

Drawing Citizenship



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towards the 2014 European
elections through comics & cartoons

The [European Cultural Foundation](#) (ECF) and the Cartoon Movement are joining forces to explore perspectives on the upcoming European elections through comics and cartoons. Between 31 March and 25 May 2014, we are inviting comic artists and cartoonists to reflect on European citizenship and the various issues that are currently facing Europe. We are not just interested in the EU, but we would like to hear perspectives from countries that are part of European citizens' daily lives across the continent and beyond.

A firm believer that Europe is powered by culture, this year ECF is celebrating its 60th year of bridging people through arts and culture and connecting local cultural change-makers and communities across Europe. ECF recognises the power of comics and cartoons to tackle pressing European issues, bringing a fresh dimension to the discourse on democracy and human rights.

Cartoon Movement is a community of political cartoonists that brings together over 250 artists from more than 80 countries. The movement publishes cartoons and comics journalism on a range of international issues, and defends the right of cartoonists to express themselves without fear of censorship or retaliation.

In the run up to the European elections, we invite you to challenge prevailing notions of democracy and representation, to reflect on alternatives, and to offer fresh perspectives on more inclusive societies across Europe and beyond. In short, we ask: what is the future of Europe? Will it be a fortress designed to keep other people out, or no more than a free trade zone? Will Europe evolve into something more, a political entity with a true European citizenry? We welcome cartoons and comics that touch upon any of these issues.

Submission guidelines

The competition is open to anybody who has a perspective to share on European issues and more specifically on the upcoming European elections, whatever their nationality or country of residence.

Professionals and amateur comic artists and cartoonists are invited to send in their work.

There is no age limit. - Artwork should be sent as a .jpg.

Cartoons will be displayed online at a width of max. 800 pixels, and a height of max. 560 pixels. Please make sure your cartoon or comic is readable at this size.

Submissions will be evaluated on a weekly basis by ECF and the Cartoon Movement. One work will be selected every week to be published and highlighted on the ECF and Cartoon Movement websites. Each work published by ECF and the Cartoon Movement will receive a financial recognition.

The duration of the project will be eight weeks, between 31 March and 25 May 2014, culminating in a collection of eight works that make a strong statement and provide a fresh reflection on the upcoming European elections. These works will be presented together into an online exhibition on the ECF and Cartoon Movement's website.

Submit your work to the online newsroom of Cartoon Movement:

www.cartoonmovement.com/newsroom?fq=subroom.43