

HORIZON EU

« European citizenship : a horizontal development »

CITIZENS FACING THE EU: WHAT MESSAGES?

MONDAY 5 MAY • 9.30 > 15.00 • BRUSSELS

European Parliament – Room József Antall – Room 6Q2, Rue Wiertz/Wiertzstraat 60, Brussels

Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute, in the context of its project: “Horizon EU: European citizenship, a horizontal development” gives the opportunity to the citizens to debate with representatives of the European institutions.

This citizens’ meeting is the second step of this great project which has already allowed 150 European citizens to debate about their access to the European institutions and the content of the European construction.

It gathers more than 50 citizens coming from 18 EU countries, to talk first all together and with representatives of the EU institutions.

The most famous way to express its opinion is to vote during the European elections. There are other ways, such as petitions or the European citizens’ initiative, but those tools are rarely used. What other means must be invented in order for the citizens not to feel disconnected with Brussels?

The goal of this meeting is for European citizens to have the possibility to discuss about it directly with representatives of the European institutions.

PROGRAMME

Introduction and moderation by Yves BERTONCINI, Director of *Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute* and **Daniel DEBOMY**, Founder and Director of the Institut de Recherches sur les opinions publiques (OPTEM)

10.30>12.00 – 1st discussion Citizens/EU

With:

- **Vasco CAL**, Member of the Bureau of Policy Advisors, European Commission
- **Ian BARBER**, Head of the unit Strategy, Corporate Communication Actions and Eurobarometer in the Direction General Communication, European Commission

Debate with the audience

13.30>15.00 – 2nd discussion Citizens/EU

With:

- **Isabelle DURANT**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Luc VAN DEN BRANDE**, Member and former President of the Committee of the Regions

Debate with the audience