9 a.m.	Good morning
9:15 a.m.	Input: European Civil society and the church By which kind of contribution do churches support civil society in Europe? In which way are they part of civil society? Or are they perceiving themselves or being perceived as an intermediate «third place»? Dr. Rupert Graf Strachwitz , Maecenata-Institut, Berlin
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m.	Parallel Working Groups What are possible spots and projects in my church that are being carried by a civil society perspective? How can I contribute to enhance civil society perceptions in my church?
0:15 p.m.	Closing Plenary and Outreach Walter Lüssi / Rüdiger Noll
1:00 p.m.	End of conference
1:15 p.m.	Lunch

Moderation

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Conference language: English

No registration fee.

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