

PALESTINIAN-EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM منتدى المجتمع المدني الفلسطيني الأوروبي ADVICACY FOR PALESTINE المناصرة من أجل فلسطين

## The Palestinian-European Civil Society Forum: Advocacy for Palestine

## MEDIA ADVISORY: Representatives from 60 European and Palestinian civil society organisations join forces to reshape their advocacy for Palestine

Ramallah, 28 October 2022 – From Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 November 2022, **60 Palestinian and European human rights and civil society organisation** will reunite at the Palestine Red Crescent Society in Al Bireh to address key challenges facing civil society engagement in and with Palestine, update their key advocacy guidelines and build a common voice about Palestine in the first edition of the **Palestinian-European Civil Society Forum**.

The event will be attended by more than **100 participants from 13 European countries** (Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom), Palestine and Israel as well as international diplomats, Palestinian government officials and development cooperation officials.

This three days Forum filled with plenary sessions, panel discussions and workshops will be preceded by three days of tours all over the West Bank (including Jerusalem) and the Palestinian community in Israel. UNSR on the OPT **Francesca Albanese** will participate remotely and present her recent report on the human rights situation in the OPT at 15.00 on Tuesday 8 November. PA Minister of Jerusalem Affairs **Fadi Al-Hadmi** and EUREP **Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff** will give speeches during the opening session at 9.30 on Monday 7 November. PA Prime Minister **Mohammad Shtayyeh** will give a speech over the dinner on 5 November at 18.30 (timing to be confirmed).

The event is funded by the European Union and selected European countries and is organized by the <u>JHRC</u>, <u>PNGO</u> and <u>PNIN</u> in Palestine, <u>EuroMed Rights</u>, <u>ECCP</u> and <u>ELSC</u> in Europe, in cooperation with many Palestinian and European national networks and CSOs.

Journalists are invited to attend any of the above-mentioned sessions. Language regime English – Arabic (simultaneous interpretation).

**Prior registration of media representatives is requested**. For media coverage, registration, or interview requests, please contact:

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