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State of play on rights and political participation of EU mobile citizens

Wednesday 20 February, 13.00-15.00
European Parliament
Altiero Spinelli, A1E201



MOVEACT project partners, European Citizen Action Service (ECAS), The Greens, European Free Alliance, in the European Parliament are kindly inviting you to the event:

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A key aspect of the European integration process is the right to free movement. Such a right is actually seen by both citizens and policy-makers as the core element embodying the notion of EU citizenship. 'EU movers', notably mobile EU citizens who have exercised their free movement rights and settled in a Member State different from the one in which they were born or raised, represent between 2% and 3% of the total population residing in the EU27. Their numbers have increased since 2004 and especially since 2007, when the Central Eastern European countries joined the EU. Such recent intra-EU mobility has been primarily economically motivated: EU citizens from the new Member States look for better job opportunities and life prospects. However, mobility has been a feature of European integration from early-on: people have moved from their Member State of origin to another Member State to pursue job or study opportunities, for family reasons (marriage for instance) or simply for better quality of life (looking for warmer climates and a slower pace of life) since the introduction of free movement rights.

EU movers are a heterogeneous bunch: manual workers (mostly but not only from new Member States), high-skilled globally-oriented professionals, North-to-South retirees, students, life-style movers, bi-national family members. Whatever their personal trajectories, expectations and plans, these people can be seen as the 'pioneers' of European integration 'from below'. They 'embody' EU citizenship as living testimonials of a truly transnational Europe.

The MOVEACT Project delves into the experiences and opinions of mobile EU citizens, asking several questions:

- Do EU movers endorse the European integration project and support it, or simply free-ride on its mobility and no-discrimination benefits?
- Do they 'activate' their citizenship by participating in social and political life?
- Are they integrated in the localities where they have re-settled?

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The findings concern British, German, Polish and Romanian citizens residing in France, Greece, Italy and Spain.



Programme

13:00 Welcoming speech by Ms. **Jean Lambert** MEP,
Group of the Greens/ European Free Alliance

Chair: Ms. **Assya Kavrakova**,
Program Manager European Citizen's House

13:15 Citizen's Participation: Presentation
of the results from the MOVEACT project,
Prof. **Ettore Recchi**, Università G. d'Annunzio
of Chieti-Pescara, Italy

13:30 The European Year of Citizens 2013 and
the Citizenship Report, Ms. **Chiara Adamo**,
Head of Unit, C.2 Union citizenship and
Free movement

13:45 EU Citizenship and Political Participation,
Mr. **Martin Wilhelm**, Director of Citizens For
Europe

14:00 Screening of the documentary:
Something for Tomorrow, 9 stories of Europe
by **Alberto Bougleux**

14:35 Discussion and debate followed by a reception

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