



Civil  
contribution  
to the  
transition  
in Eastern  
Europe

March 13, 2018

# program

**15:00 – 16:00** *Introduction to Hungarian and Eastern European samizdat* – András Mink, historian

## **Opening of the exhibition: *First Demand: Press Freedom***

**16:00 – 16:30** Coffee break

**16:30 – 17:30** Film screening  
Black Box Foundation: about the transition in Hungary;  
video interview – with Gábor Demszky,  
Candle Manifestation in Bratislava, March 25, 1988 (dir. By O. Krajňák, 2008);  
video interviews with Vladimír Krcmery and Jozef Mikloško

**17:30– 18:00** Coffee break

**18:00 – 19:00** **Round table discussion** with Gábor Demszky, Kornél Klopstein-László, Vladimír Krcmery and Jozef Mikloško – moderator: Gabriella Horn



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## **Building Democratic Europe Together** **Europe for Citizens**

### **Strand 1: European Remembrance**

The project examines civic contribution to the transition from dictatorship to democracy in 5 European countries: Germany (GDR), Greece, Hungary, Poland and (Czecho)Slovakia in the last decades of their totalitarian/authoritarian regimes, concentrating on specific aspects of citizens' fights in each country:

- 1.** Fight for free speech, samizdat - in Hungary;
- 2.** Solidarity Trade Union - in Poland;
- 3.** Democratic movements helped by the Catholic and Lutheran Churches - in the GDR (Germany) and (Czecho)Slovakia;
- 4.** Strikes and mass demonstrations of "Polytechnion" University - in Greece.

A national and transnational civil dialogue is to be started about these past movements and about the threats to democratic achievements, civic rights and counterbalances in the present.

In the project, we provide a forum for young citizens with no living memories of the given era

- to make surveys with witnesses and video interviews with senior activists of the period;
- to raise awareness of the past among their peers;
- to promote democracy and freedom as active citizens.

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