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2013 EUROPEAN CLOSING CONFERENCE
YEAR OF CITIZENS

Venue: Seimas (Lithuanian National Parliament), Vilnius

Dates: Thursday, 12 December & Friday, 13 December

Title: *“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	Arrival of participants and registration
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary session : "Taking stock of the 2013 European Year" <u>Welcome words by Lithuanian Presidency</u> <u>Chair:</u> Ylva Tivéus, Director 'Citizens', DG Communication, European Commission Opening speeches (7 minutes each): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ylva Tivéus (<i>European Commission</i>)2. Jean-Marc Roirant, chairman of EYCA (<i>France</i>)3. Andris Gobiņš, European Economic and Social Committee, Rapporteur on EYC2013 (<i>Latvia</i>)

<p style="text-align: center;">15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Session 1</p> <p><i>The role and the future of civil society organisations in building our Europe</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Session 2</p> <p><i>Shaping Europe from the bottom up!</i></p>
<p><i>Chair:</i> Sophie Beernaerts, Head of Unit, 'Citizens programme', DG Communication, European Commission</p> <p><u><i>Panellists:</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Niccolo Milanese, European Alternatives – Citizens Pact (<i>UK</i>) 2. Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General, CIVICUS (<i>Australia</i>) 3. Oliver Henman, President of the Board of Directors, The European Network of National Civil Society Associations – ENNA 4. Edgaras Leichteris, Knowledge Economy Forum (<i>Lithuania</i>) 5. Elena Curtopassi - European Local Inclusion & Social action network – ELISAN (tbc) <p><u><i>Q&A with the audience</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Rapporteur:</i></u> (To be identified)</p>	<p><i>Chair:</i> Andris Gobiņš, Member of European Economic and Social Committee, President of European Movement - Latvia</p> <p><u><i>Panellists:</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (tbc) ... Unit 'General Institutional Issues', Secretariat General, European Commission (European Citizens Initiative-ECI) 2. Alessandro Giordani, Head of sector "Communication, information and networks", European Commission Representation Office in Rome (Citizens' Dialogues) 3. Philippe Cayla, Euronews Development – ECI: "Let us vote" (<i>France</i>) 4. Carla Scaramela - ARCI – Laboratories of European Democracy (<i>Italy</i>) (tbc) 5. Olga Jurkowska or Małgorzata Steiner, EYC2013 National Contact Point (<i>Poland</i>) <p><u><i>Q&A with the audience</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Rapporteur:</i></u> (To be identified)</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:00</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>17:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Plenary session</p> <p>Collecting questions to be put to participants in panel debate of next morning</p> <p>Closing remarks by John Macdonald, Head of the EYC2013 Task Force, DG Communication, European Commission.</p>
<p>17:30 – 18:30</p>	<p>EYCA Plenary meeting</p>
<p>18:30 – 19:30</p>	<p><i>Cocktail dînatoire</i></p>

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2013

OPENING SESSION

08:00 – 08:50	Arrival of participants and registration
08.50 – 09.30	Plenary session – Official Opening <i>Moderator:</i> Gediminas Kirkilas , Deputy Speaker of the Seimas, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs Keynote speeches by Lithuanian Dignitaries (names tbc) and Viviane Reding , European Commission Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
9.20 – 09:30	Sajūdis movie “Lithuanian Road to Freedom” and speech by Professor Vytautas Landsbergis , Chairman of the Supreme Council of Lithuania - Reconstituent Seimas, Former Head of the State of Lithuania
09:30 – 09:35	Official handover of the EYCA Policy Document (title tbc) to Vice President Viviane Reding by Jean-Marc Roirant, EYCA Chairman - short political statement
09:35 – 10:35	Panel debate : Putting EYCA ‘s policy recommendations in perspective <i>Moderator:</i> Vladimir Vasak, ARTE TV Channel <i>Panellists:</i> Antigoni Papadopoulou, MEP (CY/S&D) (Cyprus) Mercedes Bresso, Vice-President of Committee of the Regions (Italy) Emily O’ Reilly, European Ombudsman (Ireland) Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR/ EYCA (Germany) Juozas Bernatoniš, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania Ylva Tivéus, Director, Citizens Directorate, DG Communication, European Commission
10:35 – 10:40	Family photo of all participants at the Kovo-11 Hall
10-40 – 11:00	Press conference at the Parliament press conference room, participating Chairman of EYCA, Commission representative and Juozas Bernatoniš, Minister of Justice – other VIPs from the Panel debate ...
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break

BLOCK 2

"EU citizenship in action – How citizens can influence policy-making"

<p>11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Session 3 <i>Fostering EU citizens' rights</i></p>	<p>11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Session 4 <i>New ways for citizens to influence policymakers</i></p>
<p><u>Chair:</u> Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit, 'Union citizenship and Free movement', DG Justice, European Commission</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. John Kellock, Advisor on fundamental rights issues and policy , European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (<i>Integration – Populism – Discrimination</i>)2. Yulia Pererva, Head of Unit for Education for Democratic Citizenship & Human Rights, Council of Europe3. Claus Larsen-Jensen, Director of FIC (Forum for International Cooperation) (<i>Denmark</i>) - project "Real Democracy Civil Society Europe"4. Nuola Mole, The AIRE Centre (<i>UK</i>)5. Assya Kavrakova – Head of board of Directors - ECAS – "EU rights' clinic" (<i>Bulgaria</i>) <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> (To be identified)</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> DG CNECT or Eurofound (tbc)</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. E-participation in Estonia (<i>Estonia</i>)2. Anne Davidian, Evens foundation, Head of Paris office - I am Europe (<i>Belgium/France</i>)3. Anna Triantafillou - OurSpace (DG CONNECT - CIP funded project) (<i>Greece</i>) (tbc)4. Josien Pieterse - Netwerk Democratie (eGovernment/social media project "Volgdewet.nl")(<i>The Netherlands</i>)5. Gunta Anca, Vice-President of European Disability Forum (<i>Latvia</i>) <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> (To be identified)</p>
<p>12:30 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch</p>	<p>12.30 – 14.00 MARKET PLACE at the Parliament lobby</p>
<p>13.00 Guided Tour of the Seimas</p>	

BLOCK 3

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

<p>14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Session 5 <i>Why wait to vote? Other ways to engage</i></p>	<p>14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Session 6 <i>Towards the 2014 European Elections</i></p>
<p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Leonidas Donskis, Member of European Parliament – ALDE/LT (tbc)</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raquel Freire - From “Geração a rasca” (Precarious Generation) to Citizenship Academy (<i>Portugal</i>) 2. Jens Seipenbusch, Pirate Party (<i>Germany</i>) 3. Professor Engin Isin - The Open University - ENACT, FP7 funded project (<i>UK</i>) 4. Freedom House in Lithuania (name tbc) 5. Andrej Pevec – Foundation for Partnership and Civil development - Active Communities for Europe (<i>Croatia</i>) (tbc) <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> (To be identified)</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"> 1. Diogo Pinto, European Movement International (<i>Portugal</i>) 2. Joana Nyman, European Youth Forum - ‘League of Young Voters’ project (<i>Finland</i>) 3. European Political Mentoring Network (European Women’s Lobby) <i>Mentor MEP & aspiring MEP Mentee from Diversity</i> 4. Representative from ATD Quart Monde 5. Jean-Pierre Dubois, Président d’Honneur-Ligue des Droits de l’Homme (on the issue of residents) (<i>France</i>) <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p> <p><u>Rapporteur:</u> (To be identified)</p>
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>Plenary Closing session: <i>The way forwards</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Vladimir Vasak <i>Reports from the 6 parallel sessions (7’ max. each)</i> <u>Closing remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Beernaerts, Head of Unit “Citizens programme”, DG Communication, European Commission • Lithuanian Presidency
<p>17:00 – 18:30</p>	<p><i>Back to Hotels</i></p>
<p>18:30 – 19:00</p>	<p><i>Transfer from hotels to venue of social event</i></p>
<p>19:00 – 21:00</p>	<p>Reception at the Grand Dukes’ Palace</p>