

PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN YEAR OF CITIZENS 2013 CLOSING CONFERENCE

“HOW TO MAKE EVERY YEAR A YEAR FOR CITIZENS!”

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013	
BLOCK 1	
“The Role of Civil Society in European Democracy”	
12:00 – 14:30	<i>Arrival of participants: registration and lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary session : "Taking stock of the 2013 European Year" (Conference Hall) <i>Chair:</i> Ylva Tivéus, Director 'Citizens', Directorate General for Communication, European Commission <i>Welcome word:</i> Juozas Bernatoniš, Minister of Justice, Lithuania <i>Opening speeches by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ylva Tivéus• Jean-Marc Roirant, chairman of EYCA - European Year of Citizens 2013 Alliance• Andris Gobiņš, Rapporteur on the European Year of Citizens 2013, European Economic and Social Committee

<p style="text-align: center;">15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Session 1 (Conference Hall)</p> <p><i>The role and the future of civil society organisations in building our Europe</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Session 2 (Constitution Hall)</p> <p><i>Shaping Europe from the bottom up!</i></p>
<p><u>Chair:</u> Sophie Beernaerts, Head of Unit, 'Citizens programme', Directorate General for Communication, European Commission</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elena Dalibot, Project Coordinator, European Alternatives 2. Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General, CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation 3. Oliver Henman, President of the Board of Directors, ENNA - The European Network of National Civil Society Associations – 4. Edgaras Leichteris, Director of the Knowledge Economy Forum, Lithuania 5. Elena Curtopassi - Steering Committee member of ELISAN - European Local Inclusion & Social action network, Social Affairs representative, Veneto Region Brussels Office <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Andris Gobiņš, Member of European Economic and Social Committee, President of European Movement - Latvia</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olga Kurpisz , Policy Officer - Unit 'General Institutional Issues', Secretariat General, European Commission 2. Alessandro Giordani, Head of sector "Communication, information and networks", European Commission Representation Office in Rome 3. Philippe Cayla, President of Euronews Development, France 4. Franco Uda – Coordinator of Youth activities, ARCI (Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana), Italy 5. Olga Jurkowska, Senior Communication Expert & EYC2013 National Contact Point in Poland, Department of Analysis and Public Communication, Ministry of Administration and Digitisation <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:00</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>17:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Plenary session (Conference Hall)</p> <p>Closing remarks by John Macdonald, Head of the European Year of Citizens 2013 Taskforce, Directorate General for Communication, European Commission.</p>
<p>17:30 – 18:30</p>	<p>EYCA Plenary meeting (Conference Hall)</p>
<p>18:00 – 19:30</p>	<p>Cocktail dînatoire at Seimas (Stained Glass Gallery)</p>

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2013

OPENING SESSION

08:00 – 08:50	Arrival of participants and registration
8.50 – 09:30	Plenary session – Official Opening (Hall of the Act of 11 March) <i>Moderator:</i> Gediminas Kirkilas , Deputy Speaker of the Seimas, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Lithuania <i>Keynote speeches by:</i> Vydas Gedvilas , First Deputy Speaker of the Seimas, Lithuania Algirdas Butkevičius , Prime Minister, Lithuania Short documentary on the Hall of the Act of 11 March and speech by Prof. Vytautas Landsbergis , Chairman of the Supreme Council of Lithuania-Reconstituent Seimas, Former Head of State of Lithuania. <i>Keynote speeches by:</i> Viviane Reding , European Commission Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Emily O’ Reilly , European Ombudsman
09:30 – 09:35	Official handover of the EYCA Policy Document: “It’s about Us, it’s about Europe! Towards Democratic European Citizenship” to Vice-President Viviane Reding by Jean-Marc Roirant, EYCA Chairman
09:35 – 10:35	Panel debate: Putting EYCA’s policy recommendations in perspective (Hall of the Act of 11 March) <i>Moderator:</i> Vladimir Vasak, European affairs correspondent in Brussels for ARTE TV Channel <i>Panellists:</i> Antigoni Papadopoulou, Member of European Parliament, Rapporteur on the European Year of Citizens 2013 Conny Reuter, Member of EYCA Steering Group and Co-Chair of the Liaison Group of the European Economic and Social Committee Juozas Bernatonis, Minister of Justice, Lithuania Ylva Tivéus, Director, Citizens Directorate, Directorate General for Communication, European Commission
10:40 – 11:00	Press conference at the Parliament press conference room, with European Ombudsman E.O’Reilly, MEP A.Papadopoulou, Lithuanian Minister of Justice J.Bernatonis, Chairman of EYCA J.-M. Roirant
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break

LUNCH TIME	
"EU citizenship in action – How citizens can influence policy-making"	
11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Session 3 (Hall of the Act of 11 March) Fostering EU citizens' rights	11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Session 4 (Conference Hall) New ways for citizens to influence policymakers
<p><u>Chair:</u> Nathalie Stockwell, Co-ordinator of the EU Citizenship report 2013 - Unit, 'Union citizenship and Free movement', Directorate General for Justice, European Commission</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Kellock, Advisor on fundamental rights issues and policy , European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights 2. Yulia Pererva, Head of Unit for Education for Democratic Citizenship & Human Rights, Council of Europe 3. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Director of FIC-Forum for International Cooperation, Denmark 4. Nuala Mole, Director, The AIRE Centre, United Kingdom 5. Lyra Jakulevičienė, Professor of International and European law at Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius and National Reporter for Lithuania at the Observatory on Free Movement of Workers in Europe <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Nicole Dewandre, Adviser for societal issues, Director General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juhani Lemmik , Governance Adviser, Strategy Unit , Government Office of the Republic of Estonia 2. Anne Davidian, Head of Paris office, Evens Foundation, Belgium 3. Anna Triantafillou, Deputy Head of Innovation Lab, Athens Technology Centre, Greece 4. Josien Pieterse, Director of Netwerk Democratie, Platform for Democratic Innovation, The Netherlands 5. Gunta Anca, Vice-President of EDF-FEPH - European Disability Forum <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>
12:30 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch (Stained Glass Gallery)	12.30 – 14.00 MARKETPLACE (Gallery of the Speakers of the Seimas, 1920-1940 and Gallery of the Speakers of the Seimas, 1990-2012)
13.00 Guided Tour of the Seimas	

CLOSING SESSION	
“Participative and representative democracy: Two sides of a same coin”	
14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Session 5 (Conference Hall) Why wait to vote? Other ways to engage	14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Session 6 (Hall of the Act of 11 March) Towards the 2014 European Elections
<p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Leonidas Donskis, Member of European Parliament, (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe/Lithuania)</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raquel Freire, co-Founder of the 12th of March movement and of the Citizenship Academy, Portugal 2. Katharina Nocun, former Political Secretary of Pirate Party and Privacy activist, Germany 3. Dr Jack Harrington, Project Team, Research Associate, The Open University, United Kingdom 4. Vytautas Jurkonis, Director of Freedom House Office, Lithuania 5. Andrej Pevec, International programme coordinator, Foundation for partnership and civil society development of the Istrian Region, Croatia <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Aleyda Hernandez Laviades – Policy Unit, Directorate General for Communication European Parliament</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diogo Pinto, Secretary General, EMI-European Movement International 2. Johanna Nyman, Board member, responsible for the ‘League of Young Voters’, of YFJ -European Youth Forum 3. Rada Boric, Vice-President of EWL-European Women’s Lobby and Kolia Bénié, Mentee from European Political Mentoring Network 4. Sérgio Aires, President of EAPN - European Anti-Poverty Network 5. Jean-Pierre Dubois, Honourary President - French League of Human Rights <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>
15:30 – 16: 00	Coffee break – Launch of EIGE’s “Women and Men Inspiring Europe” Calendar 2014 (Stained Glass Gallery)
16:00 – 16:05	(Hall of the Act of 11 March) Family photo of all participants at the Hall of the Act of 11 March
16:05 – 17:00	<p>Alexandrina Satnoianu, Project Manager “Women and Men Inspiring Europe”, EIGE- European Institute for Gender Equality</p> <p>Plenary Closing session: The way forward</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Vladimir Vasak, European affairs correspondent in Brussels for ARTE TV Channel</p> <p><i>Reports by Café Babel journalists on the 6 parallel sessions</i></p> <p><u>Closing remarks</u></p>

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<i>17:00 – 18:30</i>	<i>Back to hotels</i>
<i>18:30 – 19:00</i>	<i>Transfer from hotels to venue of social event</i>
19:00 – 21:00	<i>Reception at the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania</i>