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ENACT is a consortium bringing together researchers from three original member states of the European Union (UK, Belgium and the Netherlands), two new member states (Hungary and Latvia) and a candidate state (Turkey) to explore in depth how European citizenship is claimed, disputed, built – in short, enacted.

European citizenship is an unprecedented project in the making. But it is not simply about status and rights. There is a dynamic element too: citizens, third country nationals, refugees, illegal aliens and states enact claims to citizenship. This major new research programme asks: how do acts shape our ideas of subjects of citizenship, and the very idea of citizenship itself?

Acts that articulate claims to citizenship (and produce claimants) create new sites of belonging and identification. These differ from traditional, and still important, sites of citizenship such as voting, social security, and military obligation. Acts of citizenship stretch across boundaries. They also produce new subjects and scales of citizenship. By investigating acts we expand the focus from what people say (opinions, perceptions, attitudes) to what people do – an important supplement, and sometimes a corrective, to a conventional focus on what people or authorities (EU as well as national courts, agencies, organisations) say about European citizenship and identification.

Work Package 1

Directing research

The Open University

Prof. Engin Isin

Provides intellectual and organisational leadership on reassessing European citizenship by focusing on its key concepts ‘acts of citizenship’ and ‘enacting citizenship’.

Work Package 2

Framing research

The Open University

Prof. Michael Saward

Integrates the findings across the ENACT programme, fostering consistency in the framing and presentation of the research. Pinpoints comparative and theoretical innovations. Directs research dissemination, from scholarly books to EU policy briefings and media presentations.

Work Package 3

Enacting mobility: a more democratic European citizenship?

The Open University

Dr. Jef Huysmans
Dr. Claudia Aradau
Dr. Vicki Squire

While European citizenship is modelled upon national ideas of citizenship, the EU as a multi-level project questions the primacy of the national. This work package challenges the value-oriented concept of European citizenship derived from national models, investigating acts of mobile citizens and their potential for constituting a democratic European citizenship.

Work Package 4

State acts of depriving citizenship

Radboud University

Prof. Elspeth Guild

Examines the formal enactment of citizenship in a number of member states through the *deprivation* of citizenship. Compares legal and political obligations of states regarding the enactment of citizenship by their nationals in EU and international law and practice, and analyses the meaning of state practices of deprivation of citizenship with respect to belonging and difference.

Work Package 5

Acts of citizenship and the expansion of the political: performative politics by excluded groups in Hungary and Germany

Central European University

Prof. Ayşe Çağlar
Ass. Prof. Prem Kumar

Investigates how those excluded by EU citizenship schemes, mainly third country nationals and undocumented migrants, become claimants of rights and pose challenges to the boundaries of political community and political space envisaged by the EU. Concentrates on acts of citizenship of the excluded in Hungary and Germany

through which participatory claims are performed and the boundaries of the political are challenged. These acts of citizenship refer to the performances of those who are ‘in but not of’ the EU – the claimants of rights despite their legal status.

Work Package 6

Enacting European citizenship in Turkey: actors, discourses, strategies

Koç University

Prof. Fuat Keyman,
Ass. Prof. Bahar Rumelili

Identifies the ways in which specific groups of Turkish citizens enact European citizenship, and analyses the similarities and differences in their acts. To understand how Turkey’s EU candidacy and accession process have shaped the ways in which Turkish citizens ‘enact European citizenship’, the research examines the impact of these practices on EU policies towards Turkey, and on Turkish domestic politics.

Work Package 7

European Court of Justice and enacting citizenship

The Centre for European Policy Studies

Mr. Sergio Carrera

Council Directive 2003/109/EC of November 2003 has officially recognised and covered the legal status of those non-EU nationals who have resided for a long period of time in the territory of a member state. This work package addresses the vulnerabilities inherent in using ‘nationality’ and ‘residence’ as the linking factors determining and giving access to certain acts of citizenship in the European Union.

Work Package 8

Enacting European citizenship in Latvia: national, minority and civic youth discourses

Riga Graduate School of Law

Prof. Kristine Kruma

Analyses how the process of Latvia becoming a member of the EU changed the ways in which Latvian citizens enact European citizenship. Examines the relationship between policy approaches of the EU institutions (before and after enlargement) and specific groups in Latvia.

