



iDebate – I debate, therefore I learn (2017-2019)
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International event

Timisoara, November 23rd, 2018 | 11H30 – 13H45
 Jean Louis Calderon High-School | Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi St 14
 Festivities room (1st floor)

THIS TIME, I'M VOTING!

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

PROGRAMME

- 11H30 **Welcome desk**
Registration of participants
- 12H00 **Opening**
Towards a dynamic and collaborative European public space through youth projects
- Mr. Radu Burcea (principal, JL CALDERON HIGH-SCHOOL)
 Mrs. Maria Ciorba (iDebate project manager, STUDENT PLUS, ROMANIA)
 Mrs. Dusanka Bukal (UDRUGA IKS, CROATIA)
 Mr. Dorka Aron (PEST MEGYE ONKORMANYZATA – PEST COUNTY COUNCIL, HUNGARY)
 Mrs. Alessandra Tuzza (ASSOCIAZIONE EUROKOM, ITALY)
 Mr. Marko Miskeljic (EVROPSKA GENERACIJA, SERBIA)
 Ms. Lina Leskovec (ZAVOD PIP – PRAVNI IN INFORMACIJSKI CENTER MARIBOR, SLOVENIA)
- 12H20 **Round table – (followed by debate)**
- Ms. Elena Stănescu (EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LIAISON OFFICE ROMANIA)
Importance of Voting: Why Should Every Citizen Vote? This Time I'm Voting campaign
- Assistant prof. Raluca Colojoară, PhD (POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY, WEST UNIVERSITY OF TIMISOARA)
The EU Institutions: areas of competence, functioning and relation with the EU Member States
- Ms. Isis Montagud Varillon (INTERCULTURAL INSTITUTE TIMISOARA)
The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture – a tool for promoting active citizenship of young people in Europe
- 13H15 **EP legislative procedure - (simulation)**
 Non-formal activity (STUDENT PLUS)





Elena Stănescu
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Importance of Voting: Why Should Every Citizen Vote?
This Time I'm Voting campaign

Citizens of many countries complain about the world around them, and many don't have an option to change that world. However, we do.

Voting not only enables the citizens to vote for political parties, but it also helps them to realize the importance of citizenship. Many people do not vote thinking one vote will not make a change, but as a matter of fact, it does. A nation's political foundations are built using elections. Sometimes we take democracy for granted being convinced it will never disappear. However, democracy is constantly under fire in theory, as well as in practice. This presentation will explain the purpose and aim of This Time I'm Voting campaign and answer to questions like how can people, and youth in particular, get involved in the campaign and why should they get involved in promoting voting and European democracy on the eve of European Elections next year, in May.

Raluca COLOJOARĂ, PhD,
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The European Union is built on institutions that by working independently, as well as together, create the perfect environment for this specific supranational alliance to work.

The EU works based on unanimously agreed Treaties which define the areas of work of the EU institutions. As such, the European Council, the Commission and the Parliament issue legal binding acts for the member states which take precedent over national law, while the member states will still be responsible for the specific areas for which they have not transferred the power to the EU unless they prove to be unable to achieve the proposed objective.

The present presentation will focus on the most important institutions of this Union, meaning the European Council, the European Parliament, Council of the European Union, the European Commission as well as their legal aid the Court of Justice of the EU and the European Central Bank.

Isis Montagud Varillon
Intercultural Institute Timisoara

The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture – a tool for promoting active citizenship of young people in Europe

The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC), endorsed by the Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education in April 2016, is built around a model of competences including values, attitudes, skills, knowledge and critical understanding and includes conceptual clarifications, a set of validated descriptors of competence, as well as guidelines for use in different fields of education. The EU Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching, adopted in May 2018, stipulates that "Member States should [...] make effective use of existing tools to promote citizenship education, such as the Council of Europe's Competences for Democratic Culture framework." Supporting young people to develop these elements of competence will enhance their capacity to act as effective citizens and their resilience to populist manipulations during the next elections for the European Parliament.