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Europe Direct Information Centres Annual General Meeting Brussels 18 > 19 March 2013



Monday 18 March 2013 'The future of the European Union'

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12:00 > 13:00	Registration
13:00 > 14:30	Lunch
14:30 > 14:40	Introducing the Programme of the Annual General Meeting
14:40 > 15:00	Welcome addresses <i>Anni Padimata, Vice-President responsible for Information and Communication Policy, European Parliament</i> <i>Viviane Reding, Vice-President responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission</i>
15:00 > 15:45	Interactive session 'Restoring citizens' confidence in the European Union' <i>Othmar Karas, Vice-President responsible for Information and Communication Policy, European Parliament</i> <i>Viviane Reding, Vice-President responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission</i>
15:45 > 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 > 16:45	'The state of the European public opinion' <i>Prof. Dominique Reynié, Director-General of the 'Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique' Professor of political science at the Paris Institute of Political Studies</i>
16:45 > 18:00	Panel discussion 'The future of the European Union in the current context of crisis' <i>Antonio Vitorino, President of Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute, former Defence Minister and former European Commissioner</i> <i>Dr. Ulrike Guérot, Senior Policy Fellow and Representative for Germany at the European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin</i> <i>Dr. Luuk van Middelaar, Political Philosopher, Speechwriter of Herman Van Rompuy</i> <i>Dr. Robert Menasse, Novelist and Essayist</i> <i>Moderated by Vanessa Mock, EU Correspondent, The Wall Street Journal, Brussels</i>
18:00 > 19:00	Cocktail reception
19:00 > 22:00	Dinner
22:00	Transportation to hotels



Tuesday 19 March 2013 'Re-mobilizing citizens in the European project'

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09:00 > 09:20	Welcome addresses <i>Gregory Paulger, Director-General, DG Communication, European Commission</i> <i>Juana Lahousse, Director-General, DG Communication, European Parliament</i>
09:20 > 09:30	Programme of the day
09:30 > 09:45	Conversation starter 1: Towards an active citizenship <i>Anna Maria Darmanin, Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee</i>
09:45 > 10:30	Conversation ¹ – Boosting citizens' engagement for the future of Europe: what is the EDICs' role?
10:30 > 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 > 11:15	Conversation starter 2: European values <i>Laurent Thieule, Director for Communication, Press and Events, Committee of the Regions</i>
11:15 > 11:30	Conversation starter 3: Challenges and opportunities for EU Institutions to engage citizens in the European project <i>Reijo Kemppinen, Director-General for Communication and Transparency, Council of the European Union</i>
11:30 > 13:00	Conversation ¹ – What are the opportunities and challenges for EDICs to engage citizens in the European project?
13:00 > 14:30	Lunch
14:30 > 15:45	Conversation ¹ – How do we overcome challenges of engaging with citizens and how do we boost European election turnout?
15:45 > 16:00	Closing remarks by Ylva Tivén, Director, Directorate for Citizens, DG Communication, European Commission
16:00 > 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 > 18:00	Network meetings Network correspondents of EC Representations meet with their national EDIC network
18:00	Close and bus transfer to the European Parliament
18:30	Cocktail reception at the European Parliament's Visitors' Centre 'Parlamentarium' Willy Brandt Building, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels

¹ All conference participants will be working in small groups

