

## ECPR/EURA SUMMER SCHOOL: COLLABORATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY

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### BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The 2018 Training School on “*Collaborative local government for an open society*” is one of the long-lasting series of summer course for Ph.D. students interested in local government issues. It is co-organized by the European Urban Research Association and Standing Group for Local Government and Politics of ECPR, and gives an opportunity to develop the understanding of comparative local government studies in Europe and to discuss Ph.D. dissertation with experienced professors of different disciplines and coming from different countries.

The shift from government to governance together with the contextual changes (including globalization and European integration) has pushed local governments to operate in a complex environment of networks of cooperation with other public, business and societal actors. At the same time, frequent disappointment with traditional mechanisms of representative democracy mechanisms has led to phenomena such as decreasing trust in (local) public authorities, lowering turn-out in elections or vanishing membership in national political parties. This has also given incentives to experiments and innovations related to new forms of community involvement and citizens’ participation in local governance.

For further academic information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options please visit the web site at:

<http://summeruniversity.ceu.edu/collaborative-2018>

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