

Summer University on European Citizenship

Countering threats to European citizenship across borders, reconfiguring its future



30 August - 1 September 2017

Maison des Associations Internationales
40 Rue Washington, 1050
Brussels

PARTNER MEETINGS

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017 - 9.30 – 11.00



CATCH-EyoU – Constructing Active Citizenship with European Youth: policies, practices, challenges and solutions.

Learning (or not learning) about European (active) citizenship in school? What teachers and students want.

SPEAKERS: Representatives of the CATCH-EyoU project

MEETING STRUCTURE: World Café Methodology

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

The panel will be based on the findings of the H2020 CATCH-EyoU project (www.catchyou.eu), and particularly, on the work package 6 dealing with the role of the school in the construction of EU youth active citizenship. Two rounds of questions will be prepared based on the key findings of the WP which analysed how school textbooks, as well as teachers involved in civic/citizenship education, represent the EU and deliver citizenship education, and how this impacts on young people's understanding of their role as EU citizens. Participants will be actively involved in two twenty minutes rounds of small group conversations, moving from one group to one other. Conversation will be graphically recorded. The workshop will end sharing the results of the conversations in a plenary session.



NEW EUROPEANS

What does the future hold for British Europeans?

SPEAKERS: Dr Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos (Founder of Britain in Europe and College Associate Dean at Brunel University London) and two other speakers not from UK

MEETING STRUCTURE: Roundtable and discussion covering Discussion current legal status of EU citizenship rights, models for reform of EU citizenship rights, role of civil society in framing future of a “Europe of the citizens”, transactional approaches to citizenship and the politics of building a consensus for change

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

It is not only UK expats who recognise the value of European citizenship, millions of British citizens living in the UK value their European citizenship too. Since the referendum, attitudes to European citizenship have been changing in the UK- you don't know what you've got until it's gone. There is a growing movement of British people seeking to regain their European citizenship by applying to become nationals of an EU member state. In this session, we will explore the issues around this topic and examine proposals for giving back to British Europeans, something of what has been lost through the UK's decision to leave the EU. Is European citizenship a fundamental, irrevocable set of rights? Could European citizenship rights be extended to non-nationals of EU member states?

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017 - 11.15 – 12.45



CATCH-EyoU – Constructing AcTive Citizenship with European YOUTH: policies, practices, challenges and solutions.

Europe on young people's mind. Does the road lead to E(yo)U?

SPEAKERS: Representatives of the CATCH-EyoU project

MEETING STRUCTURE: Focus Group Methodology

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

The panel will be based on the findings of the H2020 CATCH-EyoU project (www.catchyou.eu), and particularly, on the work package 7 which examines, through a large scale cross national and longitudinal survey, young people's perspectives on the EU, their European identity, participation practices and the factors influencing young people active EU citizenship. The study involves adolescents and young adults from the Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Estonia, Italy, Portugal, and Sweden. Participants will be invited to discuss the results with the help of a moderator. The panel will end sharing the results of the conversations in a plenary session.



Flock Brexit

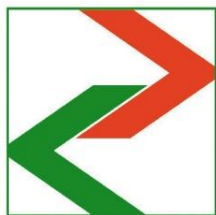
All Citizens Created Equal? The ECI and its Obstacles

"EU Citizenship for Europeans"

MODERATOR: E. Alvarado

MEETING STRUCTURE: Interactive presentation

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Despite all of the attention being given to EU Citizenship and citizens' rights, not a lot of people are familiar with the exact rights that EU Citizenship guarantees. One of these rights is the European Citizens' Initiative, which allows citizens to be the creators of legislative proposals. This interactive presentation will discuss the purpose behind the ECI called "EU Citizenship for Europeans" (#flockBrexit) and will explain the process for starting and registering an ECI. More importantly, it will discuss the complex signing rules that make it easy for people to sign when they live in the United Kingdom or Belgium, but more difficult to sign if they live in Austria or France.



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IVY - Interreg Volunteer Youth &

**AEBR - Association of European
Border Regions**

Interreg, making EU citizenship real

SPEAKERS: Martin Guillermo-Ramirez (AEBR Secretary General); Doede Sijtsma (Representative of the Province of Gelderland –Netherlands- in Germany); Gianluca Comuniello (policy officer, DG REGIO, European Commission); Ana Nikolov; Birgit Sandu Gociu.

MODERATOR: Alessandra Cardaci (AEBR Project Manager)

MEETING STRUCTURE: Round table, presentations and debate

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

This workshop will show the tangible role of European Territorial Cooperation (also known as "Interreg") in boosting EU citizenship with a particular focus on youth. In particular, speakers will provide some concrete examples of projects (Ex. "people-to-people" projects and the ongoing "Interreg Volunteer Youth" initiative) that significantly contribute to make Europeans of all ages aware of the many benefits linked to their EU citizenship status.

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 - 9.30 – 11.00

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The impact of Brexit on UK nationals with special ID cards: are there any solutions?

SPEAKERS: Rimma Abadjan (Associate, Attorney at Law, Fragomen); Amelie Bovy (Legal Adviser Welcome Desk, Brussels Commissioner for Europe); Nivard Bronckaers, (Associate, Attorney at Law, Fragomen).

MODERATOR: Christine Sullivan, attorney and manager Worldwide Private Client Practice, Fragomen

MEETING STRUCTURE: 30 minutes presentations by speakers (and 30 minutes of debate)

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

Many consequences of the UK's decision to leave the European Union are still unknown. However, it seems that the first ones to pay a price for it are UK nationals who live in another EU country. Most of them have been trying to secure as many rights as possible post-Brexit either by applying for permanent residence or by taking up the citizenship in their host Member State. But some UK nationals in Belgium have been facing particular issues with these processes. Indeed, UK nationals in a possession of a special ID card – issued by the Foreign Affairs Ministry and not by the municipal authority – struggle to prove the length of their residency with Belgian authorities. In fact, many 'communes' refuse to count the years spent in Belgium with a special ID card towards the five and then years requirements. It is also difficult for them to prove their economic integration, as in many cases, payslips from European institutions are not accepted.

The aim of this workshop is to discuss the current situation, the different actions that have been taken and possible solutions to these legislative and practical challenges.



CUBE. YOUR TAKE ON EUROPE

*How can youth participation channels become accessible to all?
Fostering inclusiveness of European youth participation*

SPEAKERS (to be confirmed): Laura Petrache/ Yannick Guern (B1 - AKT); Elisa Lironi (ECAS); representative of DG Youth; representative of European youth Forum; representative of Youth Express Network.

MEETING STRUCTURE: Analysis, brainstorming, clustering ideas and problem solving approach.

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

During this workshop there will be an evaluation of formats of participation in the EU concerning their applicability to youth: structured dialogue programmes, consultations, contribute to law making procedure, ECI, petition to the European Parliament and lobbying strategies. It will focus also on the analysis of the problems at the side of the decision makers, the institutional setup and at the side of young disadvantaged people concerning participation.



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*Optimism - building for Europe! A European House
of Citizens?*

MODERATOR: An Fonteyne, Priscilla Moreira

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

The invisibility of the European Union in Brussels epitomizes the difficulty of the EU to create a strong identity for its citizens to identify with and be proud of. But the turmoil currently agitating the EU can be seen as an opportunity for a shift in posture: now could be the time for Europe to become visible.

Starting next September, An Fonteyne, along with her architecture students of ETH Zurich, will investigate whether and how architecture can assist in this process. Her students will therefore be asked to design a building for Europe, or rather for its citizens: a place for culture, for citizenship, a place of gathering, of learning, participation and demonstration.

The aim of this workshop will be to collectively discuss what the focus and program of such an institution could be to make this building worth building.