



Workshop 5

Freedom of Movement in the EU: Challenges and Prospects for EU citizens

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The unprecedented refugee crises and the terrorist attacks have had an impact on free movement in the EU. In times when the EU is in a dire need for re-gaining the confidence of its citizens in the European project, rolling back the most notable European achievement by re-installing borders may have long-lasting effects including an impact on European identity.

The workshop “Freedom of Movement in the EU: Challenges and Prospects for EU citizens” will be comprised of two consecutive panels:

Workshop will be moderated by Niklaus Nuspliger, Political Correspondent for European Affairs for the Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung.

Panel 1: Freedom of Movement: benefits and challenges for citizens

The panel will explore:

- current trends with regard to free movement in the EU;
- challenges faced by citizens “in limbo” with regard to access to social security rights, health insurance, recognition of professional qualifications etc. and
- the impact of the “deal” between the UK and the EU with regard to the EU migrants’ benefits on citizens’ rights of the British and the European citizens.

Speakers:

- **László Andor**, Former EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion in the Barroso II Commission (2010 - 2014), Senior Fellow at Hertie School of Governance
- **Pieter Cleppe**, Head of Open Europe Brussels
- **Paul Minderhoud**, Associate professor at the Centre for Migration Law of the Radboud University Nijmegen
- **Anthony Valcke**, Solicitor, EU Rights Clinic

Panel 2: The future of the Schengen agreement as a common area of freedom, security and justice

The panel will discuss:



- current proposals for the revision of the Schengen agreement and their impact on free movement and the European citizenship
- the cost of non-Schengen for the EU taxpayers

Speakers:

- **Luca Jahier**, President of Group III of the EESC
- **Tanja Fajon**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Boris Le Hir**, Project manager, France Stratégie
- **Elena Dulguerova**, Legal officer, Schengen borders management unit of DG HOME

