



# EUROPE



## CITIZEN EUROPE

Screening & Debate at the Goethe-Institut

Tuesday 21/5, 19.30 - 21.30

During a period of heightened concern about the future of the European Union, the *Goethe-Institut Athen* hosts an **event screening** of the documentary **Citizen Europe** on **May 21 2019**.

The documentary, which captures the journeys of young **participants of the Erasmus programme of the EU** to offer a portrait of Europe in transition, will be followed by a **debate** between university students (School of Law of the University of Athens vs Athens University of Economics and Business) over 'whether six months of Erasmus should be compulsory for all Europeans'. It will be moderated by Caroline Macfarland, founder of *Common Vision (CoVi)*, and journalist Damian Mac Con Uladh, and will stream online via Facebook live, allowing audiences across Europe to follow the debate and vote for the winning team. The event will take place in English.

The main event screening will be accompanied by **parallel screenings** in Rome, Zagreb, Sofia, Belgrade, Nicosia, Bucharest, Skopje, Limerick, Thessaloniki, Florence, Palermo, Sarajevo, Lesvos and Oulu. It is co-organised by the *Goethe-Institut*, *Moving Docs*, the *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, the *Bodossaki Lectures on Demand, Debating Europe*, the *Institut français Italia*, the *Irish Embassy in Greece*, the *Students Debating Group / University of Athens* and *CineDoc / Anemon Productions*.

It is part of a wider European campaign that aims to encourage young Europeans to engage in a debate about Europe, in partnership with French German broadcaster *Arte*. Additional actions include a Europe wide online poll and a competition about the impact of the Erasmus experience.

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## The Documentary

**Citizen Europe** captures the lives of five Erasmus participants who work, study or volunteer across Europe.

The film's young characters come from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and leave the comfort zone of their countries for the first time, to prove to themselves that they can survive in a foreign environment. From France, Germany, Poland, Bulgaria and Ethiopia to Lithuania, Finland, Greece and Ireland, they need to overcome their fears and adapt to different cultures and mentalities.

The experience of these young characters is juxtaposed with the memories of the first Europeans to take part in Erasmus, an ambitious mobility programme created in 1987. Sharing old photos and videos, they recall what Europe was like and how the experience changed who they have become.

Set against the current European crisis, fueled by unprecedented youth unemployment and fears about refugee influx, their journeys offer a bird's-eye view of a continent in transition and a ground level understanding of the many faces of Europe today.

Leading academics and experts offer insight and original perspectives to the challenges facing the new generation of Europeans, including Bulgarian political scientist Ivan Krastev (Institute of Human Sciences in Vienna), British historian Timothy Gatten Ash (University of Oxford), Greek author Loukas Tsoukalis (University of Athens), Croatian philosopher and political activist Srećko Horvat, Irish journalist Derek Scally, French sociologist Magali Ballatore (University of Marseilles) and Monika Queisser (Head of Social Policy, OECD). Additional contributions are made by educators working for Erasmus programmes across Europe.

Citizen Europe ultimately explores the continent through the lens of its most ambitious integration experiment and offers a timely portrait of Europe's past, present and future.

*Sulyvan and Anthony travelled from France to Lithuania for a factory internship supported by Erasmus.*



## Additional information

<b>Title</b>	CITIZEN EUROPE		
<b>Alt titles: FR // DE</b>	Les Enfants d' Erasmus // Erasmus: Europa für alle?		
<b>Directors</b>	Angeliki Aristomenopoulou & Andreas Apostolidis		
<b>Format</b>	HD-TV	<b>Duration</b>	56' / 72'
<b>Producers</b>	Greece, Anemon Productions / Rea Apostolides & Yuri Averof		
<b>Co-producers</b>	France / Seppia, Cedric Bonin Ireland / Underground Films, Rachel Lysaght Bulgaria / Agitprop, Martichka Bozhilova		
<b>Funders</b>	ARTE, RTE, ERT, RTP, CYBC, MRKTV, BTV, Screen Ireland, CNC, Bulgarian National Film Center, Region Grand West, Strasbourg Eurometropole, Procirep-Angoa		
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<b>Trailer</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/IApkL6Xa2JE">https://youtu.be/IApkL6Xa2JE</a>		
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