

GENERAL GUIDE OF THE COURSE

Introduction

The MOOC Course ***Europe is you: basic course about the European Union*** is the first of the two MOOC courses that will be developed during the period of execution of the CITIZEU European project *The impact of Euroscepticism in the construction of Europe* (Program *Europe for Citizens*).

Issues such as what is the EU, what rights do European citizens attend or how does it work and how does it affect to their daily life? are several of the questions we will try to answer to raise awareness and expand the knowledge of the participants at the present course.

The idea is that in a relaxed tone, suitable for all audiences, you approach Europe and the European Union, providing you with basic knowledge that will give you a critical and proactive awareness to form an opinion of the EU, either for or in favor of against, because it is the lack of necessary knowledge (among others) which constitutes the embryo of the incipient Euroscepticism that ravages Europe, as there is a clear distancing of citizens with European spheres.

People to whom it is directed

It is directed to all those people who want to know about their rights as European citizens, the Institutions and advisory bodies that manage the European Union, how decisions are made that affect us as European citizens and, in general, those who are interested in knowing how the European Union works.

About the course structure

The course is developed over 10 weeks, during which the following contents will be presented, which we have grouped into three blocks:

I. European Union and Citizenship

Lesson 1. Past, Present and Future of the EU.

Lesson 2. Citizenship of the European Union

II. Functioning and decision making

Lesson 3. Knowing the European Union.

Lesson 4. The decision making at the European sphere.

III. The day to day of the European Union.

Lesson 5. How the European Union's action on justice affects.

Lesson 6. The day to day of the European Union.

Furthermore, during the first weeks we will work at the **Lesson 0. Welcome**, whose target is to allow the participants to familiarize with the platform and the dynamic of the course, to know the teacher team, and to introduce themselves to the rest participants of the course.

Objectives

The MOOC Course **Europe is you: basic course about the European Union** aims to achieve several goals as the following ones:

- Provide skills and tools for the debate and dialogue about the Future of Europe in the global World.
- Provide a basic knowledge about the EU in order to improve the information about Europe.
- Promote and foster the European citizenship and citizen participation in EU affairs.

These goals are formed inside of this first MOOC Course, where each user will find the enough information to develop a proactive awareness at EU affairs and its position as a citizen of the European Union.

Dynamic of course

The Course is organized by lessons whose access will be open in a consecutive system along the different weeks that frame the course.

The lessons count with the same structure at the platform:

- **Objectives:** Where we briefly present the objectives, contents and activities that we have proposed to help you to understand and deepen into the contents of the lesson.
- **Key Ideas:** Preceded by a video lesson, it contains the basic concepts in PDF format, which you must understand for the objectives of each lesson. The key ideas are closed with a section of Additional Contents. These contents are available in English and Spanish.
- **Weekly Challenge:** You can find the activities of each lesson here. We have proposed different types of activities that value your level of understanding of the contents, through the self-assessment quizzes, as well as the activities designed to promote online learning through social networks and the Gijón Participa platform.

Self-Formation

In the **key ideas space** you will find a video lesson and the contents (PDF format), associated with each lesson. It is important that you visualize the video lesson and read the document that accompanies it to be able to participate in the activities that are proposed. You must bear in mind that:

The contents will be the ones that will govern all the activities of the subject.

At the end of each lesson you will have access to a section called "*Complementary Documentation*" where we put at your disposal several links to increase the information treated in each lesson that will allow you to delve into it.

We have proposed a series of activities that will help you to understand the content, as well as to share your experiences and knowledge with the rest of the MOOC participants. The sort of activities you will find throughout the course are:

Activities to participate and interact

The activities to promote online learning or participation are intended to share among all participants, opinions, questions and suggestions, to create a learning community.

We will focus participation mainly through three platforms:

- **CITIZEU: Stop Euroscepticism!** We will transfer the debate of the course to this space of the web [Participa Gijón](#). These debates will be proposed as activities of the course. You can access this website from the course main page.

If you inquire on the page, you will find that on the right side of the screen there will be several options where to click. The section that we will use will be the one of participation, exactly in "*Questions, city council and citizenship*" where we will initiate some debates of our course.

- **TWITTER:** We will propose different participation activities in this Social Network. For that reason, we will create different labels, one for each activity that we make through Twitter. But we must bear in mind that both the Twitter channel and the main course label will always be the same:



[@asuntoseuropeos](#)



[#CITIZEUMooc](#)

- **FACEBOOK:** In our Facebook Group "*CITICEU Mooc Course*" you will be in continuous interaction with the users of the course, we will be able to solve doubts, contribute opinions, share material about the course...



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- **INSTAGRAM:** In this course, visual communication will be as important as writing, so we will integrate Instagram as a tool to carry out some activities. The link between the activities and all the Instagram of the users of the course will be the hashtags, these will be published in the corresponding activity, as well as

being informed through the Instagram of the course:



[@gijoneuropaig](https://www.instagram.com/gijoneuropaig)

If you have doubts or do not know how to use any of the social networks, you can share them in the **Technical Consultations forum**. The teaching team will guide you so that you can participate in the activities that we will develop in them.

You can also find information on the help each of them provides:

- [Help Twitter](#)
- [Help Facebook](#)
- [Help Instagram](#)

Self-Assessment Quiz

The topics of the course are accompanied by a self-assessment quiz that will allow you to review what you have learned. The objective of this questionnaire is that you value your strengths and weaknesses in understanding the contents of the course. Being a self-assessment quiz you can do it as many times as you consider necessary.

Course accreditation

At the end of the course you will obtain an Open Badge as proof of your success. The Open Badge has associated information about the objectives achieved, the competences acquired, as well as information about the issuing entity and the receiver.

The badge will be awarded to those participants who pass the final evaluation test.