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## Webinar & Panel discussion

# Free travel, living, working: The Maastricht Treaty. GroundUp on the rights of EU citizens

*Diversity management in local areas*  
*European citizenship and education*

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# AGENDA

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Registration link: registration form  
**THE REGISTRATION IS OBLIGATORY**

Hosted online via zoom by  
**Connection:Berlin** (Germany)



## Introduction to the GroundUp project

From the GroundUp: Fostering Rural Youth Participation in the EU Agenda is a Network of Towns in the framework of the programme CERV is an initiative originating from a group of partnered Local Action Groups, supported by municipalities and non-for-profit civil society organizations from 14 EU Member States. The project activities are planned from January 2024 to September 2025. The goal is to actively engage and also to empower our local citizens from rural and peripheral areas in Europe, especially young people, in the EU-related and local democratic processes

We aim to develop measures which will respond to the needs faced in this regard by our small, peripheral and rural communities, and which will facilitate exchanges, peaceful relations and mutual understanding between citizens.

This online event focuses on deepening understanding of EU citizens' rights to travel, live, work, and study across borders. It explores how inclusion and diversity shape identity and manifest in diversity management within local policies. It is also designed for educators, youth workers, and students interested in programs, initiatives, and tools to promote EU citizenship and citizen engagement, whether they reside in major cities or smaller, peripheral areas. We warmly invite you to join us.

## Follow us for more

[https://www.instagram.com/groundup\\_project/](https://www.instagram.com/groundup_project/)

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556445323406>

Watch a video from the last GroundUp face to face event: EU Citizenship and the rights of mobile citizens, Greece 1-4 - October 2024 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2sp0fdLGBc>

# 5 December 2024

10.00 - 11.30 CET

## Webinar: diversity management in local areas.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the local area with examples from Local Action Groups and municipalities in Europe on diversity management.

*Under the patronage of the Human Rights Cities Foundation (tbc)*

## Description

The webinar will provide an introduction to the topics of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). We will begin with a reflection on personal identity through the lens of the Wheel of Power. The discussion will encompass the intersectionality of identities and will explore the benefits of diversity. Additionally, we will examine the needs associated with inclusion and the distinction between equality and equity in the context of building social justice. The objective of this workshop is to enhance understanding of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), particularly at the level of local policies. The presenter will introduce the key elements of the human rights framework, in accordance with the recommendations of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

We will focus on Foundations, Structures, and Tools to systematically trace the process of implementing the Human Rights Framework. We will also consider what qualifies a city to be designated as [a City of Human Rights](#). The concluding discussion will focus on addressing the challenges faced by webinar participants, as well as exchanging best practices in the area of social inclusion. We will also discuss participatory processes aimed at engaging local communities in the design of public spaces and explore networking opportunities to enhance inclusion efforts.

## Presenter

Eliza Gaust - Graduate in Cultural Studies, Trainer in the area of DEI [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion] and anti-discrimination initiatives. She has been active for many years in the field of equal treatment and human rights. She gained experience in public institutions, non-governmental organizations, local government, and by collaborating with the business sector. For many years, she worked at the Marek Edelman Dialogue Center and later served as the Plenipotentiary of Equality Policy under the Mayor of Łódź. Since 2013, she has been coordinating the Living Library in Łódź. She co-founded the Łódź of Diversity Coalition, bringing together individuals from minority groups and those with migration experiences living in Łódź. Graduate of the Flying University of Human Rights and the Ashoka course & DEI Learning Journey.”

## 12.00- 13.30 CET Panel discussion: European citizenship and education.

GroundUp on the rights of EU citizens: free travel, living, working. Rights of EU citizens & the role of education.

*Under the patronage of ECIT Foundation, Brussels*

Key panelists:

- Monika Slaninova - Board Member of the Rural Youth Parliament in Slovakia, the Rural Parliament in Slovakia, and PREPARE (partnership for rural Europe) manager of Europe Direct Centre Banskobystricky region, Ambassador of the European Citizens Initiative
- Tony Venables - ECIT Foundation Brussels
- European Youth Parliament Berlin (tbc)
- Alicja Pacewicz - Civic Education Center Warsaw (tbc)

Moderator:

- Joanna Kopacka, Connection:Berlin

The participants will include educators, youth leaders, public officials, students, and civic activists. This panel discussion aims to empower participants to incorporate EU citizenship themes into classrooms, youth work, and activism. They will explore mechanisms like the European Citizens' Initiative, European Youth Parliaments, and the role of education in shaping the EU system, with a special focus on the "Teach Me Europe" initiative. The session will cover various citizen engagement and participation opportunities accessible to both residents of major cities and those in smaller, peripheral areas.

### Why join?

- Understand EU citizens' rights
- Learn how to teach the freedoms EU citizens enjoy—travel, work, and study across Europe— and inspire young people to fully grasp these daily rights.
- Engage with the European Citizens' Initiative
- Discover "Teach Me Europe" demanding EU-wide citizenship education
- Access resources and network
- Connect with experts from European Youth Parliament Berlin, Civic Education Center Warsaw, and more to gain tools, resources, and inspiration to make EU citizenship a core part of your work

Check: European Citizens Initiative "Teach me Europe" demanding European citizenship education for all: <https://ecit-foundation.eu/citizenship-education-our-proposal/>.

Civic Education Center in Poland: <https://ceo.org.pl>