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EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP beyond BREXIT

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EU citizenship has just celebrated its 25th anniversary, having first been introduced by the Maastricht Treaty in 1993. EU citizenship was and continues to be the first form of transnational citizenship of the post World War II order. Brexit has been the biggest historical challenge to this project so far. This historical episode requires proper reckoning.

Agenda

10:00 - 11:30 OPENING PLENARY SESSION: Brexit and EU Citizenship

Moderation: Petar Markovic, executive director of the ECIT Foundation

Speakers:

- Dr. Iordan Gheorghe Bărbulescu – President of the SNSPA's Senate
- Dr. Victor Negrescu, Vice-Rector of SNSPA, Former Minister for EU Affairs, Former MEP
- Dr. Dan Grigorescu, Scientific Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization;
- Jane Morrice, EESC Vice-President;
- HE Ambassador Andrew James Noble, UK Embassy to Romania,
- Suzana Carp – ECIT Foundation, Chair New Europeans AISBL
- Tony Simpson – European Citizens Initiative

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 13:00 Workshop 1 Romanian dimension of Brexit EU citizenship beyond the EU

Moderation: Suzana Carp, Board ECIT Foundation and European Alternatives

- Victoria Nedelciuc – The Centre for Public Innovation
- Cosmin Barzan – Civic Resource Centre
- Petar Markovic – ECIT Foundation
- Alexandra van Westerhagen – European citizen, ECIT
- Dr. Mihail Caradaică - SNSPA

13:00 - 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

13:45 - 14:30 Exploratory Workshop lead by the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization: *Redefining the borders in a multi-speed Europe - reflections on the cultural and societal challenges in South-Eastern Europe*

Moderation: Dr. Vlad Nistor, Member of the Scientific Council of IASLCC, former President of the Senate of the University of Bucharest, former General Director of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute



Speakers:

- Dr. Ecaterina Lung, University of Bucharest
 - Dr. Daniela Zaharia, University of Bucharest
 - Dr. Carol Căpiță, University of Bucharest
 - Dr. Petar Marković, ECIT
 - Dr. Mihail Dobre, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Ms Margareta Arsenescu, Chief Commissioner, Minister of Internal Affairs
 - Dr. Cezar Bîrzea - SNSPA
- Brexit reopens the debate on economic and political boundaries, as well as on the social, legal, and cultural frontiers. This context generates new horizons of analysis and reflection for the Eastern European countries, which experienced the democratic exercise for almost three decades. The concept of Multi-speed Europe requires a rethink not only the institutional functioning of the EU, but also the integration mechanism into the union. At the same time, new challenges are emerging such as the populism or the manipulation of the ethnic, cultural, and the religious differences.
 - Suggested topics for debate – Brexit and the Common Values of the Europe Union; East or West? Cultural Identity and Security Risks in East Europe; The external dimension of Justice and Home Affairs; Forms of Soft-Power Diplomacy – Redefining the Borders through Educational Cooperation.

14:30 - 15:15 Participatory Workshop – EU Citizenship in Practice

Led by Dan Carburaru, the Director of Calea Europeana & Petar Markovic on behalf of the Institute of European Studies (ULB, Brussels), the European Alternatives and the ECIT Foundation

- Political rights are part and parcel of European citizenship. Year 2019 provides all EU citizens with the opportunity to practice their citizenship by taking part in the elections for the European Parliament. The first half of the workshop will introduce the Transeuropa Caravans project (TEC2019) aiming to mobilize EU citizens across more than 15 member states.
- Secondly, as part of the Open EU Debate project, the Institute of European Studies of Université libre de Bruxelles is planning to host a series of debates with lead candidates (or Spitzenkandidaten) before the 2019 European elections. In efforts to foster a truly transnational debate, participants would be guided to discuss and come up with questions that would be posed to the candidates in the debate series that will be launched in Brussels on 20 March 2019.

15:15-16:00 Closing session Q&A