

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN BERLIN: "COMMITTED TO EUROPE"

Annual meeting of the initiative "Cities for Europe". The conference is organised by "Cities for Europe" in cooperation with partners.

Saturday, 10 November 2018, 10am – 5pm
Berlin City Hall, Louise-Schroeder-Saal (3rd floor)

The topic of the conference is the **responsibility of cities and their citizens for Europe** with a clear focus on the special challenges for Europe approx. six months prior to the European elections in May 2019. The conference supports the dialogue between European citizens and politicians about the future of Europe. We want to create a public discussion about the joint responsibility of city governments and citizens for Europe and highlight the commitment of already active citizens and engaged municipalities as role models for imitation.

- 10.00 am **Welcome and Introduction**
Brigitte Russ-Scherer, spokesperson „Cities for Europe and former mayor of Tübingen and Volker Hassemer, founding member of „A Soul for Europe“ and former senator
- Welcome address**
Sawsan Chebli – Federal representative for Berlin and secretary of state for civil engagement and international affairs
- 10.30 am **Keynote speech "Who saves Europe?"**
Prof. Dr. Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha, cultural scientist and sociologist, director of ZAK | Centre for Cultural and General Studies – Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
On the cities' specific role and responsibility in view of their cultural traditions and their European networks
- 11.00 am **Cities and Europe – "We are doing something!"**
Two cities present strategic approaches their implementation
Ulrike Hiller, Council of State of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and delegate to the Federation for Europe and development cooperation
Christophe Rouillon, Mayor of Coulaines, first vice-president of Group PES of the CoR
- 11.30 am **Initiatives & projects – "Committed to Europe"**
Presentation of four to six exemplary initiatives and projects / EUROPEAN MARKET PLACE
- 12.30 pm **Lunch break and tour of the MARKET PLACE EUROPE**
- 1.30 pm **Workshops**
Workshop 1: Committed to Europe. What can citizens achieve? | ger/eng
Moderation: Justus Boehncke | Mirko Schwärzel | Ferdinand-Friedensburg-Raum (338)
- Workshop 2: Committed to Europe. How can cities/municipalities and administrations be involved? Moderation: Hanna Wolff | Hermann-Waesemann-Raum (300) ger
- Workshop 3: Committed to Europe. What can culture do? Let's fantasize ... | ger/eng
Moderation: Gundel Köbke | Louise-Schroeder-Saal (337)
- 3.00 pm **Closing Discussion**
- 4.00 pm **Artistic intervention: Proclamation of the European Republic**
The European Balcony Project – Initiative by Robert Menasse, Ulrike Guérot and Milo Rau with mit Christian Dieterle (actor), musicians STEGREIF.orchester, Ernst Senff choir
- 5.00 pm **End of the Conference**

We would like to thank the following partners for their support: