



RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUNDTABLES**

Citizens in the internet era

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Being a citizen in the Internet era means being aware that digitalization is an extraordinary opportunity, not something that should scare us. It is not even a phenomenon that we can take lightly, since it is sophisticated and complex. We need mature and aware individuals: people who have developed a culture in a broad sense and an affinity for digital technologies, allowing them to make the most of all the extraordinary possibilities offered to us, whether in the area of participation, democratic governance or accountability. This is a European or even global question, since it goes far beyond the borders of our national states and shapes many aspects of our lives. How can we embrace being a digital citizen?

EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, 18th July 2019

17:00 Registration and welcome coffee for the round table

17:30 Address by the organisers

Marco Mariani | Director, Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

Sebastjan Pikel | Director, Institute Novum

17:40 -19:20 Panel session: [“The upcoming EU: technology, innovation policies and citizens”](#)

prof. Alfonso Fuggetta | Author of “Cittadini nell'era di Internet”

prof. Felicia Pelagalli | Founder @Culturesrl and President of the association

@InnovaFiducia, Professor of Digital Transformation at La
Sapienza University of Rome

Ing. Carlo Stagnaro | Senior Fellow Bruno Leoni Institute

Dr Csaba Tóth | Republikon Institute and board member ELF

Domen Savič | CEO Citizen D, digital activist, Slovenia

Moderator: **Barbara Gasperini**, Journalist and expert in innovation.

19:30 END OF THE EVENT



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ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.