

TRAINING SEMINAR





How can local democracy help with constructing European identity and citizenship?

Is the European Union irremediably riddled with the distrust 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.

SAVE THE DATE ★ 9 - 12 NOVEMBER 2020



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.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- · Consolidating and enriching participants' knowledge of the latest developments of the EU
- 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
- Reflecting on the ways in which local authorities can contribute to the development of a "European grassroots democracy" and a genuine European citizenship
- · Enlarging participants' network on European scale

ABOUT SCIENCES PO - THE EUROPEAN CAMPUS IN DIJON: The European campus of Sciences Po Paris in Dijon hosts about 180 students coming from more than 30 different countries (mostly from France and from Central and Eastern Europe), who follow a multidisciplinary curriculum in social sciences and humanities, with a focus on the EU and the specificities of Central and Eastern Europe.

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

MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

10.00 am - 11.30 am Lecture 1

• 9.00 am -10.00 am Introductory World café

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.

• 17.30 pm - 19.00 pm Lecture 2

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. He taught or teaches European issues at the Corps des Mines (Mines Paris Tech), the College of Europe in Bruges and Sciences Po Paris and the École Nationale d'Administration.

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

• 9.00 am - 10.30 am Discussion with practitioners 1

Presentation of recent projects led in France aiming at involving citizens in the debate on the EU and its future.

Exchange of experiences among participants 1

This session will be followed by participants' exchange of good practices on EU-related initiatives led at local level in various Member States.

11.00 am - 12.30 am Lecture 3

Brexit, case study of a rejection of the European project, with Christian Leguesne, 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. His main research interests are: actors and practices of foreign policies in the EU, French European policy, States and their foreign services, the EU and Brexit.

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

No programme (holiday in several European countries)

THURSDAY. 12 NOVEMBER

- 9.00 am 10.15 am Exchange of experiences among participants 2 Presentation and discussion of the results of a preliminary online survey by participants.
- 11.00 am 12.30 am Discussion with practitioners 2 Local authorities' representation in the EU (speakers: representatives of the Committee of Regions, ARE, elected officials from various local authorities across Europe with a strong experience in EU affairs)
- · 14.30 pm 16.00 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.

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