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Day of Citizens for Europe in Rome, Italy

Protecting Citizens' Rights: challenges and opportunities for EU passengers

Date: 16th September 2014 Time: 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Venue: Cittadinanzattiva Headquarters, Via Cereate 6, Rome

10.00 – 10.10 Registration

Part I (English language)

10.10 – 10.15 Welcome & Opening session (Introductory speech, presentation of the project and the structure of the meeting)

• Mariano Votta, Director, Active Citizenship Network

10.15 – 10.40 Framework

- *Schengen, the right to move and the populist threat to mobility in Europe* by Petko Georgiev, Pro Info (Bulgaria)
- The commitment of the EU Institution in the field of Mobility and Transport and "Your Passenger Right at hand" UE campaign by Pedro Jose Garcia Gracia, Unit D4 "Passenger Rights" DG Mobility and Transport

10.40 – 11.20 Meeting the challenges of European Citizens' Mobility from a civic point of view

- *Mobility, a paradigm of European citizenship* by Mariano Votta, Active Citizenship Network
- Perspectives on urban mobility. Case Study: Bucharest by Irina Zamfirescu, ActiveWatch (Romania)
- *Mobility and transport, the view of the citizens in Serbia* by Bojana Paunovic, Consumers center of Serbia

11.20 – 12.00 How to promote the protection of Passenger Rights in the framework of European Mobility Week

- The role of the European Consumer Centres Network, by Pavel Pavlovkin, ECC Net (Slovakia)
- *Help and advice for EU nationals and their family in the field of transport*, by Valentina Mayer, European Citizen Action Service (ECAS) and Your Europe Advice (Belgium)
- Passenger Right and Alternative Dispute Resolution, by Radoslav Bonk, Youstice.com (Slovakia)



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12.00 – 12.30 Call to action: how to improve Passenger Rights through the civic participation by <u>Cittadinanzattiva Consumer policy</u>

- A civic observatory on the cost related with mobility: from National to EU data collection, by Tiziana Toto, Director Observatory Prices And Tariffs, Cittadinanzattiva
- Patients as particular kind of passengers: an overview of their needs in the framework of patients right on cross border care, by Mariano Votta
- Tools to promote the citizen participation: online quiz for self evaluation, free guide, civic survey, by Cinzia Pollio, Cittadinanzattiva

12.30 - 13.00 Discussion among participants

• *Good practices and Civic Recommendations in the field of mobility* by Daniela Quaggia, Active Citizenship Network

13.00 – 13.45 lunch

Part II (Italian language)

13.45 – **15.45** The protection of passengers' rights in Italy (by Pit Servizi¹)

La tutela dei diritti dei passeggeri in Italia (a cura del <u>Pit Servizi</u>)

- Una panoramica sulle principali segnalazioni giunte nell'ultimo anno
- la Raccomandazione della Commissione Europea relativa all'utilizzo di una metodologia armonizzata per la classificazione e la notifica dei reclami
- maggiore protezione per chi viaggia in UE
- Dalla teoria alla pratica: esempi e casi di studio

15.45 – 16.00 Conclusions and Recommendations

Participants will receive:

- Leaflet "Your Passenger Right at hand" (English and Italian language)
- Brochure "5 consigli per muoversi in città" (English and Italian language)

The "Protecting Citizens' Rights: challenges and opportunities for EU passengers" international conference is part of the "Joint Citizen Action for a Stronger, Citizen-Friendly Union" (JoiEU) project, which focuses on coordinating debate and action in 13 European countries on a set of issues focused on citizen participation and strengthening the citizen base of a deeper European integration. The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by a group of international partners led by ProInfo (Bulgaria).

¹ Over the years Cittadinanzattiva has developed and invested in the technology of citizen protection creating "PiT" (Prigetto Integrato di Tutela - Integrated Project of citizen protection). The project PiT was born in 1999 thanks to the patronage and support of the European Commission DG Sanco - Consumer Protection. "PiT" provides guidance, information and citizen protection for those citizens who have experienced inadequate services in the health service, other public services and in the area of justice.