

State of the Union Citizens' Rights

**Shaping the future of
European citizenship:**
Understanding EU mobile citizens'
motivations and adapting
EU citizenship to new realities

TUESDAY, MARCH 21st 2023

9.30 am - 13.00 pm BIP Brussels
Rue Royale 2-4 1000 Brussels « Salle des guichets »

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Agenda

The 2023 edition of the Conference will engage many different stakeholders, who have an interest in seeing a renewed, stronger EU citizenship to understand more about who the mobile EU citizens are, and what lies behind their wish to establish their home in another Member State than the one they were born in.

We will examine together the current legal framework to assess whether it fully supports all EU citizens in this challenging choice and discuss whether new rights should be added to shape a more inclusive European citizenship.

Our conference will open on a keynote speech from Marc Angel, vice-president of the European Parliament, who will present the work undertaken by the European Parliament's LGBTI Intergroup to tackle the obstacles that still remain nowadays to achieve a full application of freedom of movement that includes all types of families.

To set the scene for an informed discussion, ECAS will present the trends of the Your Europe Advice service to citizens on their EU Rights.

Although moving to another Member State is broadly perceived as a mere economical decision, the real motivations that feed such a life change are often complex, involving elements which are emotional at least as much as rational.

Our first panel will focus on showing the variety of factors that lead to such a decision, in an attempt to deconstruct myth and break stereotypes.

While we are expecting the Communication of the European Commission on the Freedom of Movement Directive to be published in the coming months, our second panel will present the diverse types of mobility that exist, and what discriminatory barriers still persist in today's application of freedom of movement.

Finally, we will look together into the future, exploring solutions to support a European citizenship that leaves no one behind.

Our conference will close on the ECAS' Awards ceremony for the citizens - winners of our 2022 Citizenship Awards - on new rights they would attribute to the European Citizenship.

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9:30 – 9:50

Keynote speech:

The freedom of movement of LGBTQIA+ people.

Marc Angel, Vice President of the European Parliament



9:50 – 10:00

Setting the scene:

Presentation of Your Europe Advice annual trends

Marrit Westerweel, Citizen's Advice Manager, ECAS

10:00 – 10:30

Panel discussion: Why are EU mobile citizens moving?



Interactive session on perceived motivations behind moving across Member States

Assya Kavrakova, Executive Director, ECAS



Why are people moving within Europe? The complexity of migrant decision-making.

Talitha Dubow, Maastricht University

10:30 – 11:00

Panel discussion: Towards a more inclusive citizenship



Presentation of destitution issues

Sergio Pérez Barranco, Project Officer, FEANTSA



The gender dimension of EU free movement

Dr Nina Miller, University of Glasgow



Presentation of obstacles to freedom of movement of artists

Marie Le Sourd, Secretary General, On the Move

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11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Panel discussion: Shaping the future of European mobility



Freedom of Movement training for civil servants and civil society
Claire Morot-Sir, EU Rights Manager, ECAS



Info Norden – Nordic Council of Ministers: Strategy for removal of cross-border obstacles in the Nordic region
Anna Sophie Liebst, Project Manager, Info Norden



Interactive session on new EU Rights: feedback and presentation of DG JUST 2023 agenda
Jan Rohde-Stadler, Democracy, Union Citizenship and Free Movement Team Leader, DG JUST



12:30 – 13:00

ECAS Awards 2022 on European Citizenship Innovation
Jean Lambert, ECAS Chairperson

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

