



LC Newsletter



Who will be in the next Trainees' Committee?

Elections' Night
Monday, October 9

10 October 2017

LC office opening
hours

Mon-Fri
12.00 – 14:00
&
17:00 – 19:00

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ELECT YOUR REPRESENTATION!

Yesterday you had the chance to get to know the candidates for the positions within the new Trainees' Committee at Tiago's. They introduced themselves, they answered your questions, they did their best to convince you to go and vote. Now is exactly the time for it! Read through their manifestos once again and follow the instructions to vote. **NB! ONLY T-card holders can vote!** *If you experience any difficulties with your log-in credentials, write to us at traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu*

Porte-Paroles

Please select your Porte-Parole and have them send an email to traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu with 'Porte-Paroles October 2017' as the subject **by Thursday 12 October 2017 at 6 pm.**



Establishment of Subcommittees

Are you interested in languages, LGBT+ rights, sustainability, cooking, or whatever comes to your mind?

On **Tuesday 10 October 2017** at 18.30 at Auditorium Madou you will have the opportunity to establish the Subcommittees of this traineeship session. If you have not expressed your interest yet, you can do it at the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/M1e139BtiQd5tQsr2>.

Do not forget to bring your badges to Commission buildings with your badge, arrive by 18.15 at the latest!



Porte-paroles represent all trainees within your service and act as a liaison between them and the Trainees' Committee. Typical tasks include: circulating information, supporting the Trainees' Committee and taking the initiative to organise get-togethers, after-work drinks or other social activities.

NB! If you do not have access to Commission buildings with your badge, please bring your badge AND ID with you and at Madou Tower no later than 18.15, so that an official can sign you in as a visitor!

Candidates for the Trainees' Committee



Name: Linda Caraza

DG: Environment

Running for: Conference and Careers

I have a background in banking and investor relations. I am a didactic and enthusiastic person and promise to do everything to promote the preparation of the trainees for the upcoming EPSO examinations.



Name: Edward Crymble

DG: External Action Service

Running for: Communication

Having witnessed the effect of bad communication during Brexit (this will be the only time I mention this), I know the importance of relaying understandable and important information to a large group of people. Additionally, I want everyone to get the most out of our traineeship and I would like to coordinate the distribution of events, news and opportunities to allow additional exciting experiences for everyone.



Name: Kossara Alexandrova

DG: Legal Service

Running for: Conference and Careers

A law graduate from the Sorbonne Law School and the University of Strasbourg,

I am very results-driven and outgoing. My ultimate goal is to respect the interests of each and

every trainee and organize the Job Fair and other conferences in a way that could benefit us all.



Name: Paulina Weglarz

DG: DIGIT

Running for: Social Events

I am a very open and friendly person. I don't shy away from a challenge and if I can spark up initiative, I always do. I believe that the social aspect of our traineeship is just as important as the work aspect.



Name: Michal Duda

DG: Growth

Running for: Conference and Careers

I would like to help organize the best possible traineeship experience! Our first week was amazing but we have to keep the momentum going. It is up to us to shape the next 5 months in Brussels. Everyone is hunting for the job of their dreams. I would

like to contribute with my experience, to ensure that trainees get to enjoy a varied job fair and to meet interesting employers.



Name: Callum Huw Jones

DG: Employment

Running for: General Coordination/Communication

I love organising events and working with a variety of people. If I am able to coordinate the work of trainees, or manage communications, I want to be able to make sure that quiet people are heard just as much as those who are more vocal, as well as making the environment for trainees as inclusive as possible. We live in a great city, with a diversity unmatched nearly anywhere else on the planet, and having lived here for two years I

want to make sure that all the trainees get to make the most of their time here.



Name: Ivan Puskar

DG: Trade

Running for: Conference and Careers

Being active during my study is one of the reasons why I decided to be active also during my traineeship at EC and to join Trainees' Committee in a role of the Conference and Careers Coordinator. Why this position? As a Ph.D. student I often

attend conferences and know what all does it include.



Name: Zinaida de Boon

DG: Trade

Running for: General Coordination

I want to become your General Coordinator because it is the best way to take responsibility and ensure that these five months will become a valuable and rich experience for us. It will be a challenge to carry out this central role and to connect all the coordinators of the Trainees' Committee,

the subcommittees, and the porte-paroles. However, it is my passion to identify and match the various interests of all these actors and to create the optimal result in collaboration with you. I aim to do so successfully by employing my mediation and negotiation competencies.



Name: Sebastiaan Wijsman

DG: ECFIN

Running for: General Coordination

As general coordinator I aim to contribute to the traineeship's value by establishing an accessible, encouraging, and entrepreneurial Committee. The Trainees' Committee plays a major role in bringing people together, whether it concerns trainees, subcommittees, potential employers, or other external organizations.

Accordingly, I enjoy mediating,

encouraging, cooperating, and carrying overall responsibility. I am a calm person, not panicking when things go wrong. I am experienced leading

committees through which I learned dealing with pressure, organizational processes, and planning, but also to cope with failures.



Name: Angela Lo Mauro

DG: Growth

Running for: General Coordination/Communication

My interest in other people, their experiences and their knowledge is what makes me want to be your coordinator. Within the teams I have been part of during my studies, we managed to enhance the profiles of our members through a newsletter send to professionals. I would like to realise this with you all and create this newsletter, which should be about your stage. Finally, I hope we meet some day, so that you see that I'm a really open person, which listens and loves to communicate to anyone anytime.



Name: Sakke (Sakari) Teerikoski

DG: Growth

Running for: Treasurer

I'm a trainee who's originally from Finland, but I've lived most of my adult life in Sweden. I'm an engineer and I work in the automotive unit of DG GROW. I have been treasurer of an organisation once before. That was in Uppsala University's local group of Board of European Students of Technology (BEST).



Name: Jakub Kollar

DG: Connect

Running for: Auditor

To keep things simple and genuine, I just want to be helpful, volunteer and contribute to our blue book traineeship experience and make it more enriching in any way possible an auditor can.

Upcoming events of our partners

INTERNATIONAL AFTERWORK gathers each **Wednesday** both Expats and locals living in Brussels in order for them to meet, socialise, network, and enjoy a drink/chat after a hard-working day. Discounts with the T-card: **10% off on all beer** (Pils and also special beers), **special cocktails only for the EC Trainees** with a discounted price of 5 euros (ask for the list of EC TRAINEES cocktails at the bar). On top of it, **happy hour** from 6 to 8 PM on cocktails (2 for 1). Come to Smouss Cafè on **Wednesday, 11 October at 6 PM** for an International Afterwork – Special Edition for EC Trainees. Check out the Facebook event: <http://bit.ly/2y5APm9>.



PROJECT 668 invites you to the **Creative Career Day**. Part of the Year of Creativity, it is designed to unleash the participants' creativity and, at the same time, boost their careers. This full day of workshops will help the participants increase their self-confidence through theatre and improvisation, work on self-awareness with the **LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®**, and achieve self-realisation creating a vision board. Come on **Saturday, 14 October** to *IECHS Academy – Rue des Grands Carmes 27*, **from 10 AM to 6 PM**. Check out the Facebook event: <http://bit.ly/2ya0TyG>.



Training on INTERCOMPREHENSION & MULTILINGUALISM

The Liaison Committee, in collaboration with Dr. Jan ten Thije, Karen Schouten and Anne Wery from **Utrecht University**, give you the opportunity to join the training on **intercomprehension** and **multilingualism**. The training will help you to raise awareness on the advantages and limitations of intercomprehension as a multilingual mode, and to stimulate the use of your multilingual competencies. The three-hour training will be preceded and followed by a questionnaire to measure both expectations and feedback.

WHEN? 20 October, from 2.30 to 5.30 PM

WHERE? DG EAC, Second floor, Room 243 – Rue Joseph II 70

HOW TO REGISTER? Registration via email at traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu mentioning "Intercomprehension training" in the subject. The **20 available spots** will be chosen at random from the people registered. **Deadline** for registration: **13 October at noon**.

Discover your **ROOTS**!



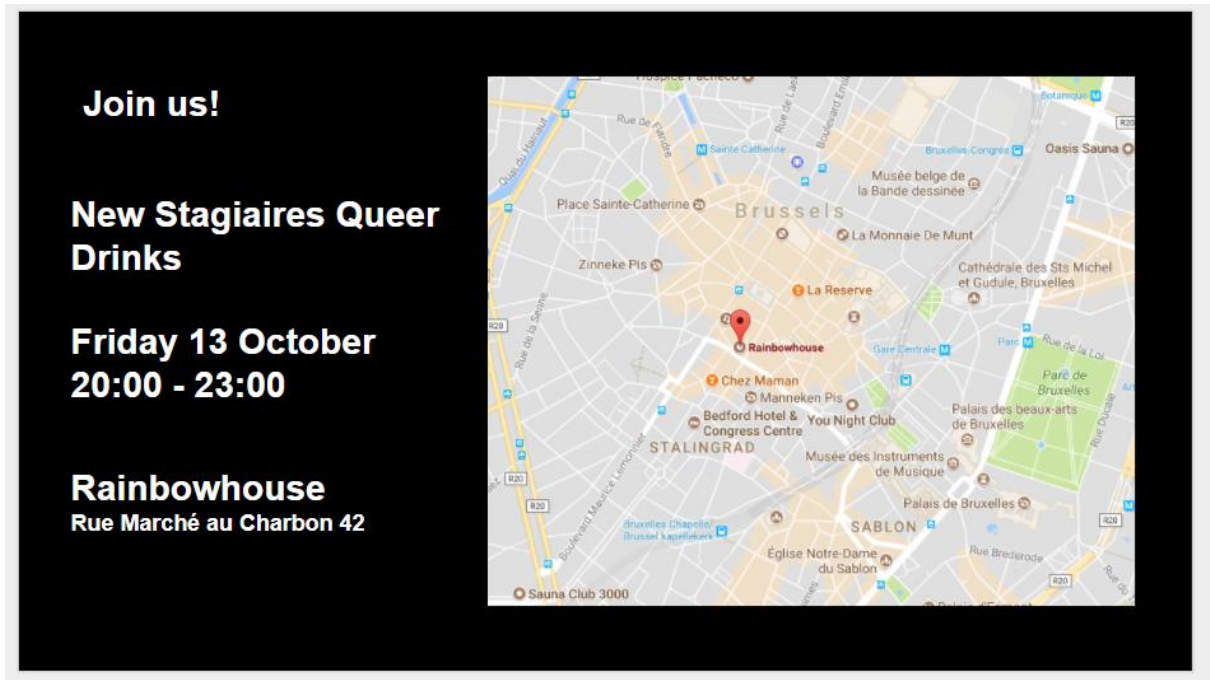
Roots, what's it all about? Roots is **Brussels' first and only organic, local, 100% circular farm shop**, stocking straight from the producers! In our shop, traceability is key. We know exactly where our products come from and who made them. In a nutshell, we know their **ROOTS**! Come along and discover more about the shop and how to enjoy fresh, fabulous food from fantastic farmers who give it their all to tickle your

taste buds. Learn more about "zero waste", small-scale farming and savvy shopping!

ROOTS workshop, 23 October, 6:30 PM at ROOTS STORE (rue Franklin 44, 1000 Brussels). In English, but French also possible. Registration via email at traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu mentioning "Roots workshop" in the subject. The **20 available spots** will be chosen at random from the people registered. **Deadline** for registration: **18 October at noon**.

We thank Roots for supplying the Administrative Welcome with its selection of fruit!





Other upcoming events

The Euros / Agency team is pleased to welcome you to its next event, a conference-debate on the topic "**Crises in the Arab World**". Special guest will be **Charles Thépaut**, French diplomat and author of *The Arab World in pieces: from the Arab Springs to Daesh*. The conference will be followed by a cocktail.

WHERE? Euros/Agency, Rue du Trone 61, 1050 Brussels

WHEN? **October 10, 6.30 to 8 PM**



Registration is open for the conference "**Seeds as Commons**" taking place in Brussels on **October 19 from 10 AM to 2.30 PM**. The conference will be hosted by the Member of the European Parliament **Maria Heubuch (The Greens/EFA)** and it is organized by the Demeter-International e.V EU Liaison office.

[Registration](#) is open **until October 13!** Agenda highlights:

- An introduction to non-profit seed and breeding initiatives and an assessment of future perspectives, presentation of the study "Saatgut Gemeingut/ Seeds as Commons". Keynote speech by Johannes Wirz, Researcher, Section for Agriculture – Goetheanum, Switzerland.
- The Open-Source Seed License – a legal approach to securing seed commons. Speech by Johannes Kotschi, OpenSourceSeeds / Agrecol, Marburg, Germany.



Full Circle Brussels invites you to the first event of the season, taking place on Thursday, **October 12 from 6.30 to 8.30 PM**. The event, entitled "**Why people become terrorist**", will see the participation of **Scott Atran**, Director of Research in Anthropology at France's National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR), as well as Research Professor at the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan. **Registration is compulsory**, more details on Full Circle [website](#).

Still need a room? Housing Anywhere!

Housing Anywhere is a Rotterdam-based start-up founded in 2009 and is the world's leading international student housing exchange platform. It originally started as a platform where outgoing exchange students can rent out their rooms when going abroad and incoming exchange students could rent those rooms.



Online resources

- Web: <https://housinganywhere.com/es/>
- Blog: <http://blog.housinganywhere.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HousingAnywherecom/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HousingAnywhere>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/1172222/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/HousingAnywhere>



T-Cards

If you want to be part of the big *Trainees' Committee* family, to benefit from our [partnerships](#) and be an active member of its activities, you can purchase your T-Card at our office: Rue Joseph II 70, 02/174 during our opening hours (12:00-14:00 & 17:00-19:00). You need to bring a **passport-sized photo** and **15€** in cash.



Facebook Page – "[EC Trainees' Committee](#)"



Facebook Group – "[EC Traineeship October 2017](#)"



Email: traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu

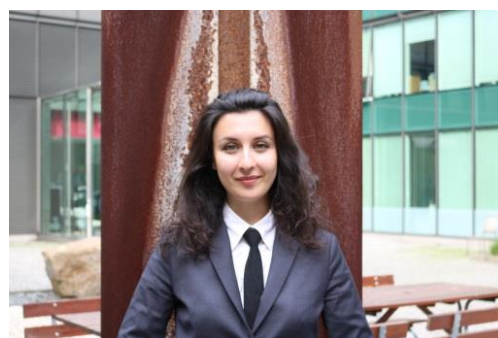
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