



IED - YDE Winter Academy 2018

The Future of the European Union. What Challenges ahead?

14 – 15 December 2018

Brussels, Thon Hotel EU

GENERAL PROGRAMME

Friday 14th December

Arrival of participants at Thon Hotel EU

(Rue de la Loi 75, Brussels)

15.30 **Registration (France Room)**

16:00 **Welcome remarks**

- **Flaminia Baffigo**, Coordinator IED
- **Begoña Garteizurrekoa Azua**, President YDE

16:30 **Get to know Delegates roundtable**

17.00 **Session 1: Behind the scenes: the next European Elections**

The Spitzenkandidaten system

Possible scenarios and new alliances

What do Europeans want and worry about?

Moderator: **Mathieu Baudier**, Scientific Committee IED

- **François Pauli**, Deputy Secretary General ALDE Group
- **Alina Dobрева**, Policy Analyst European Parliament
- **Mathieu Camescasse**, Executive Manager EDP

Q&A

18.00 **The political context in the Czech Republic, youth and European Identity**

- **Lukáš Kostínek**, Secretary SENÁTOR 21

Q&A

20.00 **Dinner at Brasserie de la Presse**

(Rue Royale 100)

Saturday 15th December

09.00 **Registration (France Room)**

09:30 **Session 2: The rise of Eurosceptic and populist parties in the EU**

Where does populism end and fascism or communism start?

Can populism be a temptation for centrist parties as well?

As European democrats, how can we listen to and talk to the voters of such parties, while staying strong on our values?

Moderator: **Mathieu Baudier**, Member of the Scientific Committee IED

- **Marie Peltier**, Researcher, historian, author of “*The Era of Conspiracy: The Disease of a Fractured Society*”
- **Mihai SEBE**, Member of the Scientific Committee IED

Q&A

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.45 **Session 3: A Youth strategy for Europe’s future**

Presentation of the IED research papers on EU youth policy

Moderator: **Mihai Sebe**, Member of the Scientific Committee IED

- **Domenico Valenza**, Senior Academic Assistant College of Europe
Promoting Policy Reforms or fostering dominant ideologies? Assessing the nature of EU-funded youth organizations across Europe funded in the framework of the research project 'A Youth Strategy for Europe's Future'

- **Begoña Garteizurrekoa Azua**, President YDE
Youth Unemployment and how to face it with a European approach

- **Tommaso Emiliani**, EU Affairs Officer, College of Europe Development Office
Doctrina Urbi Serviat? Comparing EU Policies on Granting Access to Higher Education for Refugees with Practices from Member States in View of Sectorial Reform

Q&A

13.00 **Lunch**

14.30	Workshop
	<i>The political power of Social Media. How to enhance the European electoral campaign?</i>
18.00	Conclusions
20.00	Dinner at Le Cercle des Voyageurs (Lievevrouwbroersstraat 18)

Sunday 16th December

Departure of participants

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