Monday, 12 October

**Introduction Day**

**Location**: Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d’Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

**9:30 – 9:45** Welcome and brief introduction to the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union and the programme of the capacity building with


**9:45 – 10:45** Introduction of the participants, expectations, specific questions

**10:45 – 12:30** The rise of right-wing populism and extremism in Europe: root causes, manifestations and challenges

**Input**: *Hoang Tran Hieu Hanh* (Germany), *Katya Dunayeva* (Hungary)

**Moderator**: *Dr Ilana Bet El*, strategic advisor and author

- **Sounding board**: *Emma Basker*, head of research, Open Society European Policy Institute; *Sophie Heine*, Dr in politics, senior research fellow, EU-internal affairs programme, Egmont - Royal Institute for International Relations; *Teun Pauwel*, policy support Flemish government, Department of Education & Training, Policy Division

**11:30 – 12:30** Discussion

**12:30 – 14:00** Lunch break

**Location**: European Green Party, Rue de Wiertz 31, 1050 Bruxelles

**14:00 – 16:00** Right-wing populists and extremists in the European Parliament: a threat for European democracy?

**Input**: *Miriam Ajayi* (Germany), *Paul Stocker* (United Kingdom)

**Moderator**: *Aldo Caruso*, outreach and visitors programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

**Sounding-board**: *Michel Reimon*, MEP, Greens-EFA, Austria, *Terry Reintke*, MEP, Greens-EFA, Germany; *Marco Incerti*, Research Fellow, politics and institutions, & Head of Communications, Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS

**16:00 – 16:30** Coffee break
Conclusions, questions, general evaluation day 1 (Moderator Aldo Caruso; Input: Hany, Katya, Miriam and Paul)

Tuesday, 13 October

The Euroscepticism of right-wing populism and extremism

Location: Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d’Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

9:30 – 12:30 How to debunk the myths of Euroscepticism

Input: James Bartholomeusz (United Kingdom), Théo Aphecetche (France)

Moderator: Dan Sobovitz, speechwriter Commissioner Sefcoviv und Co-Founder Ceci n’est pas une crise, CNPUC

Sounding board: István Hegedüs, Chair Hungarian Europe Society, Isabell Hoffmann, project manager Program Europe’s Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Brussels; Edouard Gaudot, advisor Greens-EFA

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15.45 Euroscepticism: the root causes and how to address them

Input: Juliette Alibert (France), Antonis Galanopoulos (Greece)

Moderator: Wouter Wolfs, researcher at the Public Governance Institute of the KU Leuven

Sounding board: Giovanni Melogli, EU Affairs - Alliance Internationale de Journalistes and President EMI - European Media Initiative; Benedek Jávor, MEP Greens-EFA, Párbeszéd Magyarországért, Hungary

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 Euroscepticism: how to build strategies to counter it?

Input: Erik Kochbati (Sweden)

Moderator: Marta Pont (Services and Training Manager, European Citizen Action Service, ECAS)

Sounding board: Ilke Toygur, PhD Candidate at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Department of Political Science and International Relations; Mana Livardjani, director, Union of European Federalists (UEF)

17:00 – 18:00 Discussion

18:30 – 19:00 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation day 2 (Moderation and input James, Théo, Juliette, Antonis and Erik)
Wednesday, 14 October

Field trip to Antwerp: Right-Wing populism and extremism in Antwerp and Flanders

Location: University of Antwerp, building De Meerminne, Sint-Jacobsstraat 2, 2000 Antwerpen

10:00 – 12:00 Right-wing populism/extremism and the media

Input: Bénédicte Laumond (France)

Interlocutor: Stefaan Walgrave, Professor of Political Science, University of Antwerp: Social Movements, Political Communication, Elections, Public Opinion, Media & Politics: Right-Wing Populism and the Media and the importance of the media for political parties.

Moderator: Lukas Spielberger, assistant European Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Afternoon

14:00 – 16:00 Present-day super diversity versus the history of right-wing extremism and populism in Antwerp

14:00 – 18:30 Location: Het Roze Huis, Draakplaats 1, 2018 Antwerp

Interlocutor: Dirk Geldof, sociologist, University of Antwerp & Karel de Grote University College

Input: Mona Hagi (Sweden), Questions about Flanders and Antwerp plus analysis situation in Sweden and home town

Moderator: Marianne Ebertowski, director European Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Right-wing populism and extremism in Antwerp and Flanders: the challenge for progressive politics

Interlocutor: Tom Cochez, journalist Apache.be, Geert Cool, Blokbuster

Input: Kate Samuels (UK), Questions about Flanders and Antwerp plus analysis situation in home country/town

Moderator: Marianne Ebertowski, director European Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

18:00 - 19:00 Coffee break and conclusions day 3 (Moderation and input: Bénédicte, Mona and Kate)
20:00 – 22:00 Dinner and networking with Young Greens Antwerp and local politicians Lieve Stallaert, member municipal executive board, Imade Annouri, Member Flemish Parliament

**Location:** Groen! Antwerpen, Statiestraat 146, 2600 Berchem

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**Thursday, 15 October**

**Location:** Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d’Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

**The xenophobia of right-wing populism and extremism: fear of identity loss and rejection of diversity**

9:30 – 12:30 Manifestations of xenophobia in right-wing populism and extremism and ways to deal with them: racism, anti-semitism, islamophobia, anti-gypsyism

**Input:** Zsofia Deak (Hungary), Daniel Lüchow (Germany),

**Moderator:** Esther Bohé, formerly Ceci n’est pas une crise

**Sounding board:** Blery Lleshi, philosopher and maker of documentaries; Marta Pinto, Ph.D, Policy Officer, European Roma Information Office, ERIO; Robin Sclafani, Director, CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15 Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Manifestations of xenophobia in right-wing populism and extremism and ways to deal with them: homophobia, misogyny and other gender issues

**Input:** Maria Koutelidaki (Greece), Nikolett Suha (Hungary)

**Moderator:** Georgia Tsaklanganos, Greens-EFA, Advisor on Women's Rights and Gender equality, Committee. Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

**Sounding board:** Pierrette Pape, Policy and Campaigns Director European Womens Lobby(EWL), Evert Jan Jacobson, Secretary, European Parliament Intergroup on LGBT Rights

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 18:00 Conclusions, questions, general evaluations after day 4 (Moderation and input: Zsofia, Daniel, Maria and Nikolett)
Friday, 16 October

Location: Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d'Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

**How can we counter right-wing populism and extremism together?**

**Wrap-up day and public presentation of conclusions**

9:30 – 11:30 Parallel workshops

**Workshop 1:** Right-wing populism and its anti-democratic component

**Moderator:** Blagovesta Cholova, PhD. candidate and teaching assistant at the Centre d'études de la vie politique (CEVIPOL) at Université libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels)

**Input:** Benjamin De Cleen, Faculty Member, Communication and Media Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, VUB

**Participants:** Miriam Ajayi (Germany), James Bartholomeusz (United Kingdom), Katya Dunajeva (Hungary), Antonis Galanopoulos (Greece), Mona Hagi (Sweden), Bénédicte Laumond (France),

**Workshop 2:** Right-wing populism and its Eurosceptic component

**Moderator:** Sebastiano Putoto, Tram:E, former guest blogger ‘Young Voices of Europe’

**Input:** Annica Ryngbeck, Policy & Advocacy Adviser, Social Platform

**Participants:** Théo Aphecetche (France); Zsofia Deak (Hungary), Erik Kochbati (Sweden), Daniel Lüchow (Germany), Paul Stocker (United Kingdom)

**Workshop 3:** Right-wing populism and its xenophobic component

**Moderator:** Jelena von Helldorff, Senior Policy Advisor, Centre for European and International Policy Action

**Input:** Claire Fernandez, Deputy Director Policy, European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

**Participants:** Juliette Alibert (France), Hoang Tran Hieu Hanh (Germany), Maria Koutelidaki (Greece), Kate Samuels (UK), Nikolett Suha (Hungary)

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:45 Plenary debate conclusions

**Moderator:** Marianne Ebertowski/ Klaus Linsenmeier

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

Location: Mundo B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Ixelles
14:00 – 16:00 Finalising conclusions

Moderator: Klaus Linsenmeier

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 Public Presentation conclusions and debate

Sounding board: Michele Castiglioni, PhD Candidate. Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University and Chairman of the board TRAM:E; Edouard Gaudot, advisor Greens-EFA; Jean-Paul Marthoz, Comité to Protect Journalists EU Correspondent, Belgian journalist and long-time press freedom and human rights activist; Jelena von Helldorff, Senior Policy Advisor, Centre for European and International Policy Action

Moderator: Klaus Linsenmeier

17:30 – 18:30 Closing ceremony and cocktail for everybody involved in the programme