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Summer University
IV edition

MORE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

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



Programme



Monday, 2 September

9:30-11:00 AM

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

Following Partner meetings to take place before the opening of the conference currently explored:

- An environmental dimension of European citizenship? Setting a new agenda;
- Launch of the European citizens' initiative demanding full political rights for EU citizens on the move;
- Dialogue between associations representing EU citizens living in other EU countries or the rest of the world.

11:00 AM

OPENING: 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)

*Representative of the **Finnish Presidency of the Council** of the EU (TBC)

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

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:

Dora KOSTAKOPOULOU (Warwick University)

Gaëtane RICARD-NIHOUL (Citizens Consultations on Europe)

Maite PAGAZAURTUNDÚA RUIZ (MEP) (TBC)

2.30 PM

i) Rights

Dion KRAMER (University of Amsterdam)

***Mazzeschi S.R.L. Italy** (TBC)

***EP Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee** (TBC)

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 ALEMANNO (The Good Lobby)

Richard YOUNGS (Carnegie Europe)

Daniela VANCIC (Democracy International)

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

Julie WARD (MEP)

Jimmy JAMAR (Former Head of the European Commission in Belgium)(TBC)

Cristoph MÜLLER-HOFSTEDE (Networking European Citizenship education)

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. To what extent can education for EU citizenship be added as an aspect of the national curriculum? Are there examples of best practice in formal and informal settings for the teaching of European citizenship? How can teaching a transnational civic culture be linked to history, languages and culture?

4.00 PM

- Short reports from the three previous panels;

- Keynote speech "New developments in the CJEU case law concerning the Citizenship of the EU" by **Lucia Serena ROSSI** (Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union)

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:

- Transnational citizenship in action: experiences from campaigns leading up to the EP elections (**Transeuropa Caravans, Agora Europe, I choose Europe, European Public Sphere**)
- Masterclass by **Petar MARKOVIC (ECIT)** and the Good Lobby on practicing EU citizenship and public interest lobbying
- BREXIT Revisited, **Kalypso NICOLAÏDIS (University of Oxford)** (TBC)

Tuesday, 3 September



European
Citizens' rights,
Involvement and
Trust



Venue: Institut d'études européennes (IEE)

10.00 AM

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

***Note:** This preliminary programme still leaves space on the second day for more partner meetings.