

"Horizon EU" **European citizenship: a horizontal development**

The overall aim of the project "Horizon EU" is to familiarise citizens with the ways and the means, especially the tools ensuring that their voice is heard in European-Union, by adopting a bottom-up approach. The originality of the project relies on its horizontal deliberative and progressive approach to promote the citizen's opinion on the EU and its means of access.

The project "Horizon EU" takes place in three stages:

- The first stage "Access" gathered groups of citizens, selected so as to obtain a sample that represents European citizens in their diversity regarding several sociodemographic criteria, in 18 member states of the EU, and to collect their opinion on form issues, meaning on the ways and means to be heard in the EU, and on core issues, meaning on their European concerns and stakes. This first stage took place between 7 December 2013 and 3 January 2014, 157 citizens participated. The results are summarised in a global synthesis written by Daniel Debomy ("[Involvement of EU citizens in the European project](#)")
- The second stage "Exchanges" gathered in Brussels 52 citizens involved in the national discussion groups in order first to discuss between them a global discussion on the EU and their relations with the European institutions; then, to express themselves in front of representatives of these institutions. These two meetings took place on 4-5 May 2014 and the main points are summarised in two syntheses written by Virginie Timmerman ("[European citizens in Brussels : what messages](#)"; "[Citizens facing "Brussels' Europe"](#) ").
- The third stage "Involvement" consists in the dissemination of the project's lessons to the European and national institutions and the public especially the available means for the Europeans. This stage includes [video-testimonies](#) of citizens who were involved in the second stage of the project and that share their experience.

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