
EU=YOU
**CITIZEN'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE
EU AFTER THE TREATY OF LISBON**

**Public Meeting:
Ready for the 21st century?
The EU after the Treaty of Lisbon (Part II)**

1-3 April
The Hague, the Netherlands

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THE PROJECT

“EU = You! Citizen Engagement in the EU after the Treaty of Lisbon”

After the ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon the EU is heading forward. More and more decisions move from a national to a European level. Besides those legal and political changes, it is important to develop a European consciousness in order to live and work in a globalised world and be not only a citizen but an active citizen. Unfortunately, the latest EU election in 2009 did not prove a high identification of many citizens with the EU, people living in European countries are quite far away from such consciousness. However, the Union depends on participation and needs a political and active citizen.

The aims and objectives of the projects are therefore:

- × fostering a sense of ownership of the EU among its citizens
- × fostering actions, debates and reflection related to European citizenship, democracy and values through cooperation among civil society organisations
- × bringing Europe closer to its citizens by dealing with relevant issues
- × broach the issue of the Treaty of Lisbon and discuss the new constitution, its composition and implications critically

THE PUBLIC MEETING (EVENT #4)

In the last activity and the second public meeting (this time in The Hague) particularly the new European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) will be emphasized. An intensive discussion with experts and the community of The Hague is intended – about the central questions: Is the EU now more capable of acting, more democratic, transparent and closer to its citizens? How can the ECI improve active citizenship in praxis? Furthermore, it is expected to inform the media and the community about the general project, its objectives, realized activities and finally the achieved results. The working language will be English. This meeting is organized by CGE Erfurt e.V. from Germany in cooperation with the Dutch association Platform Spartak.

PROGRAM

Friday 01/04/2011

Welcome – to active citizenship

- 15.30–16.00 **Walk-in with coffee and tea** | Stayokay Hostel Den Haag
- 16.00–17.00 **Welcome speech, outline of the upcoming days**
| Stayokay Hostel Den Haag
- „EU =You” – Recap of all events**
- Recap Erfurt I + short movie | Sebastian Kunte
 - Recap Erfurt II + short movie | Tim Kersjes
 - Recap Pilsen + slideshow | Kathrin Frentzen
- 17.00–18.30 **“Political participation in the 21st century – The role of governments, civil society and their representatives in the EU framework”**
Joop Hazenberg (Author, Think Tank “Prospect”)
Input with following discussion | Stayokay Hostel Den Haag

Saturday 02/04/2011
The new Citizens' Initiative

- 10.00–11.30 **“More participatory democracy? Introduction to the new European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI)”**
Marietje Schaake (Member of the European Parliament)
Input with following discussion | De Haagse Lobby
- 11.45–13.00 **“Just a good idea? The Initiative and its practical translation”**
Lisa Peyer (IKOSOM Berlin and University of Jena)
Input with following discussion | De Haagse Lobby
- 13.00–14.00 **Lunch** | De Haagse Lobby
- 14.00–16.00 **“Is Lisbon enough? The appropriateness of the ECI as a tool for NGOs”**
Arjen Nijeboer (Journalist, Initiative & Referendum Institute Europe, Referendum Platform), Herman van Bakkem (Greenpeace)
Input with following discussion | De Haagse Lobby
- 16.30–18.00 **“Implementing Lisbon: A critical appraisal of the Citizens’ Initiative from different perspectives”**
Panel discussion with, a.o. Arno Uijlenhoet (former party leader of Newropeans in the Netherlands)
Moderation: Wolfgang Sieberth | De Haagse Lobby
- 18.00-19.00 **Drinks** | De Haagse Lobby

Sunday 03/04/2011

How to proceed?

10.00–12.30 “Perspective 2020: Conclusions and recommendations for a more participatory EU”

Workshops | De Haagse Lobby

12.30–13.30 Summary of the event

Closing of the project

Evaluation

| De Haagse Lobby

Venues:

[Stayokay Hostel](#) – Scheepmakersstraat 27, The Hague

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