

Press invitation

NECE New Year's RECEPTION in Brussels (Belgium)

Berlin, 23 January 2014 – In 2014 all eyes are focused on the forthcoming European Parliament elections. There is considerable evidence that populist and nationalist parties will gain a lot of votes. In this situation citizenship education in Europe is of substantial importance and carries responsibility.

Doris Pack, MEP and well-known Dutch publicist **Paul Scheffer** will be present to discuss their ideas on citizens' participation in the EP Elections 2014 and the future of the EU with the audience. In order to promote a broad debate on the role and challenges of citizenship education in Europe in times of change a common intervention of politicians and citizenship educators should be put on the agenda.

The transnational initiative [Vote Match Europe](#) (based on a Voter Application Advice System, which was used by 13 million people during the last parliamentary elections in Germany) will introduce the first outcomes of their project.

Furthermore, we will present [four scenarios on the future of the EU in 2030](#) in a video clip.

The [NECE Initiative](#) invites media representatives to the New Year's Reception in Brussels:

Date: Tuesday, **28 January 2014**, 7.00 pm- 8.30 pm (entry and registration from 6.30 pm)
Venue: **Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union**, Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brüssel

Please find attached the detailed programme of the event.

We would like to ask you to accreditate by **28 January 2014, 2 pm** at the latest.

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