

SHRINKING EUROPE'S CITIZENRY FROM 512 TO 466 MILLION WITH BREXIT. COLLATERAL DAMAGE, OR IS THERE ANOTHER WAY?

You are cordially invited to a brainstorming workshop on this theme:

When? From 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 6th September 2018

Where? The Press Club, Rue Froissart 95 1040 Brussels

Organised by:



Those attending will include those participating in the [summer university](#) on European citizenship taking place from 6-7 September. The event will also be of interest to all those involved with negotiations on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU and its impact on citizenship.

Agenda

1) Presentation by **Tony Simpson** leader of the [European citizens' initiative](#) (ECI) on permanent European Union citizenship and its needed [1 million signatures](#).

- Questions for debate:

Can the ECI attract up to one million signatures from a minimum of 7 member states? Only 4 ECIs have reached the threshold. It is a welcome step forward that the ECI has been accepted for registration by the Commission, but what are the real chances for success?

2) Update by **Stephen Huyten** on action via the Dutch courts

3) Panel discussion with:

- **Chair: Dora Kostakopoulou**, Professor of European Law, Warwick University.
- **Charles Goerens** MEP (tbc) author of an amendment proposing associate citizenship for UK citizens
- **Andrew Duff**, expert on the Treaties, President of the Spinelli Group
- **Representative** Brexit steering group European Parliament

- Questions for debate:

Does the withdrawal agreement really guarantee the rights of 3.3 million EU citizens in the UK and 1.2 million UK citizens in the EU? Thus, is there no real difference whether you are an EU citizen or a third country national? Why then are so many UK citizens seeking the nationality of an EU member state and EU citizens either leaving or seeking UK nationality? Is there another way as consistently proposed by civil society to extend EU citizenship to legally resident third country nationals?

If you would like to attend this event please email us at: info@ecit-foundation.eu