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## Towards Democratic European Citizenship



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## Our Recommendations...

... **came out of** collective work during the European Year of Citizens 2013 including more than 100 representatives of 80 national and European civil society organisations from 27 countries

... **are intended to** be accessible to citizens, organised or not, and used as advocacy tools, particularly during the campaign of the European elections 2014

... **are meant to** be concrete, clear, accessible and so have been translated into several languages. Definitions and references to key legislative documents referred to in the document can be found on pp 25–27.

... **are organised** according to a narrative that first defines the priorities and recommendations for ACTIVE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP AS A PROJECT OF SOCIETY (Chapter 1) before targeting two specific stages to reach this vision for Europe: achieving AN OPEN AND INCLUSIVE EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY (Chapter 2) and ensuring ONE EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY, THREE DEMOCRATIC PILLARS (Chapter 3).

Each chapter is divided into three sections corresponding to key directions for our recommendations. Each chapter and section is introduced and contextualised by a short rationale and comprises key priorities and recommendations.

... **are targeted at:**

- EU institutions involved in policy development and implementation but especially:
  - EU legislative bodies: The European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission;
  - EU Consultative bodies: The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

- EU Member States (Governments, Parliaments, local authorities, etc.)

- Other stakeholders (civil society organisations and citizens, media, political parties, etc.)

... **can also be found,** endorsed, downloaded and shared online:



[ey2013-alliance.eu/itsabouteuropeitsaboutus/](http://ey2013-alliance.eu/itsabouteuropeitsaboutus/)

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ALDA	Association of Local Democracy Agencies	<a href="http://www.alda-europe.eu">www.alda-europe.eu</a>
ATD FOURTH WORLD	ATD Fourth World (Acting Together for Dignity)	<a href="http://www.atd-fourthworld.org">www.atd-fourthworld.org</a>
CEV	European Volunteer Center	<a href="http://www.cev.be">www.cev.be</a>
ECF	European Civic Forum	<a href="http://www.civic-forum.eu">www.civic-forum.eu</a>
EDF-FEPH	European Disability Forum	<a href="http://www.edf-feph.org">www.edf-feph.org</a>
EMI	European Movement International	<a href="http://www.europeanmovement.eu">www.europeanmovement.eu</a>
ENNA	European Network of National Civil Society Associations	<a href="http://www.enna-europe.org">www.enna-europe.org</a>
SOLIDAR	SOLIDAR	<a href="http://www.solidar.org">www.solidar.org</a>
VOLONTEUROPE	Volonteuropé	<a href="http://www.volonteuropé.eu">www.volonteuropé.eu</a>

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AE aisbl	Autism Europe	<a href="http://www.autismeurope.org">www.autismeurope.org</a>
AEBR	Association of European Border Regions	<a href="http://www.aebr.eu">www.aebr.eu</a>
AEGEE	European Students Forum Association – AEGEE-Europe	<a href="http://www.aegEE.eu">www.aegEE.eu</a>
AGE PLATFORM	AGE Platform	<a href="http://www.age-platform.eu">www.age-platform.eu</a>
AIM	Association Internationale de la Mutualité	<a href="http://www.aim-mutual.org">www.aim-mutual.org</a>
BCSDN	Balkan Civil Society Development Network	<a href="http://www.balkancsd.net">www.balkancsd.net</a>
CAE	Culture Action Europe	<a href="http://www.cultureactioneurope.org">www.cultureactioneurope.org</a>
CEDAG	European Council of Associations of General Interest	<a href="http://www.cedag-eu.org">www.cedag-eu.org</a>
CEECN	Central and Eastern European Citizens Network	<a href="http://www.ceecn.net">www.ceecn.net</a>
CESES	Confederation of European Senior Expert Services	<a href="http://www.ceses.net">www.ceses.net</a>
CIVILSCAPE	Civilscape	<a href="http://www.civilscape.org">www.civilscape.org</a>
COFACE	Confederation of Family Organisations in the EU	<a href="http://www.coface-eu.org">www.coface-eu.org</a>
CONCORD	European confederation of Relief and Development NGOs	<a href="http://www.concordeurope.org">www.concordeurope.org</a>
CVA	Conservation Volunteers Alliance	<a href="http://www.conservationvolunteers.eu">www.conservationvolunteers.eu</a>
EA	European Alternatives	<a href="http://www.euroalter.com">www.euroalter.com</a>
EAPN	European Anti-Poverty Network	<a href="http://www.eapn.eu">www.eapn.eu</a>
EASPD	European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities	<a href="http://www.easpd.eu">www.easpd.eu</a>
ECAS	European Citizen Action Service	<a href="http://www.ecas-citizens.eu">www.ecas-citizens.eu</a>
ECDN	European Community Development Network (formerly CEBSN)	<a href="http://www.eucdn.net">www.eucdn.net</a>
ECICW	European Center of the International Council of Women	<a href="http://www.ecicw-cecif.com">www.ecicw-cecif.com</a>

ECON	European Community Organising Network	<a href="http://www.econnet.eu">www.econnet.eu</a>
EFC	European Foundation Centre	<a href="http://www.efc.be">www.efc.be</a>
EFOMW	European Forum Of Muslim Women	<a href="http://www.efomw.eu">www.efomw.eu</a>
EN	Europa Nostra	<a href="http://europanostra.org">europanostra.org</a>
ENAR	European Network Against Racism	<a href="http://www.enar-eu.org">www.enar-eu.org</a>
ENGSO	European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation	<a href="http://www.engso.com">www.engso.com</a>
EPHA	European Public Health Alliance	<a href="http://www.epha.org">www.epha.org</a>
ERIO Network	European Roma Information Office	<a href="http://www.erionet.eu">www.erionet.eu</a>
ESN	Erasmus Student Network	<a href="http://www.esn.org">www.esn.org</a>
EUCIS-LLL	European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning	<a href="http://www.eucis-lll.eu">www.eucis-lll.eu</a>
EUCLID	EUCLID Network	<a href="http://www.euclidnetwork.eu">www.euclidnetwork.eu</a>
EUNET	European Network for Education and Training e.V.	<a href="http://www.european-net.org">www.european-net.org</a>
EURAG	European Federation of Older People	<a href="http://www.eurageurope.org">www.eurageurope.org</a>
EUROCHILD	EUROCHILD	<a href="http://www.eurochild.org">www.eurochild.org</a>
EWL	European Women's Lobby	<a href="http://www.womenlobby.org">www.womenlobby.org</a>
IFSBH	International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	<a href="http://www.ifglobal.org">www.ifglobal.org</a>
ILGA-Europe	European region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association	<a href="http://www.ilga-europe.org">www.ilga-europe.org</a>
Inclusion Europe	Inclusion Europe	<a href="http://www.inclusion-europe.org">www.inclusion-europe.org</a>
ISCA	International Sport and Culture Association	<a href="http://www.isca-web.org">www.isca-web.org</a>
JEF-Europe	Young Europeans Federalists (JEF – Europe)	<a href="http://www.jef.eu">www.jef.eu</a>
Lions Club	Lions Club International	<a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a>
MHE-SME	Mental Health Europe	<a href="http://www.mhe-sme.org">www.mhe-sme.org</a>
OBESSU	Organising Bureau of European School Students Union	<a href="http://www.obessu.org">www.obessu.org</a>
PICUM	Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants	<a href="http://www.picum.org">www.picum.org</a>
PIE	Platform for Intercultural Europe	<a href="http://www.intercultural-europe.org">www.intercultural-europe.org</a>
S&C	Sports et citoyenneté	<a href="http://www.sportetcitoyennete.com">www.sportetcitoyennete.com</a>
SMES Europa	SMES Europa	<a href="http://www.smes-europa.org">www.smes-europa.org</a>
SOCIAL PLATFORM	Social Platform	<a href="http://www.socialplatform.org">www.socialplatform.org</a>
SVI	Service Volontaire International	<a href="http://www.servicevolontaire.org">www.servicevolontaire.org</a>
WAGGGS	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Europe Region	<a href="http://www.europe.waggsworld.org">www.europe.waggsworld.org</a>
WOSM	World Organisation of the Scout Movement	<a href="http://www.scout.org">www.scout.org</a>
YFJ	European Youth Forum	<a href="http://www.youthforum.org">www.youthforum.org</a>

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