



EU civil society at work on #CitizensRoute73

« Horizon 2019 European Election: 73 seats in the European Parliament for European representatives »

The Franck Biancheri Network (FNB), the Change Agent Network (iCAN) and their partners* are proud to announce the launching of an EU democratisation citizen process : #CitizensRoute73

Why #CitizensRoute73? We advocate that in the next European election in 2019, the 73 British seats in the European Parliament should be destined for European representatives. Rather than suppressing or distributing them, the idea of opening them to European representatives, elected on a trans-European – instead of national – basis, is high on the political agenda. We share this enthusiastic perspective and want to make sure citizens are ready and that an adequate political offer is available. We unite the pro-democracy European civil society for a swift and proactive response to the opportunity of democratisation that it is now tangibly being offered.

On **July 1 and 2, 2017, in Louvain-la-Neuve** (BE), to the invite of an array of partner-organisations*, 200 European civil society « change agents » are coming to :

- Express clearly their support to this perspective of transformation of the European election
- Initiate actions to raise European public awareness on this perspective
- Nurture a common debate on the future of Europe prone to create the conditions of emergence of the needed trans-European ideas, figures and parties

First-class political figures have agreed to submit themselves to a first exercise of European political debate on: "*Changing Europe, yes! But what for?*"



Mariapaola Cherchi (IT) for a federal Europe of citizens – Reka Salamon (HU) for a Future-oriented Europe – Pierre Larrourou (FR) for a Social Europe - Erik Edman (NL) for DIEM25 – Adrian Taylor (UK/DE) for a New Paradigm - Felipe Santos Henriques (PT) for a sustainable Europe

European intellectuals & activists will discuss tools required to create the common public debate: *"Changing Europe, yes! But how?"* during two half-days of plenary panels and workshops



Guillaume Sacriste (FR) Paris-Sorbonne & co-author with Thomas Piketty of "For a Treaty for the democratization of the euro zone", Armel Prieur (FR) Co-founder of the Instituting Citizen Process for Europe, Bjarni Snæbjörn Jónsson (IS) Iceland's constitutional deliberative process, Jean-Claude Garot (BE) Pour écrire la liberté, Richard Laub (BE) Stand up for Europe, Julia Monini (DE) Pulse of Europe, Karim el Kholy (FR) Erasmus Student Festival, Matteo Guidi (IT) Eyes on Europe, Antonis Tryantafillakis (GR) "Elect George 2018", Philippe Micaelli (FR) "Le Comité"

— ►A « Declaration of Common Commitment » will be solemnly signed by all participants and online

— ►A « Route 73 Map » will be made public, presenting the strategy, timeline, actions, teams and organisation needed to conduct this process.

A democratic Europe is finally within reach

In Louvain-la-Neuve, on July 1- 2, 200 European "change agents" are making sure #CitizensRoute73 will become a reality. Let's show Europe that we are ready and step-up for European democracy!

Press information

A complete presentation of #CitizensRoute73 is available @ <https://eucitizenprocess-en.net/>

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