

# 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, public authorities and ordinary citizens. 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>Panel:</u> <b>M. H. Boulanger</b> , Head of Unit "Citizenship rights and Free Movement", DG Justice, <b>H. van Eijken</b> , bEUcitizen Project, <b>E. Alvarado</b> , ECI Organiser "EU Citizenship for Europeans", <u>moderated by:</u> <b>D. Kostakopoulou</b> , Professor of EU Law, University of Warwick.  We are in a period of seismic change which is throwing up radical questions about the future of European citizenship. The Commission's citizenship report and the results of the four-year BEUCITIZEN project will be presented in order to assess where European citizenship stands. In this period of uncertainty, civil society organisation and ordinary citizens are taking up more actions through petitions and ECIs - what will be next?

\* Speakers and moderators still to be confirmed are marked with an asterisk.

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15.00 – 16.00	<p><b>1. FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS ACROSS THE EU.</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>H. Schneider</b>, Professor of EU Law, University of Maastricht, <b>R. Ziegler</b>, Associate Professor in International Refugee Law, University of Reading School of Law, <u>moderated by:</u> <b>S. Carp</b>, Board Member of The New Europeans AISBL.</p> <p>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? Is this freedom always a win-win situation? What are the disadvantages and how to overcome them without restricting European rights?</p>
16.00 – 16.20	COFFEE BREAK
16.20 – 17.20	<p><b>2. EMPOWERING CITIZENS AND MAKING THEIR ACCESS TO EU INSTITUTIONS MORE EFFECTIVE AND PARTICIPATORY.</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>G. Gadesmann</b>, Head of the Communication Unit, European Ombudsman, <b>D. Vancic</b>, European Program Manager, Democracy International, <u>moderated by:</u> <b>A. Alemanno</b>, Co-founder of The Good Lobby.</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>
17.20 – 18.20	<p><b>3. EDUCATION FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP.</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>S. Steininger</b>, Representative of NECE Network (Networking European Citizenship Education), <b>W. E. Bakker</b>, bEUcitizen Project, <u>moderated by:</u> <b>A. Najmowicz</b>, Director, European Civic Forum.</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? Why is it so difficult to find good examples of education for European citizenship? Can this transnational citizenship work without education and experience?</p>
18.20 – 19.30	<p>INTERACTIVE RECEPTION: breaking the ice, sharing ideas and find solutions!</p> <p><u>Roundtable:</u> introduction by partners, moderators and participants This will be the right moment to gather together to present ongoing initiatives and new experiences, which might bring concrete cooperation, common actions and original projects.</p>

## DAY 2, THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017

09.00 – 09.30	WELCOME COFFEE	
9.30 – 11.00	<b>PARTNER MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>CATCHEYOU<sup>1</sup></b> LEARNING (OR NOT LEARNING) ABOUT EUROPEAN (ACTIVE) CITIZENSHIP IN SCHOOL? WHAT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WANT</p>
		<p><b>NEW EUROPEANS</b> WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR BRITISH EUROPEANS?</p>
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK	

11.15 – 12.45	<b>PARTNER MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>CATCHEYOU 2</b> EUROPE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S MIND. DOES THE ROAD LEAD TO E(YO)U?</p> <p><b>IVY/ ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN BORDER REGIONS</b> INTERREG, MAKING EU CITIZENSHIP REAL</p> <p><b>FLOCK BREXIT</b> ALL CITIZENS CREATED EQUAL? THE ECI AND ITS OBSTACLES</p>
12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
WORKSHOP SESSION: <b>RECONFIGURING THE FUTURE</b>		
<u>Location:</u> Participants divide into two parallel workshops		
14.00 -17.15 <b>(1<sup>st</sup> Option)</b>	<p>WORKSHOP 1- <b>ENACTING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP.</b> <u>Speakers:</u> <b>G. Pelayo</b>, Head of Unit "Europe for Citizens Programme", EACEA, <b>M.H. Caillol</b>, President of Franck Banchieri Network&amp; Co/founder iCAN, <u>moderated by</u> <b>N. Milanese</b>, Chair of European Alternatives.</p> <p>Practical local activism networked across Europe - how to bring the actors together and scale up this new approach to European citizenship? How to bring together and give more weight to local and European experimentation by citizens for citizens without killing off spontaneity?</p> <p>WORKSHOP 2- <b>POLITICAL EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP</b> <u>Speakers:</u> <b>R. Casale</b>, Founder and CEO, New Europeans, <b>E. Edman</b>, DiEM25 Belgium, <u>moderated by:</u> <b>B.Hulme</b>, PhD Candidate at University of Warwick.</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>	
14.00 -17.15 <b>(2<sup>nd</sup> Option)</b>	<p><b>MASTER CLASS IN CITIZEN LOBBYING</b> <u>Panel:</u> <b>A. Alemanno</b>, Co-founder of The Good Lobby, and <b>The Good Lobby Team.</b></p> <p>The objectives of this workshop will be: 1. Gain practical skills enabling the participants to effectively speak up in the policy process, 2. Fostering a culture of pro bono collaboration among academics, lawyers and other professions to the benefit of NGOs across Europe; and 3. Building bridges across academia, law firms and civil society organisations.</p>	
17.15 – 18.30	RECEPTION	
18.30 – 20.30	<p>PUBLIC DEBATE: <b>BREXIT: DECOUPLING EUROPEAN RIGHTS FROM EU CITIZENSHIP?</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Magistrat Room</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>M. Frassoni</b>, Co-chair of the European Green Party, <b>A. Duff</b>, Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre <b>D.Bourgeois</b>, President of the Consultative Council on EU Affairs of Ixelles <b>J. Charles</b>, Senior Associate at Herbert Smith Freehills, Screening of ECIs and Petitions on Brexit, <u>moderated by:</u> <b>T. Venables</b>, MAI Director.</p> <p>Last year some 200 000 people attended the public debate and we are inviting the back with the same panel: has anything changed? How many UK citizens are applying for Belgian citizenship? Are we any wiser about the future of European rights post-BREXIT? The opening shots in the negotiations give little clue. What is going on in with the European citizens' initiatives and all the petitions? To what extent will they be heard in the European Parliament which is preparing a report for this autumn?</p>	

**DAY 3, FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

09.00 – 09.30	WELCOME COFFEE	
9.30 – 11.00	<b>PARTNER MEETINGS</b>	FRAGOMEN THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON UK NATIONALS WITH SPECIAL ID CARDS: ARE THERE ANY SOLUTIONS?
		CUBE.YOUR TAKE ON EUROPE HOW CAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION CHANNELS BECOME ACCESSIBLE TO ALL? FOSTERING INCLUSIVENESS OF EUROPEAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION.
		MAI/ETH ZÜRICH OPTIMISM - BUILDING FOR EUROPE! A EUROPEAN HOUSE OF CITIZENS?
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK	
11.15 – 13.30	<p>FINAL PLENARY SESSION. <b><i>HOW TO DEFEND AND RECONFIGURE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP?</i></b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Washington Room  <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Rapporteurs Partners Meetings</b> (31 August and 1 September 2017)  <b>Rapporteurs Workshops</b> (31 August 2017)</p> <p><b>Round table of participants</b> 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> <p><u>moderated by</u> ***</p> <p><u>Closing remarks:</u> <b>T. Venables</b>, Founder of ECIT</p>	

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