



**European
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of Cluny**
Local Democracy
& Innovation

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TRAINING SEMINAR

WORKSHOP COST



200 €

Seminar on line

- access to online readings and pedagogical materials
- access to all items listed in this programme
- a certificate of participation
- access to replay of the webinars
- one-to-one support for pedagogical activities during the seminar

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Local democracy and European citizenship

Is the European Union irremediably riddled with the mistrust of citizens and rise of Euroscepticism? Although quite common, this dire depiction is neither accurate, nor a fatality. And what if a reinvigoration of the European project could come from the local level? This seminar aims to discuss and brainstorm around this intuition that underlies the very purpose of the European College of Cluny. It will also give participants an update on the current challenges and perspectives of the European Union, with a focus on the question of legitimacy and democracy and an emphasis on possible interactions between local and European levels of governance. This seminar provides also an excellent opportunity to get an insight into the France's perspective on the European Union, eight months before the beginning of the French presidency of the EU Council

SAVE THE DATE ★ 27 - 29 APRIL 2021 (online)



CONTENT:

- Lectures and discussion with researchers specialised in political science and the EU affairs
- Brainstorming workshops and discussions with practitioners focused on concrete projects, the exchange of good practices, etc.
- Practical exercises

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Consolidating and enriching participants' knowledge of the latest developments and perspectives of the European Union
- Reflecting on the ways in which local authorities can contribute to the development of a "European grassroots democracy" and a genuine European citizenship
- Enhancing their understanding of the political dimension of the European integration process, with an emphasis on issues related to the EU-citizens relationship, i.e. the question of Democracy and Legitimacy within the EU
- Enlarging participants' network on European scale and stimulating their creativity in the field of European projects

ABOUT SCIENCES PO - THE EUROPEAN CAMPUS IN DIJON: The European campus of Sciences Po Paris located in Dijon is characterized by its academic excellence and European dimension, with a strong focus on Central and Eastern Europe. It welcomes about 180 students coming from more than 30 different countries (mostly from European Union, Western Balkans and post-Soviet area).

ABOUT AER: The Assembly of European Regions (AER) is the largest independent network of regions in wider Europe. With members from 30 countries, AER is the voice of regional authorities since 1985 and has played a pivotal role in recognising regions as key players in the European construction. It works to promote regional democracy and subsidiarity, and to develop interregional cooperation at the service of citizens.

The European College of Cluny is a place for training, research and reflection on local public action, viewed from a European perspective and driven by the spirit of innovation. It is based on the principles of academic excellence, European openness, multidisciplinary and comparative approaches towards issues of local action across Europe.



PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL

- 9.00 am - 10.15 am Introductory World café
- 10.45 am - 12.45 am Lecture 1
State of public opinion in the European Union, with **Bruno Cautrès**, researcher at CNRS/Centre for Political Research at Sciences Po (CEVIPOF) where he works on voting patterns and elections, sociopolitical divisions related to the question of European integration, surveys and quantitative methods. His other research consists of work on the analysis of political behaviour and attitudes.
- 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm **Debate and exchange of good practices among participants**
 - Participants' concrete experience related to the issue of citizens' attitude toward the European Union: handling citizens' (mis)trust in the EU, interacting with EU institutions, implementing EU projects or policies, etc.
 - Presentation and discussion of the results of a preliminary online survey by participants
- 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm Lecture 2
Main challenges of the post-Brexit European Union, with **Christian Lequesne**, professor and researcher at Sciences Po (Center for International Studies, CERI). Previously, he was also Professor at the London School of Economics (LSE), director of the CEFRES in Prague and Director of the CERI-Sciences Po. He is a regular visiting professor at the School of Government of LUISS University in Rome and the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.

WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL

- 9.00 am - 10.30 am Lecture 3
Recent political developments in the European Union from the democratic legitimacy perspective with **Yves Bertoncini**, expert and consultant on EU affairs. He is President of the Mouvement Européen-France and Vice-President of European Movement International. He was Director of the Jacques Delors Institute. He worked at the European Commission, in the office of the French Prime Minister and at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.
- 11.00 am - 12.30 am Discussion with practitioners 1
Presentation of recent projects led in Europe aiming at involving citizens in the debate on the EU and its future.
- 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm Brainstorming among participants
Exchange of ideas on possible innovative projects led by local authorities aiming at raising awareness of European citizenship.

Between 3.30 pm and 29/4/21 11.00 am: Individual research time: building a local EU democracy project

On a voluntary basis, individual or group work: reflection on a concrete project addressing the democratic gap between the EU and its citizens, to be developed at the local level.

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL

- 11.00 am - 12.30 am Discussion with practitioners 2
Local authorities' representation in the EU (speakers: representatives of the Committee of Regions, AER, elected officials from various local authorities across Europe with a strong experience in EU affairs)
- 2.30 am - 4.00 pm Closing World café
What local agenda(s) for promoting European citizenship? How can the European College of Cluny help?
Number of groups and topics to be brainstormed by each of them will be defined by participants themselves on the basis of previous debates.