

SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 2, 2013

8:30 A.M. → 4:30 P.M.

CHAMBER OF THE BRUSSELS PARLIAMENT
69 LOMBARD STREET - 1000 BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS AT THE HEART OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY

WITH :

Paul DUJARDIN

GiannaLia COGLIANDRO

BEYENS

Paul STERCK

Jan GOOSSENS

Pascal BRUNET

Saddie CHOUA

Jean-Michel LAFLEUR

Esther DAVIDSEN

Marisol PALOMO

Tanju GOBAN

Bie VAN CRAEYNST

Mehmet KOKSAL

Florence DELMOTTE

Karima DELLI

Sofie VAN

BRUYSTEGEM

Marco SCHMITT

Isabelle PAUTHIER

Eric CORIJN

The identity of a country is based on what its population shares. Beyond national scale, this identity can lead to divisions and even conflicts. But the city and its urban life, does not share this identity, quite the contrary. Urban identity is based on the difference and the plurality of functions, activities and different cultures; it is based on the creativity that comes from this diversity. Urban culture has nothing to do with tradition, it is avant-garde and looks to the future and brings about an upcoming culture which places the country within a global network of cities.

Brussels is the institutional capital of Europe as well as the historical centre of Europe. It is at the heart of this "blue banana" which centralizes a large part of the population and the European economy within the network of European capitals. Brussels is the only European city that can claim to create a European-wide identity that can become the European capital in its own right, the capital of European citizens. It must promote and catalyze everything that can build a European identity and citizenship.

This conference wishes to address three main topics:

- Culture: it is one of the most important ingredients of European citizenship.
- Migration: Brussels is the "home" of Belgians, of people from many European countries and people from the South, whether they are Moroccans, Turks or Congolese. They must all appropriate the European project of Brussels.
- Territorial development: it is essential to give Brussels a European visual identity as well as encouraging greater social diversity.

The ecole group in the Brussels parliament, Marie Nagy, Ecolo Brussels MP, Isabelle Durant, Green MEP, Annemie Maes, Brussels Groen MP and Etopia are organizing a conference on October 2 in the Chamber of the Brussels Parliament in order to discuss the construction of European citizenship in Brussels, based on 3 subjects: culture, migration and territorial development.

Belgians from Brussels, Europeans and other Zinnekes will be represented on each of the three panels. This conference aims to look to the future, to be dynamic and make innovative proposals.

G R O U P E
ecolo
parlement bruxellois



etopia **GROEN**
werkt voor iedereen



The Greens | EFA
in the European Parliament

BRUSSELS AT THE HEART OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY

PROGRAMME

8:30 ARRIVALS

9:00-9:30 INTRODUCTION

Eric CORIJN, Professor of Social and Cultural Geography, Founder of Research Centre, VUB Cosmopolis

>> Panel 1: Culture:

9:30 Paul DUJARDIN, CEO and Artistic Director of the Centre for Fine Arts (BOZAR) Brussels

9:45 GiannaLia COGLIANDRO BEYENS, General Secretary of the ENCATC (European network on Cultural Management & Cultural Policy Education)

10:00 DEBATE

with Paul DUJARDIN, GiannaLia COGLIANDRO BEYENS and:

- > Paul STERCK, Co-organizer of the Brussels Creative Forum
- > Jan GOOSSENS, Artistic Director of KVS
- > Pascal BRUNET, Director of Relais Culture Europe
- > Sddie CHOUA, Filmmaker

Mediator: Eddy CAEKELBERGHS, Journalist

10:35 PANEL CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY PROPOSALS

Isabelle DURANT, MEP for Ecolo.

10:45 DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

11:00 BREAK - COFFEE

>> Panel 2 : Migration:

11:15 Jean-Michel LAFLEUR, Adjunct director of CEDEM, University of Liège (Centre d'études de l'Ethnicité et des Migration)

11:30 Esther DAVIDSEN, Head of Office, Zealand Denmark EU Office

11:45 DEBATE

with Jean-Michel LAFLEUR, Esther DAVIDSEN and:

- > Marisol PALOMO, Director of the Cultural Center of Temptation in Brussels
- > Tanju GOBAN, Project Manager at Brussels Centre for intercultural action
- > Bie VAN CRAEYNEST, Coordinator Home for Young People - Chicago - D'Broej in Brussels
- > Rik JELLEMA, Dutch EU official, County councillor, Etterbeek

Mediator: Mehmet KOKSAL, Journalist

12:20 PANEL CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY PROPOSALS

Annemie MAES, MP for Brussels Groen

12:30 DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

12:45 BREAK - LUNCH

>> Panel 3: Territorial Development

14:10 Florence DELMOTTE, Doctor of Political Science, ULB, F.R.S.-FNRS, Saint-Louis University, Brussels

14:25 Karima DELLI, MEP Europe Ecology - The Greens (*to confirm*)

14:40 DEBATE

with Florence DELMOTTE, Karima DELLI and:

- > Sofie VAN BRUYSTEGEM, City Mine (d), an international network of individuals and collectives involved with the city and local actions
- > Marco SCHMITT, Member of Association du Quartier Léopold (AQL)
- > Isabelle PAUTHIER, Director of ARAU, Research Workshop and Urbans Action

Mediator: Stephanie MEYER, Journalist

15:15 CONCLUSIONS OF THE PANEL AND POLICY PROPOSALS

Marie NAGY, MP for Brussels Ecolo

15:25 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS AND DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

15:50 CONCLUSIONS

Eric CORIJN, Professor of Social and Cultural Geography and founder of the research center at the VUB Cosmopolis

16:10 DRINKS

**FREE ADMISSION
LUNCH PROVIDED**

Information & Registration
before 26/09/2013:
mara.coppens@ecolo.be
tel: 02/549 69 03

Simultaneous translation
(Dutch-French, Dutch-English &
English-French)

ACCESS TO PERSONS
WITH REDUCED MOBILITY

ecolo



etopia_

Groupe Ecolo
du Parlement bruxellois
tél. : 02/549.69.14
fax : 02/549.65.27
ecolo.prb@ecolo.be

centre d'animation
et de recherche
en écologie politique
tél. 081 22 58 48
fax 081 23 18 47
info@etopia.be
www.etopia.be

GROEN
werkt voor iedereen

Groen-fractie
Brussels Hoofdstedelijk
Parlement
Tel. : 02/549.63.15
Fax : 02/548.66.01



The Greens | EFA
in the European Parliament