



# **Call for Experts**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

we are currently looking for persons who would like to make a presentation in the frame of the public conference "EU=You! Citizen's engagement in the EU after the Treaty of Lisbon". This conference takes place in Erfurt, December 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2010 and is part of an EU financed project.

Following topics of the lectures are available:

### "More democracy because of Lisbon? The EU, its citizens and the new constitution"

Here, the Treaty of Lisbon and its implications for the EU and its citizens should be highlighted. Is there more democracy now or are we heading towards an EU dictatorship? What is new and what may be criticized?

#### "Decide via click! E-participation in Europe"

The internet as a tool for participation. Which forms of E-participation exist and how are they used? Who decides via click – only people with a sufficient extent of media competence or is E-participation an appropriate instrument for everyone?

#### "It's free and anyone can join! Social networks as a political tool"

Half a billion people already signed up for facebook and enjoy mere unlimited possibilities of connecting, sharing and stating. Many also use Twitter or other platforms. But how serious must we take these services concerning political communication, opinion influencing and real participation?

# Introduction to the "Europe for Citizens" program

We search for experts who are very experienced with this program and able to explain it to our participants. Since this event is financed by "Europe for Citizens", too, we would like to introduce the idea as an opportunity to actively create own projects.

## "What may politics do to support an active citizenship?"

Politics build sort of a framework of active participation by citizens of a certain state. We search for a political scientist or someone out of the political practice who might give an answer to the question above – from his or her point of view!

Each presentation should take about 30-45 minutes and is followed by a discussion with all participants (approx. 45 min). Working language is English. A fee is paid.

For more information have a look on www.europe-is-you.org. You can get in contact with us via mail (europe.you@googlemail.com) or phone (+49 361 60 21 515).

We are looking forward to meet you!

Kind regards,

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