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You Impact! From Citizen Involvement to EU Policy Impact

## Ending the „limbo<sup>1</sup>“ in Europe Initiative for improved implementation of the rights of the EU citizens residing in another country of the Union

Policy debate  
Sofia, May 29, 2015  
Matti'd Hall, 1 Bulgaria Boulevard

- 9:30-10:00 Registration of participants
- 10:00-11:30 Who are the European citizens “in a limbo” – presentation of the main problems with the unequal implementation of the rights of the EU citizens residing in some of the other EU countries.
- Petko Georgiev, Proinfo foundation**  
European Parliament and the rights of the EU citizens  
**Svetoslav Malinov, Member of European Parliament**  
Want to work in the Netherlands? Here’s what you need to know  
**representative of the Embassy of The Netherlands in Sofia**  
The forthcoming UK Referendum: what’s at stake for the Bulgarians residing in the EU  
**Vesselin Paunov, journalist;**  
**representative of the Embassy of The Netherlands in Sofia**  
European Parliament and the rights of the EU citizens  
**Eva Paunova, Member of European Parliament**  
The Bulgarian Roma in Europe – a view from home  
**representative of the Stara Zagora Roma Association**  
European Parliament and the rights of the EU citizens  
**Angel Dzhambazki, Member of European Parliament**
- Discussion
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45-12:30 European citizen rights – a view from Europe  
Panelists:  
**Claire Damilano**, senior legal manager at ECAS [European Citizen Action Service](#), manager of [Your Europe Advice](#)

<sup>1</sup> In current EU jargon “in a limbo” refers to EU citizens residing in another EU member state but unable to realize their rights as European citizens because of various administrative, financial or political hurdles.

**Lora Ivanova**, representative of the Bulgarian students' community in Austria  
**Aida Barquero**, [Fundación Ciudadanía](#), Spain;  
**Violeta Atanassova**, president of "Asociación búlgara de integración y ayuda", A.B.I.A.,  
Danubio  
**Blerina Guga**, [Partners Albania, Center for Change and Conflict Management](#), Albania  
Moderator: Petko Georgiev, ProInfo

- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30-15:00 Discussion – an initiative to overcome different treatment of EU citizens residing in another EU members state, selecting the next steps, discussion and approval of the text of the policy initiative.
- 15:00-15:30 Summary of the discussion, conclusions next steps, closing the debate.

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