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You Impact! From Citizen Involvement to EU Policy Impact

Cross-border initiative on EU Citizenship: Education for Participation

Mérida, 22nd January 2016

(Sala de la Autonomía) Hall of the Autonomy of the Assembly of Extremadura, Plaza S. Juan de Dios s/n
Mérida.

- 9: 00- 9:30 **Registration of participants**
- 9: 30-10:00 **Institutional opening**
- Isabel Gil Rosiña.** Spokesperson of the Board of Extremadura and responsible for institutional relations
- Blanca Martin Delgado.** President Assembly of Extremadura
- Petko Georgiev,** Chairman of Foundation ProInfo. Bulgaria
- Juan José Salado Sánchez.** President of Fundación Ciudadanía
- 10:00-11:00 **European Parliament Perspective: Members of European Parliament are allied to citizen participation**
- MEP Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
- Moderator: **Rosa M^a Balas Torres.** Director of General Foreign Action of the Extremadura Region.
- 11: 00-11:30 **Networking coffee**
- 11:30- 12:00 **Panel 1: Experiences of Public Policies regarding Citizen Participation: Territorial Relations.**

European level: **Aída Barquero**. Fundación Ciudadanía consultant. U-IMPACT and citizen participation

Regional level: **Julio Cesar Fuster**. Technical Secretary of relations with citizens of the Junta de Extremadura. Project e-diálogos and the Council of Citizen Participation

Local level: **Reyes Nogueiras Porras**, Founder of the Neighborhood Council of Benidorm. (Alicante)

12:00-12:30 **Panel 2: Informal Education & Citizen Participation**

Fernanda Jaramillo, member citizen advisory group involvement Extremadura. *Good practices in education for citizen participation*

Juan Carlos Casco, CEO Emprendedorex. *The Fourfold smart specialization strategy Europe 2020*

Enrique Hernández Diez. President of the Youth Council of Extremadura

12:30- 13.10 **Questions and debate with the audience.** Moderator: Mayte Suárez Vega.
President EAPN Extremadura.

13:15-14:00 **Europe, a project for citizens.** **Alejandro Cercas Alonso**. *Former MEP and currently teaching at University of Extremadura in Chair Jean Monnet.*

14: 00-15:30 **Networking lunch**

15: 30-16: 00 **How it works in the rest of Europe? Educational experiences from U-Impact partners**

NGO Support Centre in Cyprus (<http://www.ngo-sc.org/>)

Partners Albania for Change and Development (<http://www.partnersalbania.org/>)

Open Estonia Foundation in Estonia (<http://oef.org.ee/en/>)

16:00- 17:30 **Closure of the debate, conclusions and next steps**

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