

Monday 18 March 2013 ‘The future of the European Union’

Venue	Museum ‘Autoworld’ Cinquantenaire Parc 11, 1000 Brussels
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 Anni Podimata, Vice-President responsible for Information and Communication Policy, European Parliament Viviane Reding, Vice-President responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission
15:00 > 15:45	Interactive session ‘Restoring citizens’ confidence in the European Union’ Othmar Karas, Vice-President responsible for Information and Communication Policy, European Parliament Viviane Reding, Vice-President responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission
15:45 > 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 > 16:45	‘The state of the European public opinion’ Prof. Dominique Reynié, Director-General of the ‘Fondation pour l’Innovation Politique’ Professor of political science at the Paris Institute of Political Studies
16:45 > 18:00	Panel discussion ‘The future of the European Union in the current context of crisis’ Antonio Vitorino, President of Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute, former Defence Minister and former European Commissioner Dr. Ulrike Guérot, Senior Policy Fellow and Representative for Germany at the European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin Dr. Luuk van Middelaar, Political Philosopher, Speechwriter of Herman Van Rompuy Dr. Robert Menasse, Novelist and Essayist Moderated by Vanessa Mock, EU Correspondent, The Wall Street Journal, Brussels
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 Gregory Paulger, Director-General, DG Communication, European Commission Juana Lahousse, Director-General, DG Communication, European Parliament
09:20 > 09:30	Programme of the day
09:30 > 09:45	Conversation starter 1: Towards an active citizenship Anna Maria Darmanin, Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee
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 Laurent Thieule, Director for Communication, Press and Events, Committee of the Regions
11:15 > 11:30	Conversation starter 3: Challenges and opportunities for EU Institutions to engage citizens in the European project Reijo Kemppinen, Director-General for Communication and Transparency, Council of the European Union
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 turn out?
15:45 > 16:00	Closing remarks by Ylva Tivéus, 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

