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### INFORMATION

**CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation** is an international organisation dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world. Today it has over 600 member organisations in 100 countries.

In order to respond more directly and effectively to the needs of and serve better its more than 100 member organisations in the region, after a long preparatory process a CIVICUS European Regional Office was set up in January 2000 in the offices of one of its Hungarian member organisations, the European House. It carries out its activities under the guidance and supervision of an elected Board; its composition is:

**Stuart Etherington, Chair**  
National Council for Voluntary  
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Interlegal Foundation, Russia

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Union of Bulgarian  
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**Miklós Barabás**  
European House  
CIVICUS European Regional Director  
*ex officio member*

The Board has identified the following field of activities in Europe:

- Civil Society Index Project
- NGO-State Relationship
- Capacity Building
- Globalisation and IT

Results of these activities will be presented to the next CIVICUS World Assembly, a major CIVICUS event to be held in Vancouver, Canada on 19-23 August, 2001 with the central theme "Putting People at the Centre: Voluntary Action Shaping Social and Economic Change".

An important event for CIVICUS was a meeting of its European member organisations in Rome on 18-19 February, 2001. Because of the open character of the event participation of non-members was possible and encouraged.

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