



## EU citizenship and the rights of EU mobile citizens

2-3 October 2024

Galatas, Greece

**Oxford Debate: The meaning of identity and belonging in political processes. Hate speech as a political tool.**

### Wednesday, October 2

1. **Registration and welcome coffee (09:30 - 10:00)**
2. **Opening Session (10:00 - 10:30)**
  - Welcome Speeches (Tasos Mougios, Mayor of Trizinia-Methana)
  - Short Presentation of Project (Gosia Wochowska, Project Manager and Kristina Garrido, Leader of GroundUp)
  - I. Kapodistrias (1<sup>st</sup> governor of Greece): A mobile citizen of 19<sup>th</sup> century and victim of disinformation(Dimitris Bogiatzis, LAG of Attica Islands)
3. **Understanding EU Identity and Belonging (10:30 - 12:00)**
  - Setting the Context: Rights and Challenges Faced by EU Mobile Citizens (G. Kasimatis, Moderator)
  - What is EU citizenship? (Local school)
  - Expert Talk: “The Meaning of being an EU citizen” (Ioannis Sakiotis, EC Representation in Greece, Head of Media and Political Analysis) (20 minutes)
  - Panel Discussion: Personal Stories of EU Mobile Citizens
    - **Κατερίνα Μπρεντάνου** (Principal of Methana High School)
    - **Rik Ten Arve** (Digital Nomad)
    - **Gosia Wochowska** (Project Manager)
  - Q&A Session
4. **Break (12:00 - 12:30)**
5. **Challenging stereotypes: Are people living in rural areas really anti-Europeans or they just feel Brussels are far away?(12:30 - 13:45)**
  - EU from Youth eyes (Local school)
  - EU for Rural Areas and how Geography of discontent arises (Dr. George Koukoudakis, Professor in Greek Military Academy, Polical Scientist, Mayor of Hydra)

- Panel Discussion
    - **George Koutouzis**, Mayor of Poros
    - **Tasos Mougios**, Mayor of Trizinia-Methana
    - **Elvira Sequeira**, Councillor, Torres Novas, Portugal)
6. Closing remarks (13:45-14:00)

## Thursday, October 3

1. **Opening Session (09:30 - 09:40)**
  - Setting the Context of the day
2. **(Dis)information shaping citizens participation and engagement in Europe (09:40 - 10:45)**
  - Expert Talk: “How the EU tackles Disinformation” (Klimentini Diakomanoli, author of “Fake news, what does Europe do?”, EC official).” (online)
  - Are there disinformation campaigns at the local level? How are they impacting local communities? (Dimitris Papangelopoulos, Communication and Political Management Consultant)
  - A practitioner's input: analyzing instances of disinformation and strategies for recognizing and countering it (Elena Vatala, Journalist, Fact Checker for Ellinika Hoaxes)
3. **Break (10:45 - 11:00)**
4. **Actions for Youth Engagement and Empowerment (11:00 - 12:00)**
  - Our experience from European Parliament Ambassadors Schools (Aegina 1<sup>st</sup> High School)
  - Being a parliamentarian (Christos Athanasiou, Member of Youth Parliament, Methana High School)
  - Visiting the EU Institutions (Methana High School)
  - Becoming a change factor (Nikos Viennas, President of Salamina Youth Council)
  - Panel Discussion: “Empowering Youth Voices in Political Processes” (30 minutes)(youth and young members of local authorities)
    - **Lena Papaioannou**, General Secretary of Poros
    - **George Koutouzis**, Vice-Mayor of Trizinia-Methana
5. **Break (12:00 - 12:15)**
6. **Oxford Debate:** The meaning of identity and belonging in political processes. Hate speech as a political tool. **(12:15 - 13:45)**
7. **Closing Remarks (13:45 - 14:00)**
  - Summary of Key Takeaways