



Citizen Dialogue x Aurora Talks: The Making of Europe

Universität Innsbruck, in cooperation with the European Committee of the Regions, is pleased to host a Virtual Citizen Dialogue on the topic of “The Making of Europe”. With contributions from different European regions, the Citizen Dialogue will offer a unique opportunity to better understand how Europe functions and engage with European stakeholders from various backgrounds.

The Virtual Citizen Dialogue invites students and the interested wider public to get first-hand insights into policy making within the European institutions, contrasted by different regional perspectives showcasing the diversity of European stakeholders and voices. It will be a forum where the abstract gets concrete, enabling to better understand how attitudes and beliefs are varying within (European) cultures and communities – and how this relates to and influences the making of Europe.

The Virtual Citizen Dialogue is part of the course „The Making of Europe“, which is currently run by the Universität Innsbruck within the Aurora European University Alliance. With contributions from Brussels, North Rhine-Westphalia, Region Hauts-de-France and the Tyrol it brings a wide array of European perspectives to the virtual table. With welcome addresses from several European University Alliances of the contributing regions, the Virtual Citizen Dialogue also emphasizes the importance of European teaching and learning beyond institutional boundaries.

Language: English

Date and time: Wednesday, 16.11.2022, 12:00 – 13:30

Format: Virtual Event

Programm

12.00 – Opening and welcome addresses

12.15

Tilman Märk, Rector, Universität Innsbruck;
Aurora European University Alliance

Anton Mattle, Governor of the Province of Tyrol, Innsbruck;
Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Christine Neau-Leduc, President, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne;
Una Europa European University Alliance

Johannes Wessels, Rector, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster;
Ulyseus European University Alliance

12.15 – Introduction: The Making of Europe – An inside perspective

12.40

Christian Gsodam, Head of Cabinet of the Secretary General, European
Committee of the Regions

12.40 – The Making of Europe – European perspectives

13.30

François Decoster, Vice President, Region Hauts-de-France; Mayor, Saint-Omer;
Member of the European Committee of the Regions


Sophia Kircher, Vice President, Tyrolean Regional Parliament, Innsbruck

Mark Speich, State Secretary for Federal, European and International Affairs and
Media, State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf; Member of the European
Committee of the Regions

Followed by a panel discussion together with the keynote speaker, as well as a Q&A.

The Virtual Citizen Dialogue will be chaired by **Silke Meyer**, Professor of European Ethnology,
Speaker of the research area Cultural Encounters - Cultural Conflicts, and **Dirk Rupnow**,
Professor of Contemporary History and Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and History.

For further information on the event, please visit our website:

 [Virtual Citizen Dialogue „The Making of Europe“ – Universität Innsbruck \(uibk.ac.at\)](https://www.uibk.ac.at)

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