

HOW TO ACT FOR FREE MOVEMENT AHEAD OF THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS?

You are cordially invited to a special workshop on this theme which will take place in the context of the summer university on European citizenship

When? From 11:15 – 12:30 a.m. 6th September 2018

Where? Committee on the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101 B-1040. Room JDE2252 (2nd floor)

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Freedom of movement and residence for EU nationals and non-EU family members is the fundamental right the most cherished across the continent. While a cross border move goes smoothly for many, there is still a large number of EU citizens that report facing significant difficulties when trying to exercise their free movement rights. In parallel, Brexit and the normalisation of far-right and nationalist discourses have contributed to the establishment of a hostile environment for EU citizens and non-EU family members, impacting the mobile citizens' rights of all across Europe.

ACT4FreeMovement (<https://euroalter.com/act4freemovement>) stands for **Advocacy, Complaints, Trainings for Freedom of Movement** is a program *funded by the European Program for Integration and Migration (EPIM)*, and run by *European Alternatives, Krytyka Polityczna, the European Citizen Actions Service (ECAS), the Good Lobby and the EU Rights Clinic*. The main goal is to increase the capacity of EU citizens to effectively secure access to and knowledge of their rights, as well as build public awareness and political support for mobile citizen rights. To do so, the program employs a multilevel strategy including training and supporting activists to defend the right to freedom of movement of EU mobile citizens through local and transnational projects and campaigns.

The seminar as part of the ECIT Summer School aims to present the main lessons learnt from the program, and from running local and transnational projects for the promotion of free movement. It will also offer the idea of building a transnational network of freedom of movement activists and supporters supported by European Alternatives, and provide an open space to exchange about challenges and strategies to defend free movement of EU and non-EU mobile citizens ahead of the European elections and beyond. The target audiences are active citizens strongly interested in defending free movement, civil society organisations engaged in the defence of EU and non-EU migrant's rights within and outside European institutions.

Agenda

1. Presentation of ACT4FreeMovement

Martin Pairet, European Alternatives and Eleonora Nestola, independent lawyer and ACT4FreeMovement participant

The aim is to present some of the outcomes of the ACT4FreeMovement program and give an account of the challenges of grass-roots, transnational projects for the defence of free movement.

2. World Café

Martin Pairet, European Alternatives

The World Café is an interactive structured conversational process for knowledge sharing in which you will be discussing issues in groups. The aim is to generate ideas and possibilities of actions ahead of the European Elections or in support of free movement towards the general public. Some of the questions that can be explored are:

- a. How to get non-mobile EU citizens' rights interested in defending free movement? What kind of actions are required to mobilise broader constituencies for free movement rights?
- b. What kind of narratives are needed to promote freedom of movement in the media? How to use media to support actions in favour of free movement?
- c. How to connect freedom of movement with the debate on fundamental rights and European values?

Other topics may be proposed by the participants, depending on the number of participants attending.

If you wish to attend, please fill in the registration form for the summer university.

Recommended readings for the workshop: ECAS report [Freedom of Movement in the EU: A Look Behind the Curtain](#)