

# SUMMER UNIVERSITY ON EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

## Towards the next European elections

### European citizenship writ large



*When?* **Thursday 6 September-Friday 7 September 2018**

*Where?* Maison des Associations Internationales  
40 Rue Washington, 1050 Brussels

#### THE EVENT:

This is not the usual European conference: there will be real content and more time for cross fertilisation of ideas among over 120 participants: civil society representatives, academics and policy makers from the EU Institutions. EU citizenship like any other can be writ large if its scattered components of rights, involvement and trust are brought together and made more visible. They stand or fall together. Our [guidelines](#) and [CLAIM campaign](#) illustrate this approach.

The summer university will be devoted to each of these three aspects of any true citizenship starting in the morning of 6 September with partner meetings, providing you with a wide choice of events to attend. This will be followed on each day by debate with panels from civil society, academia and the EU Institutions.

On the evening of the second day there will be a public debate with over 200 participants and leading European politicians on putting European citizenship on the map for the European elections. At the end of the summer university participants will meet in round tables to thrash out a road map of ideas and actions for European citizenship writ large with the immediate deadline being the May 2019 elections to the European Parliament.

This third edition of the summer university is more ambitious as the title suggests reflecting the report of last year's event which can be found [here](#) and which is rich in contents and proposals. ECIT and its partner organisations are setting out to achieve a ground-breaking event in the run-up to the next European elections in May 2019. Our aim is to shift the emphasis away from the endless debate about the rise of populism, nationalism and the barriers to Europe. We propose that the summer university should assert European citizenship-the first transnational citizenship of the modern era-as the answer: a deliberately positive, utopian approach.

#### With:

In 2017 the summer university was organised with 14 partners<sup>1</sup>. Some are likely to participate again and new partners will be invited to join the summer university including ALDA (Association of Local Democracy Agencies) with its WISE project and Immigration Law Associates.

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<sup>1</sup> Association of European Border Regions – AEBR, Interreg Volunteer Youth, BEUCITIZEN, Catch-EyoU, CUBE. Your Take on Europe, European Alternatives, FRAGOMEN, Municipality of Ixelles, New Europeans, Flock Brexit, The GOOD Lobby, ETH Zürich, Maison des Associations Internationales (MAI).

ECIT is also examining the possibility of encouraging parallel events in other countries. An event on the impact on European rights of a country withdrawing from the EU could be held in the UK, whilst another on attitudes to European citizenship in countries which have applied to join the EU could be held in the Western Balkans.

As in previous years, a request is being made for the summer university to be held under the patronage of the European Parliament.

## About programme:

The programme attached meets two objectives. On the one hand, the ECIT Board considers that continuity is necessary so that the basic design for the summer university remains the same and a number of speakers are invited back. In this way, participants will be able to see whether progress is being made from one year to the next. On the other hand, the programme should reflect new proposals, research and policy developments.

The run-up to the next European elections is the dominant factor. There is a clash between civil society groups on the one hand campaigning to make the elections more European with transnational lists and in other ways an opportunity for EU reform and the EU Institutions on the other adopting a far more cautious approach dampening down expectations. In the face of a new populism and Euroscepticism sweeping the continent, which side is right?

PLEASE NOTE: The majority of the speakers have not yet confirmed and the programme will still be modified as a result of input from partners and participants. It is not set in stone.

ECIT is encouraging partners to provide scholarships, as European Alternatives did last year, so that participants who are normally unable to afford coming to Brussels for 2 days receive a financial contribution towards travel and hotel costs. To attend the 2 day summer university a fee of 75 euros is requested to cover the costs at MAI. A special rate of 30 euros is foreseen for students, trainees and unemployed people. Please register to the [form](#) and after the payment your registration to the event will be finalised.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME<sup>2</sup>:

### DAY 1, Thursday 6 September 2018 - RIGHTS

10.00-11.00	Arrival and Welcome Coffee	
11.00-12.30	SUGGESTED PARTNER MEETINGS	Guidelines on rights, involvement and trust. How to use and promote such a text to popularise European citizenship? Launch of an ECI demanding full political rights for EU citizens ( <b>ECIT</b> )
		Exploring the historical the roots of European citizenship ( <b>Wise</b> )
		Rights derived from ties to EU citizens - right of residence ( <b>Immigration Law Associates</b> )
		Youth participation and inclusiveness ( <b>CUBE. Your take on Europe</b> )

<sup>2</sup> Speakers who have not confirmed yet are marked with TBC

13.30-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30-16.00	<p><b><i>How could European citizenship catch the popular imagination? The challenge of linguistic diversity</i></b></p> <p>Keynote address: <b>P. Van Parijs</b>, Hoover Chair of Economic and Social Ethics, University of Louvain</p> <p>European citizenship has deeper historical routes, solid legal foundations and is more widely practiced than generally thought. So why is it not more popular? Is shared citizenship really compatible with linguistic diversity, or is that its strength?</p> <p>Followed by discussion with the audience</p>
16.00-17.30	<p><b>1. European rights to free movement</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>M. H. Boulanger</b>, Head of Unit "Citizenship rights and Free Movement", DG Justice, <b>B. Becerra Basterrechea</b>, MEP (Group ALDE), Rapporteur on EU Citizenship Report 2017, (TBC) <b>H. Schneider</b>, Professor of EU Law, University of Maastricht, (TBC), <b>N. Milanese</b>, Co-Chair of European Alternatives (#Allfree2move project)</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> <b>D. Kostakopoulou</b>, Professor of EU Law, University of Warwick.</p> <p>What has happened since last year and the adoption of the citizenship report to make European citizens more aware of their rights? What proposals are being made for the European elections? What suggestions do participants have for the next 3-yearly report which will come after the elections? If free movement is the first right of the European citizens how to make this status relevant to those that stay at home?</p>
18.30-21.00	<p><b>THE GOOD LOBBY PRO BONO AWARD 2018 CEREMONY</b></p> <p>The EU Pro Bono Awards celebrate collaboration between citizen professionals and civil society organisations working for the public interest at the European level.</p> <p>The Awards bring together academics, private sector lawyers, civil society and representatives of the EU institutions once a year in Brussels to recognise and give visibility to noteworthy pro bono contributions in the field of EU law and policy.</p> <p>The ceremony highlights annually the commitment of all stakeholders to supporting skilled volunteering in the public interest at the EU level. The winner will be afforded with the opportunity to present the successful project during the Award ceremony.</p>

## DAY 2, Friday 7 September 2018 – INVOLVEMENT and TRUST

09.30-10.00	Welcome Coffee
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10.00-11.30	<p><b>2. Empowering citizens and making their access to EU institutions more effective and participatory</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>R. Hickey</b>, Head of Strategic Inquiries Unit, European Ombudsman,  <b>D. Vancic</b>, European Program Manager, Democracy International, (TBC)  <b>G. Pelayo</b>, Head of Unit "Europe for Citizens Programme", EACEA, (TBC)  <b>A. Valmorbida</b>, Secretary General of ALDA, (TBC)</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> <b>A. Alemanno</b>, The Good Lobby</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?  How will the collaborative platform for ECI organisers being set up by the Commission work? What do we mean by a European public sphere? Can citizens' movements at a local level be networked transnationally and come together to shape the EU agenda?</p>	
11.30-13.00	<p><b>3. Preparing for the European elections</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>M.H. Caillol</b>, President of Franck Banchieri Network &amp; Co/founder iCAN, (TBC)  <b>E. Edman</b>, DiEM25 Belgium, (TBC)  <b>V. Dastoli</b>, President of CIME (Italian Council of European Movement)</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> <b>T. Venables</b>, Director of ECIT.</p> <p>At the last summer university different ways were identified for civil society to influence turnout and outcomes of the European elections-campaigns to persuade particularly young people to vote; questioning candidates and parties with a specific set of demands, campaigns to make the elections more European for example by introducing transnational lists and more radical reforms. The panel can also help prepare proposals and questions for the evening debate.</p>	
13.00-13.45	Lunch Break	
13.45-15.00	WORLD CAFÉ	World café style roundtables i.e. on preparing for the next European elections, a more user friendly ECI
15.00-16.30,	<p><b>4. A European citizenship for all?</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u> <b>R. Girelli</b>, Policy Officer "Equity and social aspects of Education" at DG EAC – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (TBC)  <b>I. de Coster</b>, member of the Eurydice coordinating unit based at the EU Education, audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (TBC)</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> <b>W. E. Bakker</b>, Associate Professor at Utrecht University / bEUcitizen Project (TBC)</p> <p>Are there examples of best practice for European citizenship education in and out of school? Following the Paris declaration, citizenship education to combat racism and xenophobia is a priority. How to translate well meaning rhetoric into action? Is the fusion of a number of programmes round the notion of European values a good idea? The negotiations on the financial perspectives for the EU are an opportunity, with education one of the few areas with a chance of expansion. The elections to the European Parliament are also an opportunity to raise the profile of citizenship education.</p>	

16.30-17.30	<b>FINAL WORLD CAFÉ</b>	Final world café style deliberations moderated by <b>D. Kostakopoulou</b> and <b>T. Venables</b> to draw out conclusions and action points particularly for the next elections of the European Parliament.
18.30-19.00	<b>Reception</b>	
19.00-21.30	<p><b>RAISING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP AS AN ISSUE FOR THE NEXT EUROPEAN ELECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Questions from a panel of citizens and civil society organisations</b></p> <p>Replies by : <b>G. Verhofstadt</b>, Brexit coordinator and Chair (TBC)  <b>M. Frassoni</b>, European Green Party,  <b>A. Duff</b>, President of the Spinelli group</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> <b>C. Delpero</b>, Europe Street News and <b>T. Venables</b>, ECIT</p> <p>European citizenship is the reason to make the elections more European with reforms such as Spitzenkandidaten and transnational lists. But how to make it an issue as such in the campaign? A stronger more inclusive Union citizenship requires Treaty reform, which is only likely to come about if there is pressure from the new parliament. Could some good come out of Brexit at least in that respect?</p>	
21.30	<b>End of Summer University</b>	