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Extracts from the Debate on the Future of Europe with the participation of Viviane Reding and Lucinda Creighton

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The European Commission and the Irish Presidency launched the European Year of Citizens in Dublin City Hall on 10 January 2013. On this occasion, Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, and Lucinda Creighton, Irish Minister of State for European Affairs, held an open debate with over 200 citizens. The debate marked the start of a year filled with events dedicated to citizens and their rights as Europeans. 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of EU citizenship, introduced by the Maastricht Treaty in 1993. It is also one year before the European Parliament elections. At this crucial juncture in the move towards a stronger Europe, it is a fitting time to dedicate 2013 to EU citizens and their rights. Throughout the year 2013, Viviane Reding and other EU Commissioners will join forces with national and local politicians to hold debates with citizens all across Europe – to listen to them and answer their questions.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, Enda Kenny, Irish Prime Minister and President in office of the Council of the EU, and Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship	00:00:07
10:00:12	General views of the debate room and the audience (2 shots)	00:00:15
10:00:28	Viviane Reding and Lucinda Creighton, Irish Minister of State for European Affairs	00:00:04
10:00:32	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that the problem in Greece is that they never built up a system where taxation is paid by wealthy people; wealthy people escaped taxation while those who earned very little paid; that is why all over the countries the EU have experts to build up a system of taxation so that this doesn't happen anymore; they have seen a lot of deficits happening but they have also given the freedom to the Member States to take those measures they need to take in order to restore a healthy situation. (3 shots)	00:00:40

10:01:13	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03
10:01:17	SOUNDBITE by Lucinda Creighton (in ENGLISH) saying that the first thing that we have to acknowledge and accept is that young people, not just in Ireland but across Europe and particularly in the countries that are in acute crisis at the moment - the programme countries plus Spain and others - young people are the people who have suffered most through this crisis; young people are the ones who are not in a position to gain employment now, young people are the ones who when we talk about reforms and cuts in spending in public service for example are now taking the brunt of it, taking the hit. (4 shots)	00:00:34
10:01:51	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that one of the ideas of the citizens dialogue is to share more; what is said during the debate will not stay there, it will be going out throughout Europe; all the other citizens dialogues will be linked to that and there will be a citizens report coming out which will be shared also by the European Parliament. (3 shots)	00:00:25
10:02:17	General view of the debate room	00:00:03
10:02:20	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that we should take advantage of these female talents that Europe has educated; 65% of the university graduates in Ireland are women; what an investment from the families, from the girls themselves, from the young women into this training, and then they're forgotten; we can't afford that anymore and that is why the European Commission is leading all these policies in order to give female talents a real chance. (4 shots)	00:00:38
10:02:58	Viviane Reding and Lucinda Creighton	00:00:02
10:03:01	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03