



**Empower, Connect, Advocate for
Inclusion, Participation, Solidarity, Social Justice and Freedom**

Citizens For Europe (CFE) is a civil society organization and social business based in Berlin. We work on the local level across Europe changing political and social structures to foster a more inclusive, democratic and participatory society. We believe collective intelligence can bring inclusive change. We therefore foster collaboration between grassroots activists, civil society, public and private sectors, academia and politics.

Empowering Civil Society

A part of our team is especially dedicated to facilitating transnational cooperation and strengthening civil society and solidarity across Europe. Individuals, marginalized communities, and non-profit organizations should have the opportunity to actively participate and be directly involved in decision-making processes that affect their lives. We therefore seek to support them in their endeavor to be heard and to take decisions, providing them for instance with mini-grants, tailored trainings and the tools they need, as well as sharing our networks and infrastructure with them. We are active locally and transnationally, in partnerships with civil society organizations and civil rights activists.

Advocating for Inclusion



Our Vielfalt entscheidet – Diversity in Leadership team operates as a Think-and-Do Tank. We focus on the development of tools, demands and strategies that are necessary to bring advocacy for inclusion to the next level. We work with administrations, political parties, academia, companies and organizations that are interested

in approaching and fostering marginalized communities, especially racialized minorities. Our applied research, equality data collection and consulting services allow organizations to prioritize diverse communities, identify intersectional discrimination and develop recruitment and organizational strategies that reflect the diversity of our society.

Our name: A bottom-up approach

When we started our activities in 2009, our work focused on promoting a new and inclusive form of transnational and residence-based EU citizenship, independent of the national citizenship. The current European citizenship, tied to citizenship of a member state, discriminates against EU citizens that are transnationally mobile and so-called third-country nationals. It implies their exclusion from political and social participation. A new cosmopolitan European citizenship would embrace all long-term residents of the EU and empower them to fully participate politically and socially.

Against this background we chose our name “Citizens For Europe” to highlight this conception of citizenship. We playfully reversed the name of the EU funding program “Europe for Citizens” to counter the top-down and nation-based dynamic that it implies with a bottom-up approach to building Europe.