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IV edition

# ***MORE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP***

**September 2 -3  
Institut d'Etudes européennes (IEE),  
39 Avenue F.D. Roosevelt  
1050 Brussels**



# Programme



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**Monday, 2 September**

**9:30-11:00 AM**

**Welcome and registration at the Institut d'études européennes (IEE)**

**Followed by two workshops:**

-**European citizens' initiative** demanding **full political rights** for EU citizens on the move;

-Dialogue on the **ECIT Foundation's** priorities during the upcoming European institutions' term;

## **OPENING OF THE SUMMER UNIVERSITY 11:00 AM**

**State of public opinion on European citizenship following the European elections.**

**Marie-Helene BOULANGER** (Citizenship Unit of the European Commission)

**Pierre-Yves VOISIN** (European Parliament Directorate-General for Communication)

**François FORET** (Cevipol-IEE, ULB)

**Niklas WILHELMSSON** (Head of Unit, Oikeusministeriö - Ministry of Justice, Finland)

Chaired by **Petar MARKOVIC**

Whilst opinion polls suggest more and more people see themselves as European citizens and are aware of their rights, isn't European citizenship still too much of a project for the relatively well off and educated? What do the results of the European elections and **increased turnout**, especially among young people tell us? What are the implications of the European elections for more European citizenship?

**12:30**

**Lunch break**



**1.30 PM**

**Carving out an agenda for European citizenship in the new EU legislature.**

Before looking at the three dimensions of European citizenship in depth through concurrent panels bringing together policy-makers, activists and the academia, the contours of the debate will first be framed by an introductory panel:

**Niccolò MILANESE** (Founder European Alternatives and Visiting Fellow at IWM Vienna)

**Tony VENABLES** (Founder of the ECIT Foundation)

**2.30 PM**

**i) Rights**

**Claudia DELPERO** (Editor Europe Street)

**Pierre-Yves LE BORGN** (*President of Europeans Throughout The World*)

**Jeremy BIERBACH** (Franssen Advocaten)

*Chaired by Tony VENABLES*

Issues for debate: What lessons from the recent case law of the European Court on article 20 about the scope and limits of EU citizenship? What to propose to the new EU Institutions to tackle longstanding and new barriers to freedom of movement? How to strengthen application of the Charter of fundamental rights and the rule of law? What new social, political and environmental rights should be attached to EU citizenship?

**ii) Participation**

**Alberto ALEMANN** (The Good Lobby)

**Richard YOUNGS** (Carnegie Europe)

**Daniela VANCIC** (Democracy International)

*Chaired by Niccolò MILANESE*

Issues for debate: How to improve existing ways for citizens to access and participate in EU decision-making through the rights to know, to be heard and contribute to setting the agenda? Before the European elections there was a period of experimentation with participation, which should now be put on a more permanent footing. Is a citizens' agora one needed reform as ECIT has proposed? Is European legislation needed to make participatory democracy a pillar of EU decision-making?

### iii) Belonging



**Suzana CARP** (Head of EU engagement - Sandbag Brussels)

**Cristoph MÜLLER-HOFSTEDE** (Networking European Citizenship Education)

**Gilles PELAYO** (Head of Unit, EACEA.C1 – Europe for Citizens)

**Andrea LAPEGNA** (Lifelong learning platform)

*Chaired by* **Petar MARKOVIC**

Issues for debate: Many believe that increasing citizen participation in the work of the EU can only really work if every EU citizen has rights to be better educated from an early age, informed about Europe and given the opportunity offered by the ERASMUS programme. In theory the financial perspectives of the EU will open new opportunities for civic education. In the age of transnational threats like the climate emergency and the renewed youth activism epitomized in the *youthforclimate* school strikes, this panel will explore the links that can be drawn between European civic education as a renewed sense of belonging to the European polity and European citizenship as a force for action on environmental issues.

#### 4.00 PM

- Short reports from the three previous panels;

- **Keynote speech** by **Lucia Serena ROSSI** (Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union)

"Citizenship of the EU and Principle of non-discrimination on grounds of nationality: the effects of Article 18 TFUE in the case law of the EU Court of Justice"

#### 5.15 PM

Bus shuttle to bring participants at the **networking event** in the new co-working space in the heart of the EU quarter:

**SECO**  
**(53, Rue d'Arlon)**





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**6.00 PM**

## **Reception and sit-in at the Salon for European Civic Organisations (SECO), 53 Rue D'Arlon.**

A vast office floor in the heart of the European quarter, this brand new space is becoming a hub for innovative citizens' ideas, a dynamic launch pad for NGOs and associations dealing with making the EU more open to its citizens! After the introduction of the space by its manager **Sven LENAERTS**, participants can choose to join **one** of the three sessions:

1) **Transnational citizenship in action:** experiences from civil society campaigns leading up to the EP elections (**Transeuropa Caravans, Agora Europe, This Time I'm Voting, I choose Europe, European Public Sphere, AreWeEurope**) as well as the pioneering transnational political movements (**PACE-DIEM25**).

2) **Masterclass** by **Petar MARKOVIC (ECIT)**, **Gosia WACHOWSKA (Project Manager of the Transeuropa Caravans)** and **Jesse COLZANI (The Good Lobby)** on practicing EU citizenship (through rights, participation and belonging) and public interest lobbying. A short and practical guide for active transnational citizens!

3) **Beyond BREXIT - what role for civil society?**

**Suzana CARP (Sandbag Brussels)**

**Alexandra VON WESTERNHAGEN (Consultant - DAC BEACHCROFT)**

*Chaired by* **Tony SIMPSON**

An essay by ECIT will explore how civil society can counteract centrifugal forces and include a UK no longer part of the EU Institutions in another Europe. A number of priorities drawing on the lessons of BREXIT are suggested for civil society organisations: introduce a civic education campaign for Europe; champion freedom of movement; secure life-long guarantees for European rights; defend and extend European political rights; reconfigure European citizenship itself.

**Tuesday, 3 September**



Venue: **Institut d'études européennes (IEE)**

**09.30 AM**

**Keynote speech** by **Julie WARD** (MEP - Vice-chair of the Committee on Culture and Education)

### **Institut d'études européennes (IEE)**

Participants divide into **world café style** rooms (\*) to discuss the follow-up to the conclusions from the three panels on rights, participation and belonging from the previous day. Desired outcome: recommendations from the Summer University.

(\*) This discussion format gives you the opportunity to directly contribute to guidelines and recommendations that will reach EU institutions! Participants will be divided into three rooms to discuss each of the three dimensions of European Citizenship and the concrete steps to develop them further: rights, participation and belonging. Every 20 minutes, they will change rooms until all three 3 questions have been discussed by everyone. This process will be guided by rapporteurs who will steer the discussion forward and ensures that each group uses the same method of recording their discussions, such as a flip-chart or note-taking.

The world café from 10:00 to 11:00 will be followed up by a **concluding plenary discussion and approval of the recommendations** to the new European Parliament and other EU institutions.

**12.00 PM**

**End of the Summer University**