

Summer University on European Citizenship

Countering threats to European citizenship
across borders, reconfiguring its future



30 August - 1 September 2017

Maison des Associations Internationales

40 Rue Washington, 1050 Brussels

THE EVENT:

After a successful first edition, we are delighted to invite you to the "ECIT Summer University – *Countering threats to European citizenship across borders, reconfiguring its future*" which will take place from 30 August 2017 to 1 September 2017 at the Maison des Associations Internationales (Brussels). You will find this event very different from the usual European conference: there is real content, brainstorming and the right atmosphere and environment to test out your ideas and learn from others.

PARTICIPANTS:

About 75 participants are expected at the Summer University which will take the form of a dialogue among the main protagonists of European citizenship: civil society representatives, academics, students, public authorities and ordinary citizens. Over 200 people are expected for the public debate in the evening.

To attend the 3-day Summer University a participation fee of 100€ is requested to cover the costs. A special participation fee of 60€ is foreseen for students, unemployed and interns.

DRAFT PROGRAMME*:

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2017

13.00 – 14.00	ARRIVAL AND WELCOME COFFEE
14.00 – 15.00	OPENING PLENARY SESSION: COUNTERING THE THREATS <u>Panel:</u> M. H. Boulanger , Head of Unit "Citizenship rights and Free Movement", DG Justice, B. Becerra Basterrechea , MEP (Group ALDE), Rapporteur of EP Report on EU Citizenship Report 2017, H. van Eijken , Assistant Professor EU law at Utrecht University / bEUcitizen Project, E. Alvarado , ECI Organiser "EU Citizenship for Europeans", <u>moderated by:</u> D. Kostakopoulou , Professor of EU Law, University of Warwick.
Washington Room	We are in a period of seismic change which is throwing up radical questions about the future of European citizenship. The Commission's citizenship report and the results of the four-year BEUCITIZEN project will be presented in order to assess where European citizenship stands. In this period of uncertainty, civil society organisation and ordinary citizens are taking up more actions through petitions and ECIs - what will be next?

* Speakers and moderators still to be confirmed are marked with an asterisk.

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15.00 – 16.00 Washington Room	<p>1. FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS ACROSS THE EU.</p> <p><u>Panel:</u> H. Schneider, Professor of EU Law, University of Maastricht, R. Ziegler, Associate Professor in International Refugee Law, University of Reading School of Law / New Europeans Citizenship Unit, <u>moderated by:</u> S. Carp, Board Member of The New Europeans AISBL.</p> <p>Having a “photograph” of the current situation across EU might encourage a less toxic debate: Which are the push and pull factors, the main trajectories, advantages to the host country, the country of origin and those on the move? Is this freedom always a win-win situation? What are the disadvantages and how to overcome them without restricting European rights?</p>
16.00 – 16.20	COFFEE BREAK
16.20 – 17.20 Washington Room	<p>2. EMPOWERING CITIZENS AND MAKING THEIR ACCESS TO EU INSTITUTIONS MORE EFFECTIVE AND PARTICIPATORY.</p> <p><u>Panel:</u> G. Gadesmann, Head of the Communication Unit, European Ombudsman, D. Vancic, European Program Manager, Democracy International, <u>moderated by:</u> H. van Eijken, Assistant Professor EU law at Utrecht University / bEUcitizen Project.</p> <p>Consultation procedures, petitions, complaints and appeals to the European Ombudsman and European Citizens’ Initiatives (ECIs) are channels for citizens to make their voice heard Should there be reform of the systems or more effective help desks for citizens? Is a citizens’ guide necessary?</p>
17.20 – 18.20 Washington Room	<p>3. EDUCATION FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP.</p> <p><u>Panel:</u> S. Steininger, Representative of NECE Network (Networking European Citizenship Education), W. E. Bakker, Associate Professor at Utrecht University / bEUcitizen Project, <u>moderated by:</u> A. Najmowicz, Director, European Civic Forum.</p> <p>The importance of civic education for Europe is recognised in resolutions, comparative studies or the charter of the Council of Europe. Beyond the rhetoric what though is going on in and out of school and across borders? Why is it so difficult to find good examples of education for European citizenship? Can this transnational citizenship work without education and experience?</p>
18.20 – 19.30 Bar	<p>INTERACTIVE RECEPTION: breaking the ice, sharing ideas and finding solutions! <u>Roundtable:</u> introduction by partners, moderators and participants This will be the right moment to gather together to present ongoing initiatives and new experiences, which might bring concrete cooperation, common actions and original projects.</p>

DAY 2, THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017

09.00 – 09.30	WELCOME COFFEE	
9.30 – 11.00	PARTNER MEETINGS	CATCHEYOU ₁ (<u>Location:</u> Club) LEARNING (OR NOT LEARNING) ABOUT EUROPEAN (ACTIVE) CITIZENSHIP IN SCHOOL? WHAT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WANT
		NEW EUROPEANS (<u>Location:</u> Washington Room) WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR BRITISH EUROPEANS?
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK	

11.15 – 12.45	PARTNER MEETINGS	<p>CATCHEYOU 2 (Location: Club) EUROPE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S MIND. DOES THE ROAD LEAD TO E(YO)U?</p> <p>IVY/ ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN BORDER REGIONS (Location: Washington Room) INTERREG, MAKING EU CITIZENSHIP REAL!</p> <p>FLOCK BREXIT (Location: Commission 2) ALL CITIZENS CREATED EQUAL? THE ECI AND ITS OBSTACLES</p>
12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
WORKSHOP SESSION: RECONFIGURING THE FUTURE		
Participants divide into two parallel workshops		
14.00 -17.15 (1st Option) Washington Room	<p>WORKSHOP 1- ENACTING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP. <u>Speakers:</u> G. Pelayo, Head of Unit "Europe for Citizens Programme", EACEA, M.H. Caillol, President of Franck Banchieri Network & Co/founder iCAN, <u>moderated by</u> N. Milanese, Chair of European Alternatives.</p> <p>Practical local activism networked across Europe - how to bring the actors together and scale up this new approach to European citizenship? How to bring together and give more weight to local and European experimentation by citizens for citizens without killing off spontaneity?</p> <p>WORKSHOP 2- POLITICAL EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP <u>Speakers:</u> R. Casale, Founder and CEO, New Europeans, E. Edman, DiEM25 Belgium, <u>moderated by:</u> B.Hulme, PhD Candidate at University of Warwick.</p> <p>Should the exiting political rights be extended to regional national and presidential elections as well as referenda? Could transnational social movements become European political parties? How to Europeanise the European elections in 2019?</p>	
14.00 -17.15 (2nd Option) Commission 3/6 (1 st floor)	<p>MASTER CLASS IN CITIZEN LOBBYING <u>Panel:</u> A. Alemanno, Co-founder of The Good Lobby, and The Good Lobby Team.</p> <p>The objectives of this workshop will be: 1. Gain practical skills enabling the participants to effectively speak up in the policy process, 2. Fostering a culture of pro bono collaboration among academics, lawyers and other professions to the benefit of NGOs across Europe; and 3. Building bridges across academia, law firms and civil society organisations.</p>	
17.15 – 18.30	RECEPTION	
18.30 – 20.30 Magistrat Room	<p>PUBLIC DEBATE: BREXIT: DECOUPLING EUROPEAN RIGHTS FROM EU CITIZENSHIP?</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> R. Hickey, Head of Strategic Inquiries Unit, European Ombudsman, R. Corbett, British MEP, Socialists & Democrats, A. Duff, Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre, D. Bourgeois, President of the Consultative Council on EU Affairs of Ixelles, J. Charles, Senior Associate at Herbert Smith Freehills, Screening of ECIs and Petitions on Brexit, <u>moderated by:</u> T. Venables, Director MAI / Founder of ECIT.</p> <p>One year after the UK's referendum, uncertainty still prevails and there are many questions about how to keep European rights. How many UK citizens are applying for Belgian citizenship? What is going on with demands for naturalisation increasing in other EU countries and in the UK? Are we any wiser about the future of European rights post-BREXIT? What is going on with the European citizens' initiatives (ECIs) and all the petitions? What about the future of European Citizenship?</p>	

DAY 3, FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

09.00 – 09.30	WELCOME COFFEE	
9.30 – 11.00	PARTNER MEETINGS	FRAGOMEN (<u>Location</u> : Commission 2) THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON UK NATIONALS WITH SPECIAL ID CARDS: ARE THERE ANY SOLUTIONS?
		CUBE.YOUR TAKE ON EUROPE (<u>Location</u> : Commission 1) HOW CAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION CHANNELS BECOME ACCESSIBLE TO ALL? FOSTERING INCLUSIVENESS OF EUROPEAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION.
		MAI/ETH ZÜRICH (<u>Location</u> : Club) OPTIMISM - BUILDING FOR EUROPE! A EUROPEAN HOUSE OF CITIZENS?
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK	
11.15 – 13.00	Washington Room & Bar	<p>FINAL PLENARY SESSION. <i>HOW TO DEFEND AND RECONFIGURE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP?</i></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>: Rapporteurs Partners Meetings (31 August and 1 September 2017) Rapporteurs Workshops (31 August 2017) <u>moderated by</u>: N. Milanese, Chair of European Alternatives</p> <p>Round table of participants to consider the future agenda of ECIT and the future challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roundtable on a more coherent approach to European citizenship looking in more detail at the ECIT 12 Point Agenda and Guidelines and how these should be developed. • A roundtable on a more locally based approach to European citizenship and how community action can be linked across borders, identifying different types of network. • A roundtable on EU reforms necessary to connect to citizens and ways in which their voices can be heard above the clamour of lobbyists. • A roundtable on how at a time when European citizenship is on the agenda, it is becoming more political in the run up to the 2019 European elections. <p><u>Closing remarks</u>: T. Venables, Director MAI / Founder of ECIT.</p>
13.00-15.00	Washington Room	<p>LUNCH-TIME DISCUSSION WITH THE TASK FORCE ART. 50 <i>THE STATE OF PLAY IN NEGOTIATIONS ON EUROPEAN RIGHTS BETWEEN THE EU AND THE UK</i></p> <p>M. Simonsen, Legal and Policy Officer at the European Commission, Task Force Art.50, <u>Discussion moderated by</u> A. Alemanno*, Co-founder of The Good Lobby.</p>

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