

# NEWSLETTER



**ECI** from  
A to Z

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE:  
A TOOL FOR ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

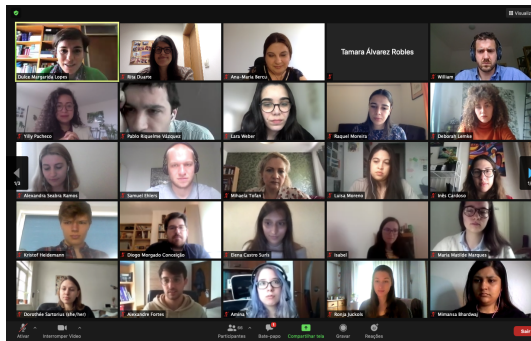


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After several months of meetings and thorough preparation of the various events, the students' selection for the Project "ECI: from A to Z" was completed and the selected students from the four partner Universities were reunited for the first time.

## Introductory Online Sessions on ECI

The Introductory Sessions on ECI, that would have taken place in Iași (Romania), were held online on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of May and allowed all the participants, students and staff, to get to know each other and share their hopes and expectations for this journey.



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, multiple interactive and dynamic activities enabled the students to present themselves and to build team spirit. During this first session they shared their common motivations and objectives that mainly consisted in making foreign friends, taking part in cultural exchange, improving linguistic skills and being an active EU citizen. At the end of the day, 8 different groups were formed according to diverse themes of interest and a tutor was assigned to each team.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, the students attended various interesting presentations regarding the evolution of the European idea, the ECI procedure, constitutional reflections on ECI and the ECI "End the Cage Age". The Introductory Sessions ended on a more informal note, allowing students, professors and tutors to spend a relaxed time together through a social meeting.

The full programme of the Introductory Online Sessions on ECI is available on the website of the Project.

## ECI E-learning Course



University of Coimbra | © 54 hours | 26 June to 31 August 2021



Currently, the ECI E-learning Course is taking place until the end of August and is composed of 8 Modules regarding participation, EU citizenship and the ECI (at a substantive and a procedural level).

The online course was prepared by professors and tutors of the Project and organized by the University of Coimbra's Distance Learning Unit and relies on a diversified and interactive structure (written text, videos, quizzes and group activities). It aims at providing students with the theoretical basis and essential information about the ECI procedure in order to develop their critical spirit and present a model ECI later this year.

## Synchronous Session

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, the ECI E-learning Course started with a synchronous session aimed at gathering the students, enabling a reflection on their role as EU and global citizens and sharing their expectations for the online course.

