

Programme Capacity Building “How to Counter Right-Wing Populism and Extremism in Europe” 12-16 October 2015

Sunday, 11 October

Arrival

20:30 Welcome dinner

Monday, 12 October

Introduction Day

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

Klaus Linsenmeier, director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union), **Marianne Ebertowski**, **Aldo Caruso**, outreach and visitors programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

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 Teaching Staff

11:30-12:30 Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

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

16:30 – 17:30 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation day 1 (Moderator *Aldo Caruso*; Input: *Hany, Katya, Miriam and Paul*)

20:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 13 October

The Euroscepticism of right-wing populism and extremism

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

Input: *James Bartholomeusz* (United Kingdom), *Théo Aphetche* (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 Magyarorszáért, 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*)

20:30 Dinner

Wednesday, 14 October

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

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

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

Thursday, 15 October

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*)

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 16 October

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 Aphecette* (France); *Zsafia Deak* (Hungary), *Erik Kochbati* (Sweden), *Daniel Lüchow* (Germany), *Paul Stocker* (United Kingdom)

Workshop 3: Right-wing populism ad 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

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

20:00 Dinner