

## PROGRAMME OF

### 2013 EUROPEAN YEAR OF CITIZENS 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	<b>Arrival of participants: registration &amp; lunch</b>
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Plenary session : "Taking stock of the 2013 European Year"</b> <i>Chair:</i> Ylva Tivéus, Director 'Citizens', Directorate General for Communication, European Commission <i>Welcome word:</i> Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania <i>Opening speeches by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ylva Tivéus</li><li>• Jean-Marc Roirant, chairman of EYCA – 2013 European Year of Citizens Alliance</li><li>• Andris Gobiņš, Rapporteur on the 2013 European Year of Citizens, European Economic and Social Committee</li></ul>

<p style="text-align: center;">15:00 – 16:30 <b>Parallel Session 1</b></p> <p><b><i>The role and the future of civil society organisations in building our Europe</i></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15:00 – 16:30 <b>Parallel Session 2</b></p> <p><b><i>Shaping Europe from the bottom up!</i></b></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"> <li>1. Elena Dalibot, Project Coordinator, European Alternatives</li> <li>2. Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General, CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation</li> <li>3. Oliver Henman, President of the Board of Directors, ENNA - The European Network of National Civil Society Associations –</li> <li>4. Edgaras Leichteris, Director of the Knowledge Economy Forum, Lithuania</li> <li>5. Elena Curtopassi - Steering Committee member of ELISAN - European Local Inclusion &amp; Social action network, Social Affairs representative, Veneto Region Brussels Office</li> </ol> <p><u>Q&amp;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"> <li>1. Olga Kurpisz , Policy Officer - Unit 'General Institutional Issues', Secretariat General, European Commission</li> <li>2. Alessandro Giordani, Head of sector "Communication, information and networks", European Commission Representation Office in Rome</li> <li>3. Philippe Cayla, President of Euronews Development, France</li> <li>4. Franco Uda – Coordinator of Youth activities, ARCI (Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana), Italy</li> <li>5. Olga Jurkowska, Senior Communication Expert &amp; EYC2013 National Contact Point in Poland, Department of Analysis and Public Communication, Ministry of Administration and Digitisation</li> </ol> <p><u>Q&amp;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><b>Plenary session</b></p> <p>Closing remarks by John Macdonald, Head of the 2013 European Year of Citizens Task Force, Directorate General for Communication, European Commission.</p>
<p>17:30 – 18:30</p>	<p><b>EYCA Plenary meeting</b></p>
<p>18:00 – 19:30</p>	<p><b>Cocktail dînatoire at Seimas</b></p>

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2013

**OPENING SESSION**

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

<b>BLOCK 2</b>	
<b>"EU citizenship in action – How citizens can influence policy-making"</b>	
11:00 – 12:30 <b>Parallel Session 3</b> <b><i>Fostering EU citizens' rights</i></b>	11:00 – 12:30 <b>Parallel Session 4</b> <b><i>New ways for citizens to influence policymakers</i></b>
<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"> <li>1. John Kellock, Advisor on fundamental rights issues and policy , European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</li> <li>2. Yulia Pererva, Head of Unit for Education for Democratic Citizenship &amp; Human Rights, Council of Europe</li> <li>3. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Director of FIC-Forum for International Cooperation, Denmark</li> <li>4. Nuala Mole, Director, The AIRE Centre, United Kingdom</li> <li>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</li> </ol> <p><u>Q&amp;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"> <li>1. Juhani Lemmik , Governance Adviser, Strategy Unit , Government Office of the Republic of Estonia</li> <li>2. Anne Davidian, Head of Paris office, Evens Foundation, Belgium</li> <li>3. Anna Triantafillou, Deputy Head of Innovation Lab, Athens Technology Centre, Greece</li> <li>4. Josien Pieterse, Director of Netwerk Democratie, Platform for Democratic Innovation, The Netherlands</li> <li>5. Gunta Anca, Vice-President of EDF-FEPH - European Disability Forum</li> </ol> <p><u>Q&amp;A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>
12:30 – 14:00 <b>Buffet Lunch</b>	12.30 – 14.00 <b>MARKET PLACE at the Parliament lobby</b>
13.00 <b>Guided Tour of the Seimas</b>	

### BLOCK 3

#### “Participative and representative democracy: Two sides of a same coin”

<p>14:00 – 15:30 <b>Parallel Session 5</b></p> <p><b><i>Why wait to vote? Other ways to engage</i></b></p>	<p>14:00 – 15:30 <b>Parallel Session 6</b></p> <p><b><i>Towards the 2014 European Elections</i></b></p>
<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"> <li>1. Raquel Freire, co-Founder of the 12<sup>th</sup> of March movement and of the Citizenship Academy, Portugal</li> <li>2. Katharina Nocun, former Political Secretary of Pirate Party and Privacy activist, Germany</li> <li>3. Dr Jack Harrington, Project Team, Research Associate, The Open University, United Kingdom</li> <li>4. Vytautas Jurkonis, Director of Freedom House Office in Lithuania</li> <li>5. Andrej Pevec, International programme coordinator, Foundation for partnership and civil society development of the Istrian Region, Croatia</li> </ol> <p><u>Q&amp;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"> <li>1. Diogo Pinto, Secretary General, EMI-European Movement International</li> <li>2. Johanna Nyman, Board member, responsible for the ‘League of Young Voters’, of YFJ -European Youth Forum</li> <li>3. Rada Boric, Vice-President of EWL-European Women’s Lobby and Kolia Bénié, Mentee from European Political Mentoring Network</li> <li>4. Sérgio Aires, President of EAPN - European Anti-Poverty Network</li> <li>5. Jean-Pierre Dubois, Honourary President - French League of Human Rights</li> </ol> <p><u>Q&amp;A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> Café Babel journalist</p>
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p><b>Coffee break –Launch of EIGE’s “Women and Men Inspiring Europe” Calendar 2014</b></p>
<p>16:00 – 16:05</p> <p>16:05 – 17:00</p>	<p>Alexandrina Satnoianu, Project Manager “Women and Men Inspiring Europe”, EIGE- European Institute for Gender Equality</p> <p><b>Plenary Closing session: <i>The way forwards</i></b></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 (7’ max. each)</i></p> <p><u>Closing remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie Beernaerts, Head of Unit “Citizens programme”, Directorate General for Communication, European Commission</li> <li>• Vytautas Leškevičius, Vice Minister for European Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania</li> </ul>

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