

European Citizen Action Service Work Program 2015

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ECAS' Work programme in 2015 is comprised of about 40 programme activities, half of which take place on a regular basis throughout the year and are related to ECAS' core mission of providing services to both its 150 members (133 of which are not-for-profit organisations) and to EU citizens in relation to their EU Rights and to their engagement and active participation in the democratic life of the EU.

SERVICES TO CITIZENS

1. Legal Advice to about 20 000 EU citizens exercising their right of free movement in the EU - residence formalities, visas, social security, health insurance, work, taxes, vehicles.
2. The EU Rights Clinic: Problem solving of EU rights breaches. 60-70 cases annually.
3. ECI Support Centre: online and offline advice to ECI organisers, up-to-date information on ECIs and participatory democracy tools, contributions to the revision of the Regulation.
4. Mentoring of Bulgarian and Romanian workers in Belgium, Italy and the UK under the “My Mobility Mentor” project (January – February 2015).

SERVICES TO ECAS MEMBERS

5. Launch of partners’ membership area at ECAS website with regularly updated information provided for members.
6. E-Guide to EU Funding.
7. Monthly funding alerts.
8. Quarterly meetings of ECAS members interested in developing a system for the identification of partners for projects
9. Tailor-made provision of information on non-EU funding – only provided to interested members and other CSOs
10. ECAS webinar on EU funding for members

AWARENESS RAISING/CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

11. ECAS’ monthly newsletter distributed to a mailing list of 860 subscribers.
12. European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) Watch bi-monthly Newsletter.
13. Quarterly newsletter of the "Triple A for citizens" project.

14. YEA Outreach activities aimed at promoting the Single Market service through media, TV and radio, forums, chats, blogs, newspapers, direct advice (face-to-face), network meetings, conferences, training, seminars etc.
15. YEA experts content contribution to Your Europe web portal - http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/index_en.htm .
16. YEA monthly newsletter with legal updates on EU rights (legislative framework and enforcement) developments.
17. EU free movement infographics.
18. Launch of an ECI responsive website and mobile application.
19. Webinar for YEA experts.
20. Annual training seminar for YEA experts.
21. Launch of a grant-making scheme for the pilot projects under the “Triple A” project.
22. Study visit to Bucharest under the framework of the “Triple A” project.
23. Study visit to the UK and Ireland under the framework of the “Triple A” project.

PUBLIC EVENTS

24. Digital Democracy Conference, JoiEU project – January 27, 2015.
25. Evaluation meeting for partners of the “My Mobility Mentor” project – February 24, 2015.
26. Study Visit to Brussels for Romanian and Hungarian CSOs – 26 January - 3 February 2015.
27. Workshop on quality standards for provision of information, advice and free legal aid in Brussels, Belgium – February 23, 2015.
28. Participation in Conference on Civil Society Policy Impact in Europe and a workshop on effective international coordination of civic engagement for the partners of the U-Impact project in Sofia, Bulgaria - March.
29. Brainstorming forum for safeguarding free movement - quarterly meetings.

30. "ECI day": Europe-wide conference organised in collaboration with the EESC – April.
31. Training session with NGOs and a Roundtable with stakeholders in Brussels on the Invisible EU migrants (EPIM) – June 2015.
32. Advanced level joint workshop in Brussels for 20 representatives from public institutions and CSOs from Turkey on advocacy and lobbying – June.
33. Summer Academy on European Citizenship in Zadar, Croatia - September.
34. Regional Conference under the framework of the “Triple A” project in Pristina, Kosovo - November.

RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

35. YEA quarterly reports to the European Commission on "interesting cases".
36. National advocacy roadmaps for Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey under the “Triple A for citizens” project.
37. E-catalogue of civic participation and advocacy practices at EU level.

NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

38. EP Task Force: working group created together with stakeholders and key MEPs to monitor free movement of EU migrants in Europe.
39. Position paper on the review of the ECI Regulation.
40. Active participation in the meetings of the EESC liaison group with civil society.
41. Active involvement in Europe + meetings.
42. Participation in the launch and the activity of the Civil Society Europe platform.

43. Board Meetings

- January 26, 2015
- second half of April 2015
- September 2015
- December 2015

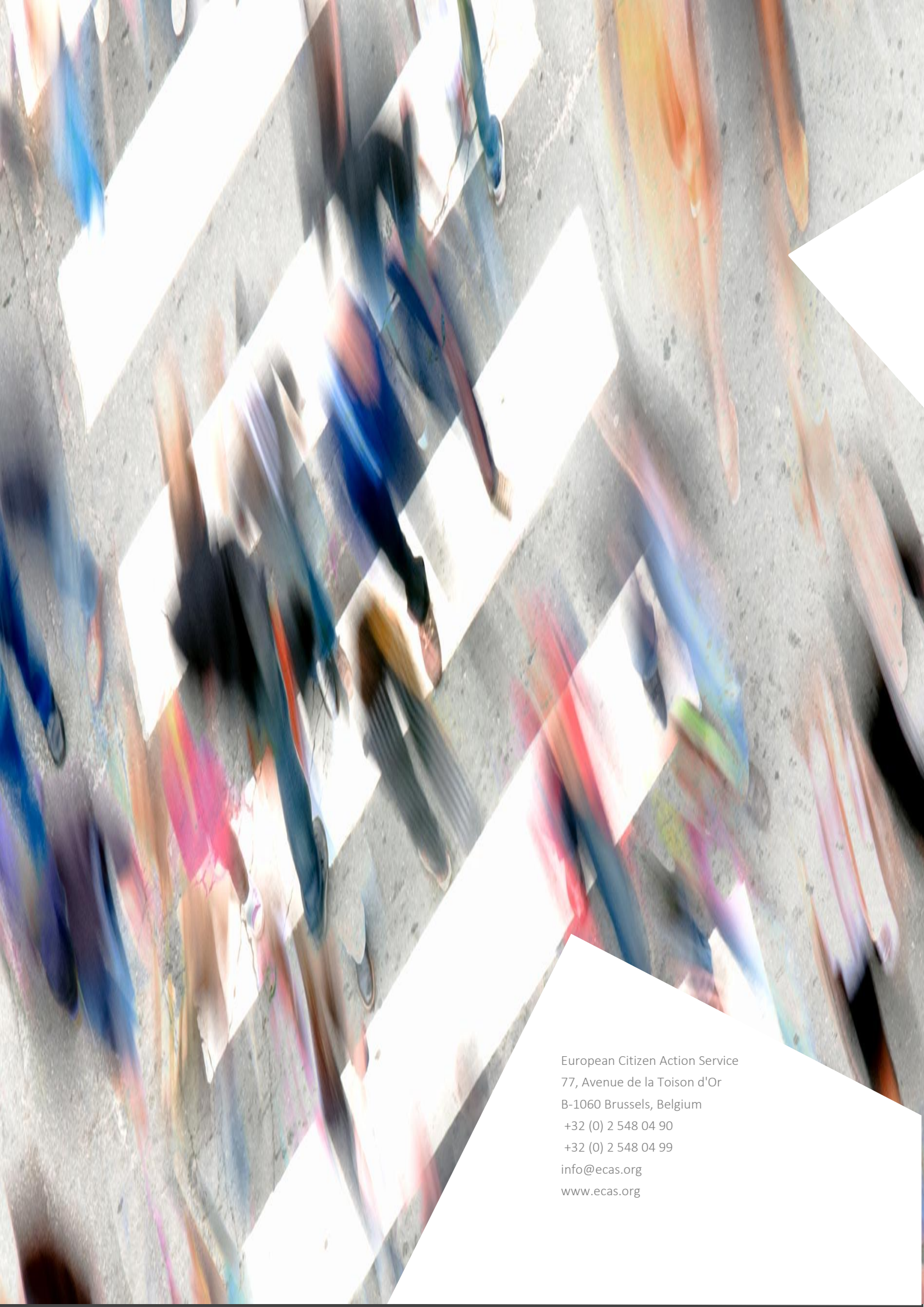
44. New Statutes adopted at GA – April 2015

45. GA 2015 – December

46. Updated contracts for ECAS staff including job descriptions

47. Personal performance review indicators

48. ECAS Fund-raising Task Force



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