

# Workshop: Reviving the European project Innovative communication to tackle Euroscepticism

Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> | 10:00-12:00 EURACTIV Network Office, Boulevard Charlemagne 1, 1041 Brussels

Comprehending and Debating Euroscepticism (CODES) is a project combining research and public awareness building, co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme. Through local public debates in Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, and Latvia, the project identified the sources of public Euroscepticism, and developed tools to better communicate EU policies at national and local levels. This workshop will present and discuss innovative communication ideas that could impact in the run-up of the 2019 European Parliament elections.

#### 9:45 Registrations

10:00 Welcoming by Christophe Leclercq

10:05-10:10 Welcoming words by Gilles Pelayo, Head of the "Europe for citizens" Unit at the EACEA

**10:10-10:30 Comprehending Euroscepticism? Results from the CODES project:** Aneta Világi & Pavol Baboš, Comenius University, CODES project leaders

## 10:30-11:20 INTERACTIVE PANEL: Debating the CODES project's results - Q&A

- What are the main roots of Euroscepticism? Euroscepticism and national politics
- Forces at work: Pro-European & Fact-checking versus Populism & Fake News
- Could democratic conventions/citizens' consultations contribute to revive the European project?
- How can we link this issue to the upcoming 2019 EP Elections?

# 11:20-11:40 BRAINSTORMING SESSION in 8 small groups: Discussing the practical solutions

- Euroscepticism and fake news: what should the EU do?
- How to engage regional and local media?
- Decentralised approaches to communicate EU policies
- How democratic conventions/citizens' consultations can help?

#### 11:40-12:00 Wrap-up and concluding remarks

#### 12:00 Networking Lunch







### **SPEAKERS**

Aneta Világi & Pavol Baboš, Comenius University, CODES project leaders

Marjory van den Broeke, Deputy Spokesperson and Head of Press Unit, European Parliament

**Luc Van den Brande**, Special Adviser to President Juncker, "outreach towards citizens" and former President Committee of Regions

Benedek Jávor, MEP

**Natalie Sarkic-Todd**, Senior Director, Strategic Delivery & Marketing, EURACTIV

### **MODERATOR**

**Christophe Leclercq**, Founder of EURACTIV

### REGISTRATION

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