



A EUROPE FOR CITIZENS: MERE RHETORIC OR A REALISABLE GOAL?

Wednesday 6 October 2010 - 18:00-24:00
Ancien Cercle catholique d'Etterbeek
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Two years on from the biggest public bail-out in history, the **LOCAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT EUROPEAN NETWORK (LUDEN aka QeC-ERAN)** invites you to our third **OPEN DAYS OFF** event.

Is the European experiment becoming more democratic? This is a moment of crisis for the EU project. The Lisbon Treaty was born out of a failing democratic system for Europe. It stemmed from the rejection by both French and Dutch voters of the European Constitution, the previous incarnation of the Lisbon Treaty. Turnout in EP elections has hit an all time low. In this context, the need to connect Europe to its citizens has become a key priority.

After your working day, come and **INSTIGATE AND DEBATE**. We offer you a convivial Café style debate followed by a party. The programme is as follows:

18:00

Doors open with a nice aperitif and some tapas after the marathon of power point presentations that you will have sat through or just the normal buzz and hum of your working day.

18:30

Welcome and Introductions to the **INSTIGATE AND DEBATE** approach to café style debates.

18:35 – 19:45

INSTIGATE. This will mean discussing in small tables over food and drink the theme of the evening and generating some reflections and one or two questions for the invited panel.

19:45 – 21:15

DEBATE with our invited panel of **Claus Sorensen (Director General DG Communication)** ; **Pierre Baussand (tbc)** ; **Alexander Alvaro(tbc)**

21:30 – 23:30

Party Time

23:30 – 24:00

Wind down

This is not an event for those wishing to simply listen. The **INSTIGATE AND DEBATE** approach is participative. The participants (you) are the most important ingredient in our menu.

We will of course be providing you with food and drink that will reflect the diversity of Europe. There will be no charge but in the spirit that we wish to create we encourage you to bring something (food or drink) to "put on the table" and create the informality we seek.

Please note the event is only open to 80 delegates and **registration is compulsory**. Please register by sending email to: m.hoffman@qec-eran.org

English and **French** will be the working languages for the debates