



# The future of EU citizenship

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*bEUcitizen Final Conference, a project financed under the EU's FP7*

## INVITATION

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The bEUcitizen Project partners are pleased to invite you to the Final conference of the bEUcitizen project: ***The Future of EU Citizenship*** that will take place **from 26 to 28 April 2017** at **The Resident Palace – International Press Center of Brussels, Belgium**.

The conference concludes a 4-year multinational and multidisciplinary project financed by the European Commission FP7: bEUcitizen - *All Rights Reserved? Barriers towards EUropean CITIZENship*. The research has been conducted by eminent researchers from 26 Institutions situated in 19 different countries in Europe and outside, and is coordinated by Utrecht University.

The project sets out to identify, investigate, discuss and ameliorate the barriers to the active use of EU citizenship rights (and knowledge of duties). Not only does our project provide for a comparative overview and classification of the various barriers to the exercise of the rights and obligations of EU citizens in the Member States and some candidate countries, but it also analyses whether and how such barriers can be overcome, and which strategies and narratives can be developed to strengthen EU citizenship. The insights were developed by studying citizenship from different disciplines: law, political science, social sciences, history, philosophy, public administration and economics.

The final event will present and discuss the main results of the bEUcitizen project and its policy recommendations. Beside a number of participants of the bEUcitizen consortium, the following speakers will be involved in the panel debates: *Kalypto Nicolaidis* (St Antony's College - University of Oxford), *Catherine Barnard* (University of Cambridge), *Richard Bellamy* (European University Institute, Florence), *Sacha Prechal* (judge CJEU), *Stefaan van der Jeught* (CJEU and Vrije Universiteit Brussel), *Herwig Verschueren* (University of Antwerp), *Agnes Jongerius* (MEP), *Catherine Woollard* (ECRE) and *Eve Geddie* (PICUM).

This conference is open to all stakeholders interested in EU citizenship. We are happy to welcome academics, policy makers, representatives of relevant organizations and all those who are interested in the future of EU citizenship.

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Conference admission is free of charge but seats are limited. Therefore, we invite you to register via the [online registration form](#) by **7 April 2017**. Due to limited financial resources, participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs while the organization will cover lunch and coffee breaks.

Please find attached the Draft Programme Overview.

For further information please visit the [conference website](#) or contact the bEUcitizen Project Manager, [Alice Perenzin](#).

On behalf of the entire bEUcitizen team, I am looking forward to welcoming you in Brussels!

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME - Overview

### Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

12.30 *Registration*

13.00 -17.00 **Youth and Stakeholder event:**

**The future of Europe - Exploring strategies for strengthening EU Citizenship\***

*Organized by Wieger Bakker and Marlot van der Kolk*

\*please note that this event is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending please contact Tom Binder: [t.j.binder@uu.nl](mailto:t.j.binder@uu.nl)

### Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017

8.00 *Registration*

9.00-9.30 **Welcome**

9.30-10.00 **Keynote: To B or not to B an EU citizen?, Kalypto Nikolaidis**

10.00 - 12.45 **Alternative forms of Citizenship**

*Organized by Patrick Wallis, Marie-Pierre Granger and Francis Cheneval*

13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch meeting with policy makers**

14.00 – 18.00 **Migration**

**14.00 -15.45 Session 1- Migration, social rights and language barriers**

*Organized by Martin Seeleib-Kaiser and Elena Ioriatti*

**16.00-18.00 Session 2 – The Insider/Outsider: contemporary bordering practices and European fundamental values**

*Organized by Bridget Anderson and Isabel Shutes*

19.30 **Conference dinner, Brasserie Leopold\***

\*for consortium members only

### Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

8.00 *Registration*

9.00 – 12.30 **Rise of anti-European Politics: Legitimacy, cohesion and solidarity in the EU**

*Organized by Sandra Seubert, Uwe Puetter, Manuela Naldini and Birte Siim*

13.00 -14.30 **Lunch meeting with policy makers**

14.30 - 18.00 **Project closing & Presentation of policy review on citizenship – preliminary findings, by DG R&D  
Closing drinks**