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# EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP IN CHALLENGING TIMES

*Barcelona, 31 May - 1 June 2016*

# REMEMBER ENGAGE DEBATE!



Barcelona Map over a 1935 base, with situation and date of the impacts of the bombing, 1936-1939. AMCB. Fons Ajuntament de Barcelona: M101 Junta Local de Defensa Pasiva (Local Board of Passive Defense), exp. 2.12. R.1213

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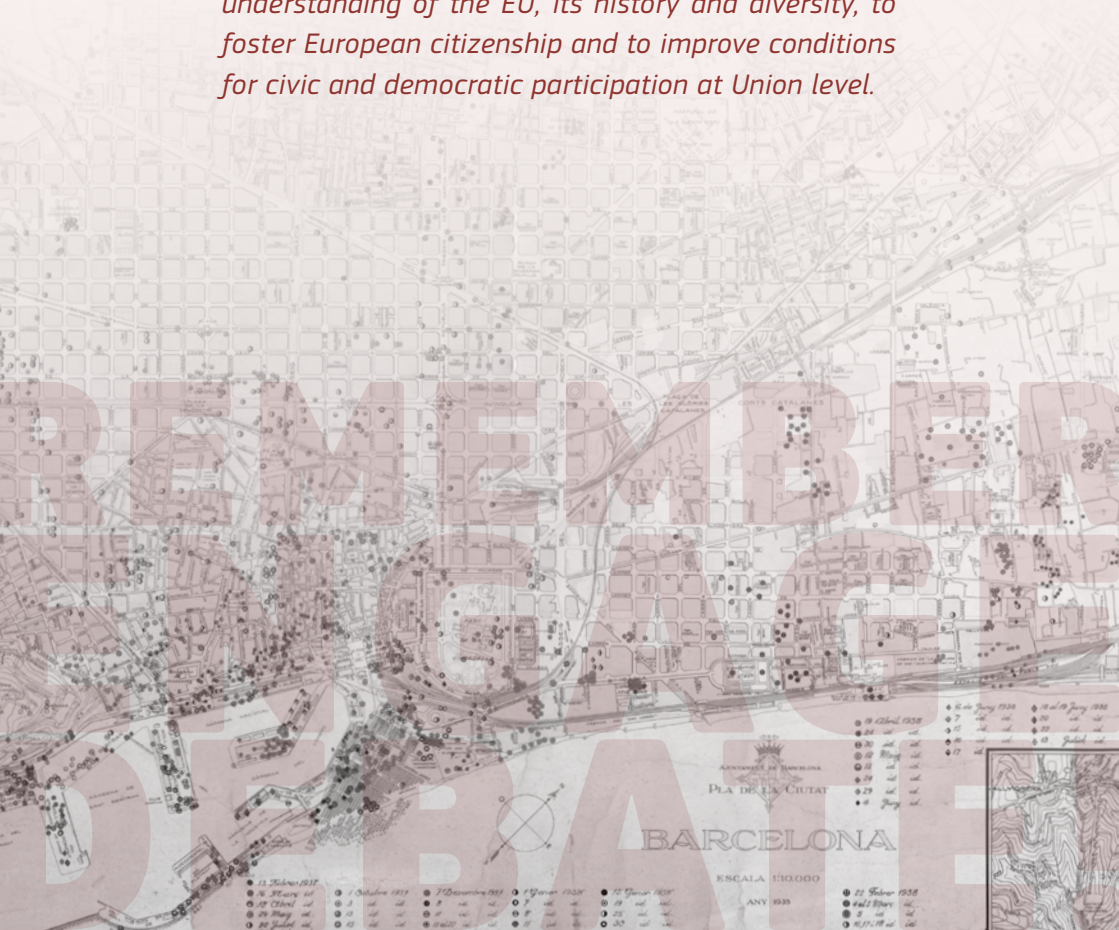
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for Citizens

*“European Citizenship in Challenging Times” is a conference organised by the European Commission, in partnership with EUROM, Solidarity Foundation, the University of Barcelona, and the Municipality of Barcelona, under the “Europe for Citizens” programme 2014-2020.*

*This programme aims to bring the European Union (EU) closer to citizens, to contribute to citizens’ understanding of the EU, its history and diversity, to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.*



# MONDAY 30 MAY 2016 (OPTIONAL)

University of Barcelona

19:00-20:00

Introduction by the European Observatory on Memories (EUROM)

## **WELCOME CONCERT**

*Venue: University of Barcelona, PARANIMF - Gran Via de Les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona*

by **Manel CAMP** and **Lidia PUJOL**

20:00

## **COCKTAIL**

*Venue: University's garden*

# TUESDAY 31 MAY 2016

University of Barcelona

09:30-10:00

## **OPENING SESSION**

*Venue: University of Barcelona, PARANIMF*

Introduction by **Jordi GUIXÉ** (EUROM Director)

**Francisco FONSECA MORILLO**, European Commission, Deputy Director-General Justice and Consumers

**Dídac RAMÍREZ**, Rector of University of Barcelona

**Ada COLAU**, Mayor of Barcelona

**Raül ROMEVA**, Vice-president of Catalonia

10:00-10:45

## **OPENING KEYNOTE**

Introduction by **Pavel TYCHTL** (European Commission)

**Adam MICHNIK**, Polish historian, essayist, former dissident and the founder of Poland's largest newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza

10:45-11:00

**Coffee break**

11:00-12:30

**PANEL SESSION AND DISCUSSION ON “MEMBERSHIP”**

*Venue: University of Barcelona, PARANIMF*

**Topic of discussion:** How to foster identification with the European Union?

Moderated by **Pierre BÉNAZET**, Radio France International

PANEL MEMBERS

**Claudia WIESNER**, University of Jyväskylä and University of Darmstadt

**Paul BLOKKER**, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague

**Michel FOUCHER**, Geographer and former French Ambassador, Chair of applied geopolitics at the College of World Studies, Paris

**Grażyna PLEBANEK**, Philologist and Writer, Brussels

12:30-14:30

**Lunch** (*Venue: University of Barcelona, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

14:30-16:00

**PANEL SESSION AND DISCUSSION ON “PROTECTION”**

*Venue: University of Barcelona, Aula Magna*

**Topic of discussion:** How to consolidate the European Union achievements and strengthen the Union citizens' rights?

Moderated by **Antonella VALMORBIDA**, ALDA-European Association for Local Democracy

PANEL MEMBERS

**Francisco FONSECA MORILLO**, Deputy Director-General Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**Friso ROSCAM-ABBING**, Head of Fundamental Rights Promotion Department, Fundamental Rights Agency

**Assya KAVRAKOVA**, European Citizen Action Service

**Pierre BAUSSAND**, European Social Platform

16:00-16:30

**Coffee break**

16:30-18:00

**PANEL SESSION AND DISCUSSION ON “PARTICIPATION”**

*Venue: University of Barcelona, Aula Magna*

**Topic of discussion:** How to build a Union that fully involves stakeholders and that encourages civic participation and democratic engagement?

Moderated by **Jurek KUCZKIEWICZ**, EU Senior Writer, Le Soir

PANEL MEMBERS

**Amaya PÉREZ DE ALBÉNIZ**, Acting Head of Unit “Europe for Citizens”, Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

**Yves SINTOMER**, Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London, Institut Universitaire de France

**Jan Robert SUESSER**, European Civic Forum

**Virginie VAN INGELGOM**, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

18:00–18:30

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Francisco FONSECA MORILLO**, Deputy Director-General Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**DINNER**

*Venue: 1881 Restaurant-Plaça de Pau Vila, 3, 08003 Barcelona*

REMEMBER  
ENGAGE

# WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2016

*This second day will be dedicated to networking meetings that will take place in two different venues. Participants are kindly invited to attend meeting relevant to their interest or activity.*

## EUROPEAN REMEMBRANCE NETWORKING MEETING

(Strand 1 of the “Europe for Citizens” programme)

*Venue: El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria - Plaça Comercial, 12, 08003 Barcelona*

*The European Remembrance networking meeting is open to all conference participants except members of the Civil Dialogue of the «Europe for Citizens» programme. It will address the four following questions:*

- 1. Where are the imaginary boundaries of European citizenship and European memory?*
- 2. How can we make democracy in the form of pluralism and a dialogue of cultures a reality?*
- 3. How can we create inclusive memory which will sustain democratic and integrative citizenship?*
- 4. How can solidarity be produced across national and religious divides?*

09:30-09:50

### INTRODUCTION

Pavel TYCHTL (European Commission), Jordi GUIXÉ (EUROM) and Ricard VINYES (City Hall of Barcelona)

09:50-10:35

### OPENING KEY NOTE

Andreas HUYSEN  
(introduced by Jordi GUIXÉ)

10:35-11:00

### Coffee break



- 11:00-12:00 **PANEL DIALOGUE 1: MEMORY, CITIZENSHIP, SOLIDARITY**  
Nader HASHEMI and David BONDIA  
(moderated by Xavier LÓPEZ)
- 12:00-13:00 **PANEL DIALOGUE 2: EUROPEAN MEMORIES**  
Bruno GROPPPO, Aline SIERP and Siobhan KATTAGO  
(moderated by Ana MILOSEVIC)
- 13:00-14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30-15:30 **PANEL DIALOGUE 3: PUBLIC POLICIES ON MEMORY IN SPAIN**  
Ricard VINYES and Francisco FERRANDIZ  
(moderated by Montserrat DUCH)
- 15:30-16:30 **WORKSHOP 1: SOCIAL PARTICIPATION AND MEMORY:  
EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES:**  
Harri BEOBIDE (EUROCLIO), Ferenc GERLÓCZY (LIVING  
MEMORIAL), Jordi FONT (MUME)  
(moderated by Nuria RICART)
- 16:30-16:50 **Coffee Break**
- 16:50-18:15 **WORKSHOP 2: EUROPEAN NETWORKING**  
Presentation: Jordi GUIXÉ (EUROM), Rafał ROGULSKI (ENRS)  
Debate and discussion: Nicolas MARTY (MEFRO),  
Marcelo FLORES (INSMLI), Kostis KARPOZILOS (ASKI),  
Ophelia LEÓN (ICMEMO), Alma MASIC (Memory Lab)  
(moderated by Bruno BOYER, Memorial de la Shoah)
- 18:15-19:00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS:**  
Régine ROBIN  
(introduced by Marta MARÍN)
- 19:00 **CLOSING**  
Gerardo PISARELLO, Vice-Mayor of Barcelona  
**CLOSING COCKTAIL** (*Venue: El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria*)

## CIVIL DIALOGUE MEETING

(Strand 2 of the “Europe for Citizens” programme)

Venues: *University of Barcelona, Aula Magna (plenary + workshops A and C)  
Ramon y Cajal (workshops B and D)*

*In the framework of the structured dialogue that the European Commission has with stakeholders of the “Europe for Citizens” programme, this meeting will take stock of the programme implementation and reflect on the contribution of organisations and think tanks actively involved in the Programme to its multiannual priorities, on the basis of their best practices and projects.*

*Due to limited capacity, only 70 participants will be able to attend this meeting, with a priority given to the Civil Dialogue members and beneficiaries of “Europe for Citizens” 2014-2020.*

09:00-09:15

### **1. WELCOMING WORDS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chaired by **Marta CYGAN**, DG HOME, Director “Strategy and General Affairs”

09:15-11:15

### **2. PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION**

Chaired by **Marta CYGAN**

#### **2.1. Mid-term evaluation of the programme**

(09:15-10:30)

a. Europe for Citizens implementation report by the European Parliament

**María Teresa GIMÉNEZ BARBAT**, MEP, Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, rapporteur of the intermediary evaluation of the Europe for Citizens programme

Questions and Answers

b. Mid-term evaluation of Europe for Citizens by the European Commission

**Jutta KÖNIG-GEORGIADES**, DG HOME, unit A1, “Europe for Citizens”

Questions and Answers



## **2.2. State of play on the implementation of the programme and exchange with the Civil Dialogue members and beneficiaries**

(10:30-10:45)

**Amaya PEREZ DE ALBENIZ**, EACEA, acting head of unit C1, “Europe for Citizens”

Questions and Answers

## **2.3. Consultation on the renewal of multiannual priorities 2016-2020 within the discussion on the draft Work Programme 2017**

(10:45-11:15)

**Jutta KÖNIG-GEORGIADIS** and **Bruno DENIS**, DG HOME, unit A1, “Europe for Citizens”

Questions and Answers

11:15-11:30

**Coffee break**

11:30-13:00

## **3. CURRENT COMMISSION INITIATIVES IN THE AREA OF CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

Chaired by **Marta CYGAN**

a. Findings of the 2015 Commission consultations on EU Citizenship

(11:30-12:15)

**Marie-Hélène BOULANGER**, DG JUST, unit C2, “Union Citizenship and Free Movement”

b. Refit Platform and ECI implementation

(12:15-13:00)

**Tomas SORIA ESTEBAN**, SG, head of unit C4, “Work Programme and Stakeholder Consultation”

13:00-14:30

**Lunch** (*Venue: University of Barcelona, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)



14:30-15:45

#### 4. WORKSHOPS

Chaired by **Marc RICHIR**, DG HOME, deputy head of unit A1

##### a. Workshops A and B

**Combatting immigrants' stigmatisation and promoting intercultural dialogue in a context of rising populism**

*Nowadays, stigmatisation is regularly used by extremist or populist movements against immigrants in the political discourse. Such rhetoric exacerbates xenophobia, intolerance and discriminations, and threatens the cohesion of EU societies. It might result in hampering integration and mutual understanding and adopting legislations contrary to the core values on which the European Union is founded. At the same time, it could foster further marginalisation among the most vulnerable or excluded people within EU societies.*

*As the 'Europe for Citizens' programme aims to foster a better understanding of Union values through debates, the Civil Dialogue members and beneficiaries will exchange on their best practises and methods to deal with migrant and refugee crisis in a context of rising populism.*

Introduced by **Marc RICHIR**, DG HOME, deputy head of unit A1

Civil Dialogue members will split into two workshops animated by **IEP-Berlin** and **Volonteurope**

15:45-16:00

#### Coffee Break

16:00-17:15

##### b. Workshops C and D

**Reaching out to Union citizens in the times of Euroscepticism**

*In a context where Euroscepticism has gained ground in Member States and influence their political agendas, it is more and more difficult to reach out to citizens on European issues. To counter arguments that challenge the achievements and very existence of the EU, Euroscepticism should be considered without any prejudice as a political reality.*

*The 'Europe for Citizens' programme aims to enhance civic participation, and through debates, encourage a better understanding of the EU and its policies. In this perspective, the Civil Dialogue members and beneficiaries will be debating on innovative ways/methodologies to teach and explain Europe to citizens, and better involve the hard-to-reach publics in the European Affairs. Based on their best practices and their daily contacts with civil society, they will also reflect on a renovated discourse about Europe, a new narrative that would be more*

appealing, notably to the younger generations.

Introduced by **Bruno DENIS**, DG HOME, unit A1,  
“Europe for Citizens”

Civil Dialogue members will split into two workshops  
animated by **European Youth Forum** and  
**European Alternatives**

17:15-17:30

**Break**

17:30-18:30

**5. WRAP-UP BY RAPPORTEURS AND CLOSING  
REMARKS BY THE COMMISSION**

*BUS TRANSFER TO EL BORN CENTRE DE CULTURA I MEMORIA*

19:00

**CLOSING**

*Venue: El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria - Plaça Comercial,  
12, 08003 Barcelona*

**Gerardo PISARELLO**, Vice-Mayor of Barcelona

**CLOSING COCKTAIL** (*Venue: El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria*)

