



**Europe
Talks**

The Conference

May 11th 2019

Bozar Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels

In the run-up to the European elections in May 2019, Germany's leading news website ZEIT ONLINE is teaming up with 15 European media organizations from all over Europe to jointly organize the dialogue project [Europe Talks](#). The aim of *Europe Talks* is to spark one-on-one discussions between people who live in different European countries and hold opposing political opinions.

On May 11, 2019, Europe Talks will bring together thousands of Europeans from numerous countries who meet either online via video calls or in person. More than 17.000 participants have signed up. For the first time, thousands of Europeans will talk about the same political issues at exactly the same time.

In addition, we will be holding the *Europe Talks Conference* in Brussels together with our media partners, supporters and participants to celebrate the day of *Europe Talks*.

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12:30 Registration	Check-in for the <i>Europe Talks Conference</i>
13:30 Welcome	Introduction by ZEIT ONLINE
13:45 Lightning talks	Prominent speakers presenting passionate ideas about Europe: Michelle Müntefering , Minister of State, German Federal Foreign Office Jeremy Cliffe , Charlemagne-Columnist, The Economist Samantha Cristoforetti , ESA Astronaut Philippe Van Parijs , Philosopher, University of Louvain Yasmine Ourhrane , Young European of the Year 2019
14:30 Countering polarization with dialogue	Citizens from Finland, Austria, Italy and Germany recount their experience of a political face-to-face conversation through <i>My country talks</i>
15:30 Start of Europe Talks	Thousands of participants all across Europe and 100 debate pairs in the audience start their dialogue

The program will be rounded out with music by **The String Orchestra** and art by **Yvonne Lee Schultz**.

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