

# Summer University on European Citizenship

Countering threats to European citizenship  
across borders, reconfiguring its future



30 August - 1 September 2017

Maison des Associations Internationales

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THOSE WHO WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE SUBSTANTIAL EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## 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 and public authorities. 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: <b>COUNTERING THE THREATS</b> <u>Roundtable</u> : introduction by partners and participants <u>Panel</u> : <b>P. Nemitz*</b> , Director for Fundamental rights and Union citizenship, DG Justice <b>H. van Eijken</b> , BEUCITIZEN Project <b>D. Kostakopoulou</b> , Professor of EU Law, University of Warwick  At the first Summer University a background discussion document attempting to frame the debate on European citizenship was generally supported and then revised in the light of the discussion. Does this document stand up to further analysis? How does it compare to the Commission's "citizenship report" and the findings of the BEUCITIZEN project in April.

\* Speakers and moderators still to be confirmed.

15.00 – 15.50	<p>Presentation of the three projects developed by ECIT Foundation after the first Summer University. Each will be introduced briefly by a cross-sectoral panel.</p> <p><b>1. FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS ACROSS THE EU.</b>  <u>Panel:</u> <b>H. Schneider</b>, Professor of EU Law, University of Maastricht,  <b>J. Curell</b>, Director for "Labour mobility", DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion          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? What are the disadvantages and how to overcome them without restricting European rights?</p>
15.50 – 16.10	COFFEE BREAK
16.10 – 17.00	<p><b>2. EMPOWERING CITIZENS AND MAKING THEIR ACCESS TO EU INSTITUTIONS MORE EFFECTIVE AND PARTICIPATORY.</b>  <u>Panel:</u> <b>J. Lusweti</b>, Official at European Ombudsman,  <b>C. Haentzel*</b>, Head of Unit "Work Programme and Stakeholder Consultation", Secretary General, European Commission,  <b>S. Clark*</b>, Director for "Relations with Citizens", European Parliament.</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>
17.00 – 17.50	<p><b>3. EDUCATION FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP.</b>  <u>Panel:</u> Representative of <b>NECE Network</b> (Networking European Citizenship Education),  <b>W. E. Bekker</b>, BEUCITIZEN Project.</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?</p>

## DAY 2, THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017

09.00 – 09.30	WELCOME COFFEE	
9.30 – 11.00	<b>PARTNER MEETINGS</b>	BREXIT TASK FORCE FOR THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR
		EU CITIZENSHIP IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
		BEUCITIZEN: TOPIC: BEUCITIZEN PROJECT FOLLOW-UP
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK	
11.15 – 12.45	<b>PARTNER MEETINGS</b>	CATCHEYOU TOPIC: CONSTRUCTING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP WITH EUROPEAN YOUTH
		UNSERE ZEIT TOPIC: EU CITIZENSHIP & TERRITORIALITY
		IVY/ ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN BORDER REGIONS TOPIC: EU CITIZENSHIP & EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION (ETC)
12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
14.00 -17.15	WORKSHOP SESSION: <b>RECONFIGURING THE FUTURE</b>	

	<p><u>Location:</u> Participants divide into three parallel workshops in Commission room 1, 2, 3</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP 1- ENACTING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP.</b>  <u>Panel:</u> <b>G. Pelayo</b>, Head of Unit "Europe for Citizens Programme", EACEA  <b>N. Milanese</b>, Chair of European Alternatives</p> <p>A strong appeal is made by researchers and civil society activists beyond a formalistic and bureaucratic citizenship in favour of one of initiative within one's own community - acting locally and across borders.</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP 2- MASTER CLASS IN LEGAL ACTION.</b>  <u>Panel:</u> Official at Joint <b>Transparency Register Secretariat</b>,  <b>A. Alemanno</b>, Director and co-founder of The Good Lobby,</p> <p>Organisations such as The Good Lobby, Client Earth or the American Council for civil liberties are promoting different approach which depend on significant pro-bono support. The case law of the Court of justice of the EU offers more support to citizens defending their European rights than generally recognised. What is the scope and limits of the Charter of fundamental rights? Could collective rather than just individual action be recognised and supported? Can more use be made of EU anti-discrimination legislation?</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP 3- POLITICAL EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP.</b>  <u>Panel:</u> <b>M. Frassoni*</b>, Co-chair of the European Green Party,  <b>A. Duff*</b>, Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre,  <b>R. Casale</b>, Founder and CEO, New Europeans.</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>
17.15 – 18.30	RECEPTION
18.30 – 20.30	<p>PUBLIC DEBATE:  <b>EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP AND BREXIT. WHITHER EUROPEAN RIGHTS AND THE STATUS FOR EU CITIZENS IN THE UK AND UK CITIZENS IN THE EU?</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Magistrat Room  <u>Panel:</u> Chief Negotiators on BREXIT  <b>E. O'Reilly*</b>, European Ombudsman</p> <p>Last year some 200 people attended this debate and we are inviting them back with the same panel. Has anything changed? Despite intense debate European citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU still face an uncertain future. <b>Guy Verhofstadt</b>, the chief negotiator for the European Parliament will be invited to answer this question and others about the idea of associate European citizenship being discussed in the European Parliament.</p>

**DAY 3, FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

09.00 – 09.30	WELCOME COFFEE	
9.30 – 11.00	<b>PARTNER MEETINGS</b>	FRAGOMEN TOPIC: IMPACT OF BREXIT ON UK RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL ID CARDS IN BELGIUM
		CUBE.YOUR TAKE ON EUROPE TOPIC: ACCESS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS
		EUROPEANS EUROPEAN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (ETTW) TOPIC: I-VOTING
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK	
11.15 – 13.00	<p>FINAL PLENARY SESSION. <i><b>HOW TO DEFEND AND RECONFIGURE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP?</b></i></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Washington Room <u>Moderator:</u> <b>T. Venables</b>, Founder of ECIT Foundation</p> <p>Conclusions from the debates on the partner meetings and reports from each of the three workshops.</p> <p>Round table of participants to consider the future agenda of ECIT and the future challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growth in a networked constituency round European citizenship and cross sectoral dialogue among civil society activists, academics and policy makers,</li> <li>• Promotion of a transnational citizenship and the values of respect and non-discrimination on which it is based,</li> <li>• Arguments against xenophobic populism and the retreat to national citizenship,</li> <li>• New ideas for the development of a citizenship whose potential is being ignored in an EU faced with a number of crises but which could well become the key to solving them in future.</li> </ul>	

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