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# GroundUP Conference *is* UP

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EU citizenship and the rights of EU mobile citizens

The meaning of identity and belonging in political processes, Hate speech as a political tool

**Amphitheater of Galatas' Middle School**  
**2-3 October 2024**

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## Wednesday, October 2nd

9:30 – 10:00

### Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:30

### Opening Session

- Welcome speeches (**A. Mougios**, Mayor of Trizinia–Methana)
- Short presentation of the project and the partners (**Gosia Wochowska**, Project Manager and **Kristina Garrido**, Project Leader)
- I. Kapodistrias (1st governor of Greece): A mobile citizen of the 19th century and victim of disinformation (**D. Bogiatzis**)

10:30 – 12:00

### Understanding EU identity and belonging

- Setting the context: Rights and challenges faced by EU mobile citizens (**G. Kasimatis**)
- What is EU citizenship? (Students from the local school)
- Expert Talk: “The meaning of being an EU citizen” (**Ioannis Sakiotis**, EC Representation in Greece)
- Panel Discussion: Personal stories of EU mobile citizens (locals, project partners)
- Q&A Session

12:00 – 12:30

### Coffee break

## Wednesday, October 2nd

12:30 - 13:30

### Challenging stereotypes: Are people living in rural areas really anti-Europeans or they just feel Brussels is far away?

- EU from the youth's eyes (Students from the local school)
- EU for rural areas and how geography of discontent arises (**Dr. George Koukoudakis**, Professor in Greek Military Academy, Mayor of Hydra)
- Panel Discussion followed by an open discussion with the public (Local authorities, Project partners)

13:30 - 14:00

### Closing remarks

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## Thursday, October 3rd

9:30 – 9:40

### Opening session

9:45 – 10:45

### (Dis)information shaping citizens participation and engagement in Europe

- Expert Talk: “How the EU tackles Disinformation” (**Klimentini Diakomanoli**, EC official)
- Are there disinformation campaigns at the local level? How are they impacting local communities? (**Dimitris Papangelopoulos**, Political Management Consultant)
- A practitioner's input: analyzing instances of disinformation and strategies for recognizing and countering it (**Elena Vatala**, Journalist, Ellinika Hoaxes)

10:45 – 11:00

### Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

### Actions for Youth Engagement and Empowerment

- Our experience from European Parliament Ambassadors Schools (Aegina High School)
- Being a parliamentarian (**Christos Athanasiou**, Member of Youth Parliament)
- 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” (Youth and young members of local authorities)



## Thursday, October 3rd

12:00 - 12:15

**Coffee break**

12:15 - 14:15

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

14:15 - 14:45

**Closing Remarks**

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