

EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP IN CONTEXT OF LISBON TREATY

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ABSTRACT: *European Union is a sui generis institutional building which aims to assert its position and role in different fields: political, economic, social, and cultural and to translate into life his political and society project. Broadening and deepening cohesion between Member States are the two axes of development and strengthening of the EU. In this respect, it is considered that the objectives of European Union can be achieved only if the member states act for realization in real life of the concept of European citizen, with its own identity, conscious and convinced that belongs to European culture, a common system of values that have to protect and promote it.*

The first regulation on Union citizenship was introduced by the Maastricht Treaty, which stipulates that " it is introduce a citizenship of the Union" and continuing stating, is a citizen of the European Union every person holding the nationality of a Member State ".

Lisbon Treaty comes and complete the concept of European citizenship, as a corollary of developments started with the Maastricht and following Amsterdam and Nice.

This paper aims to identify the innovations that the Lisbon Treaty and their interpretation in the context of the debate on this treaty constitutionalism.

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