



You Impact! From Citizen Involvement to EU Policy Impact

Cross-border initiative on EU Citizenship: Education for Participation

Mérida, 22nd January 2016

Hall of Flags of the Assembly of Extremadura, Plaza S. Juan de Dios s/n Mérida.

9: 00- 9:30 **Registration of participants**

9: 30-10:00 **Institutional opening**

Isabel Gil Rosiña. Spokesperson of the Board of Extremadura and responsible for institutional relations

Blanca Martin Delgado. President Assembly of Extremadura

Petko Georgiev, Chairman of Foundation ProInfo. Bulgaria

Juan José Salado Sánchez. President of Fundación Ciudadanía

10:00-11:00 **European Parliament Perspective: Members of European Parliament are allied to citizen participation**

MEP Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

Moderator: **Rosa M^a Balas Torres.** Director of General Foreign Action of the Extremadura Region.

11: 00-11:30 **Networking coffee**

11:30- 12:00 **Panel 1: Experiences of Public Policies regarding Citizen Participation: Territorial Relations.**

European level: Aída Barquero. Fundación Ciudadanía consultant. U-IMPACT and citizen participation

Regional level: Julio Cesar Fuster. Technical Secretary of relations with citizens of the Junta de Extremadura. Project e-diálogos and the Council of Citizen Participation

Local level: Reyes Nogueiras Porras, founder of the Neighborhood Council of Benidorm.

12:00-12:30 **Panel 2: Informal Education & Citizen Participation**

Fernanda Jaramillo, member citizen advisory group involvement Extremadura. *Good practices in education for citizen participation*

Juan Carlos Casco, CEO Emprendedores. *The Fourfold smart specialization strategy Europe 2020*

Enrique Hernández Diez. President of the Youth Council of Extremadura

12:30- 13.10 **Questions and debate with the audience.** Moderator: Mayte Suárez Vega. President EAPN Extremadura.

13:15-14:00 **Europe, a project for citizens.** **Alejandro Cercas Alonso.** *Former MEP and currently teaching at University of Extremadura in Chair Jean Monnet.*

14: 00-15:30 **Networking lunch**

15: 30-16: 00 **How it works in the rest of Europe? Educational experiences from U-Impact partners**

NGO Support Centre in Cyprus

Center for Change and Conflict Management in Albania

Open Estonia Foundation in Estonia

16:00- 17:30 **Closure of the debate, conclusions and next steps**

The debate is part of the project **From Citizen Involvement to Policy Impact** funded under the Europe for Citizens Program of the European Commission. Partners of the project are non-profit organizations active in promoting citizens' participation at European level from Albania, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Estonia, Italy, Romania, Spain, and Bulgaria.

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