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Citizenship Values, Participation Behaviors and Community Engagement in EU Documents: Research Tools for the EU's Reports on Citizenship (2010-2017)

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Abstract

The present analysis of the linkage citizenship values - participation behaviors - community engagement focuses on a *four-linkages methodology* for enabling high-listed concepts within the context of six official documents of the period 2001-2017: (1) “Report from the Commission Fourth Report on Citizenship of the Union (1 May 2001 – 30 April 2004)”; (2) “Report from the Commission Fifth Report on Citizenship of the Union (1 May 2004 – 30 June 2007)”; (3) “Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee On progress towards effective EU Citizenship 2007-2010”; (4) “EU Citizenship Report 2010 Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens’ rights”; (5) “Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social committee and the Committee of the Regions under Article 25 TFEU On progress towards effective EU Citizenship 2011-2013”; (6) “EU Citizenship Report 2017 Strengthening Citizens’ Rights in a Union of Democratic Change”. The study appeals to the quantitative and qualitative content analysis of more than forty key topics configuring the citizenship values - participation behaviors - community engagement within the official documentation of the European Union.

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1. Introduction

The present study reviews the linkage citizenship values - participation behaviors -community engagement within the European Union (EU) legal framework. Citizenship and participation patterns have been designed as part of the European institutional establishment. A set of legal developments challenges and assist the citizen participation and community engagement within the European governance. While much studies have focused citizenship and civic engagement, there is a recent debate on the mobilizing contexts, social identity, norms of citizenship and good governance (Kotzian, 2014: 58-83; Rumelili, Keyman, Isyar, 2011: 1295-1316). Kotzian admits in his study that the exigencies of the citizenship values are enabled as a “precondition” for the functionality of the human society and for the governance features determining a three-level framework for the attachment to: the civic values and norms legitimacy of the political system, the welfare policies and the individual-level characteristics (Kotzian, 2014: 58-83). Joppke also argues that the citizens’ manifestations and the citizens’ involvement in the public sector and their relationship with the state authorities define the new framework of the transformation of citizenship according to: the status, the rights and the identity (Joppke, 2007: 37-48). The literature findings feature a multi-disciplinary analysis that indicate the EU governance legitimacy and institutional effectiveness. This institutional legitimacy and effectiveness associate: (i) the differences in institutional perception of the role of European treaties, citizens access to institutions, appropriate institutional information and communication (ii) the community perception and citizen participation operationalizing identity, life, family and nationality accounts (iii) the political and security settings examining the specific area of the: role of political actors and the role of the institutional actors; (iv) the legal outlines and justice approaches to freedoms, fundamental rights and related concepts.

2. State of research and conceptual framing

The conceptual framing of the research tools investigates a variety of social, political and legal concepts focusing on a cross-scale monitoring of the EU’s Citizenship Reports in the period 2001-2017. The study explores the appearances of more than forty key concepts linking the contexts of: (i) “citizenship” and “participation”; (ii) “participation” and “community engagement”; (iii) “citizenship” and “community engagement”.

2.1. Section 1. “Citizenship” and “participation” context

The research dimension of “citizenship” and “participation” reviews the systematic conceptual approaches to a variety of concepts and social norms setting attitudinal influences. The study considers the recent literature’s extents “beyond market integration” and the members state’s transition challenges (Wollenschläger, 2010: 1-34; Dalton, 2008: 76-98 Olimid, 2013: 9-13). Moreover, the EU citizenship, the citizen participation and the community engagement assign the primacy of the institutional governance in the field of rights and freedoms. The research on “citizenship” and “participation” examines three patterns designing higher relevance to the analysis and considering: (i) the report of the influenced decision making and core freedoms (Kostakopoulou, 2007: 623-646); (ii) the examination of the norms, social activism and “institutional forms of participation” (Bolzendahl, Coffé, 2013: 45-63); (iii) the

observation of the legal-conceptual fundamentals of the EU's citizenship interrelating the civil, social and political rights (Soysal, 2012: 1-21; Straughn, Andriot, 2011: 556-580), the boundaries of citizenship and the gaps of the social cohesion or human development (Faist, Bilecen, 2014: 282-293; Olimid, Olimid; 2016: 35-47) and the linkages of social protection, social citizenship and citizenship functions (Davy, Davy, Leisering, 2013: S1-S4; Turner, 2007: 5-18; Revi, 2012: 452-462). Moreover, Turner argues that the citizenship functions examine more the social solidarity issues based on the investigation of the "identity, civil virtue and community" (Turner, 2007: 5-18). Revi also accepts the "social citizenship" development, but he also determines its new normative appearances claiming for "real equality", "social rights" and "civil liberties" (Revi, 2012: 452-462).

2.2. Section 2. "Participation" and "community engagement" context

The research dimension of "participation" and "community engagement" has three dimensions: (i) the social dimension of the civic engagement within the community experience assigning the family, community, friends and professional extents (Taylor, Pancer, 2007: 320-345) ; (ii) the political approach enhancing the concept of the "European identity" (Lobeira, 2012: 504-517) or the "compulsory community service" (Henderson, Brown and Pancer, 2012: 93-103); (iii) the normative perception and legal determination exploring the patterns of the legal between individual involvement and specific levels of involvement in the society (Lundåsen, 2015: 140-157). Henderson et al. argues that the "positive actions" explore the following social patterns: the "community service"; the "political activism"; the "political involvement"; the "civic engagement" (Henderson, Brown and Pancer, 2012: 93-103). Overall, Lundåsen maps a different form of the political participation and involvement: the relationship between the voluntary association and the level of involvement in community activities (Lundåsen, 2015: 140-157). The author contributes to the understanding of forms of participation and the community policies and processes based upon a multilevel local sample (Lundåsen, 2015: 140-157).

2.3. Section 3. "Citizenship" and "community engagement" context

The third determinant of "citizenship" and "community engagement" links the findings of: (i) the "civic culture" and local government enabling political legitimacy and policy cohesion (Andrews, Cowell, Downe, 2010: 595-610) and (ii) the research of education, "engaged citizens", "good citizenship" and "citizenship curriculum" (Tonge, Mycock, Jeffery, 2012: 578-602). Andrews et al. promote the idea of the "civic culture" as a form to empower and support the citizens and to enhance the local decision making processes and the "social harmony" (Andrews, Cowell, Downe, 2010: 595-610). Moreover, Tonge et al. identify the substantial role of the "citizenship education", "civil engagement (volunteering)" and "civic activity" drawing upon the "emerging policy challenges" of "better-engaged citizens" (Tonge, Mycock, Jeffery, 2012: 578-602). In this direction, Stephens argues that the "standard understanding" of citizenship draws on the following characteristics: (i) the acknowledgment of the "political community"; (ii) the etwork of ideas within a community; (iii) the various patterns of understanding and analysing the concept of "community" (Stephens, 2010: 31-46).

3. Research questions

The research questions of the present study explore the conceptual approaches of more than forty key concepts featured in six EU's Citizenship Reports delivered for the period 2001-2017. The research questions accumulate particular factors (family, society, community, state etc.) by increasing the citizenship, participation and community

engagement to resonate within the EU governance as follows: *Q_a*: What are the main determinants of the linkage citizenship values – participation behaviour - community engagement? *Q_b*: Why the EU'S Citizenship Reports are relevant for the focused topics? *Q_c*: Why the linkages like citizen-institutions, political and security, society and community, law-rights associate the value citizens approach to the European governance establishments? *Q_d*: What are the average values of all the selected topics while analysing the comparative appearances in the period 2001-2017?

4. Methods and methodology

The research focuses on a *four-linkages methodology* for enabling high-listed concepts within the context of six official documents for the period 2001-2017: (1) “Report from the Commission Fourth Report on Citizenship of the Union (1 May 2001 – 30 April 2004)” (hereinafter *D₁*); (2) “Report from the Commission Fifth Report on Citizenship of the Union (1 May 2004 – 30 June 2007)” (hereinafter *D₂*); (3) “Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee On progress towards effective EU Citizenship 2007-2010” (hereinafter *D₃*); (4) “EU Citizenship Report 2010 Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens’ rights” (hereinafter *D₄*); (5) “Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social committee and the Committee of the Regions under Article 25 TFEU On progress towards effective EU Citizenship 2011-2013” (hereinafter *D₅*); (6) “EU Citizenship Report 2017 Strengthening Citizens’ Rights in a Union of Democratic Change” (hereinafter *D₆*).

4.1. Research settings and design

All six documents (*D₁*-*D₆*) are analysed using the word count approach and the results are detailed in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 4. *Positive conceptual framing* is designed using each concept. Difference of the findings for each document and linkages result in the many conceptual variations (Column 2-6). Tables 1-4 correlate the results of the quantitative content analysis of the EU documentation between 2001 and 2017. Table 5 classifies the average value of the selected topics by ranking the following scales of the results: (i) between 2,00-5,00; (ii) between 5,00-10,00; (iii) between 10,00-50,00; (iv) 50,00-110.

4.2. Research design

For each concept, the analysis assigns N_{1-n} as the focused concepts ranging simple to complex conceptual determinants for each linkage: (i) the institutional linkage (*L1*) (Table 1 and Figure 1); (ii) the social linkage (*L2*) (Table 2 and Figure 2); (iii) the political linkage (*L3*) (Table 3 and Figure 3) and (iv) the rights linkage (*L4*) (Table 4 and Figure 4). Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 show the results of the searches and reporting the *values of top to low ranked concepts* for each document (*D₁*-*D₆*) and each linkage (Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 4). For each table (Table 1-Table 4), we consider for: (i) Column 1 the selection of the researched topics; (ii) from Column 2 to Column 7 the tables represent the results of content analysis of each concept and their conceptual variables (such as *institution, treaty, European Union, European Parliament, petition(s), Member State(s), citizenship, citizen, information, communication* etc.) and (iii) Column 8 the display of the average results for each topic and each document analyzed (also detailed for all the topics in Table 5 and Figure 5). The number of the rows reports the number of topics considered for analysis (from $N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4, N_5...$ to N_n) (Column 1, Table 1, Table 2, Table 3, Table 4).

4.3. Research sample

The concepts investigated display: (i) *a conceptual mapping* enabling the research agenda of citizenship-participation-community engagement and (ii) *a conceptual monitoring* of the top to the low ranked concepts displayed in Tables 1-4. The *four-linkages methodology* is based on a five-steps content analysis setting using the official EU documentation of the six reports on EU citizenship released between 2001-2007 and comprising more than 50 topics as follow: Step 1: Establishment of the Research settings (research questions and research agenda); Step 2: Development of the concept mapping (key topics, relating concepts etc.); Step 3. Enabling the content analysis and acknowledgement of the research findings on the four linkages; Step 4. Development and monitoring of the conceptual monitoring; Step 5. Results and discussions (Diagram 1).

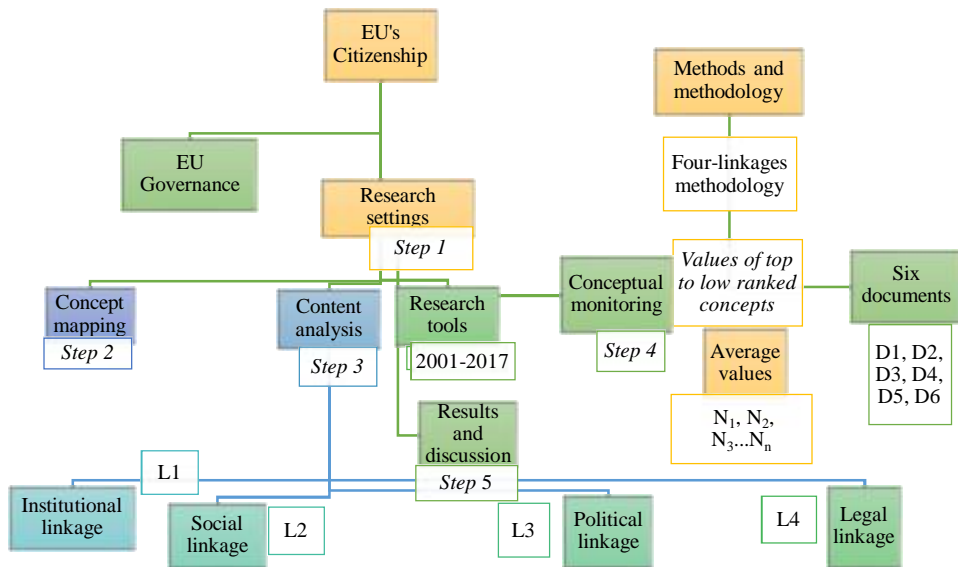


Diagram 1. Research mapping and conceptual monitoring settings of citizenship, participation and community engagement within the EU's Citizenship Report (2001-2017). Source: Author's own representation

5. Results and discussion

5.1. Institutional Linkage

Table 1 explores more than fourteen concepts from N_1 (*institution*) to N_{14} (*residence*) relating topics that define the conceptual frames of the institutional linkage with multi-options and forms of text using and phrase implementation such as: *treaty* (N_2), *petition* (N_5), *European Union* (N_3), *complaint(s)* (N_7), *information* (N_{12}), *communication* (N_{13}) (Table 1, Column 1). Table 1 also highlights the fact that the institutional linkage also enables a based-to-complex conceptual framework mapping the institutional engagement such as: *institution* (N_1), *European Union* (N_3), *European Parliament* (N_4), *Ombudsman* (N_6), *Member State* (N_8). The third core category of the first linkage bases the discussion in the core understandings of *citizen* (N_{10}) - *citizens* (N_{11}) - *citizenship* (N_9) (Column 1). Following the number of appearances of each topic in each of the six documents (Column 2-Column 7), the results of the Table 3 enable the top ranked concepts of *citizens* (303 results) (N_{11} , Column 7), *Member State* (65 results) (N_8 , Column 3), *citizenship* (57 results) (N_{10} , Column 7) and *information* (44 results) (N_{12} , Column 5).

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This institutional approach to the citizenship tasks enables a particular feedback on the information and communication processes within the EU framework. Moreover, the citizens' motivations and expectations are explored to determine whether repeat institutional engagements encourage more community involvement (Table 1). The three top ranked concepts emphasize the relationship between the individual level of the analysis and the community level (Table 1 and Figure 1). For the topic of *residence*, Table 1 identifies the following results: 8 results (N₁₄, D₆), 13 results (N₁₄, D₅), 14 results (N₁₄, D₄), 19 results (N₁₄, D₃), 20 results (N₁₄, D₂), 28 results (N₁₄, D₁). In Column 8, the analysis indicates the following average results from the lowest to the highest values: *residence* (17 average result); *institution* (3,33 average result); *treaty* (3,33 average result); *Ombudsman* (4,66 average result); *petition(s)* (6,66 average result); *communication* (6,83 average result); *complaint(s)* (7,5 average result); *European Union* (10,83 average result); *citizen* (15,5 average result); *European Parliament* (16,83 average result); *information* (19,5); *citizenship* (37,5 average result); *Member State(s)* (54,66 average result); *citizens* (average result 101,33) (Table 8, Column 8).

Table 1. Institutional Linkage (L1)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Selection of Topics (items and variables)	Report from the Commission	Report from the Commission	Report from the Commission	EU Citizenship Report	Report from the Commission	EU Citizenship Report 2017	
	Period (year)	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	D ₄	D ₅	D ₆	Average
N ₁	<i>Institution</i>	2001-2004	2004-2007	2007-2010	2010	2011-2013	2017	3,33
		2	2	2	4	2	8	
N ₂	<i>Treaty</i>	21	4	13	9	5	5	3,33
N ₃	<i>European Union</i>	8	4	21	17	3	12	10,83
N ₄	<i>European Parliament</i>	19	3	18	23	16	22	16,83
N ₅	<i>Petition(s)</i>	5	10	10	0	14	1	6,66
N ₆	<i>Ombudsman</i>	7	8	7	0	6	0	4,66
N ₇	<i>Complaint(s)</i>	8	9	10	8	7	3	7,5
N ₈	<i>Member State(s)</i>	46	65	65	50	46	56	54,66
N ₉	<i>Citizenship</i>	26	27	50	48	17	57	37,5
N ₁₀	<i>Citizen</i>	56	5	14	11	3	4	15,5
N ₁₁	<i>Citizens</i>	52	40	54	128	31	303	101,33
N ₁₂	<i>Information</i>	7	1	9	44	1	55	19,5
N ₁₃	<i>Communication</i>	9	3	5	18	3	3	6,83
N ₁₄	<i>Residence</i>	28	20	19	14	13	8	17

Source: Author's own selection and compilation based on the content analysis of the documents retrieved from: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2004_695_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2008_85_en.pdf; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52010DC0602&from=EN>; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2010_603_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2013_270_en.pdf; http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-118_en.htm

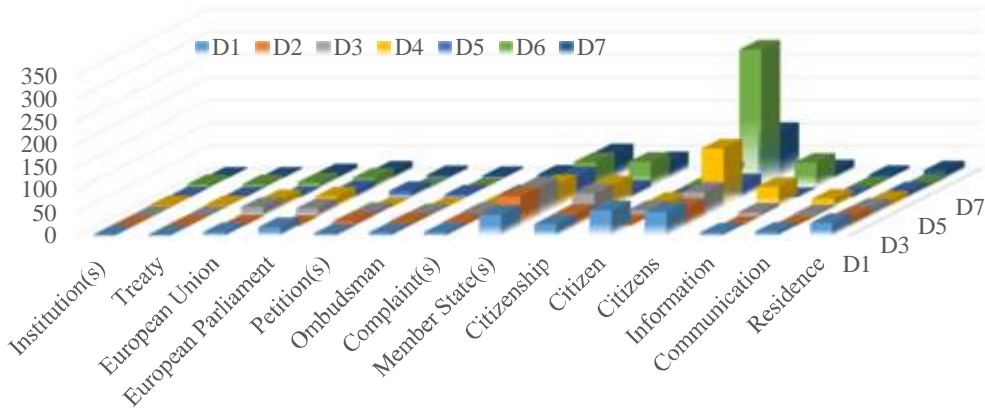


Figure 1. Institutional Linkage (L1). Source: Author’s own selection and compilation based on the content analysis of the documents retrieved from: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2004_695_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2008_85_en.pdf; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52010DC0602&from=EN>; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2010_603_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2013_270_en.pdf; http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-118_en.htm

5.2. Social linkage

Table 2 undertakes a social analysis of the individual and community baselines for the topics of: *community (ies)* (N₁), *life* (N₂), *identity* (N₃), *integration* (N₄), *health* (N₅), *freedom* (N₆), *mobility* (N₇), *education* (N₈), *family* (N₉), *assistance* (N₁₀), *initiative* (N₁₁), *protection* (N₁₂), *society* (N₁₃), *public* (N₁₄), *nationality* (N₁₅), *person (s, al, ally)* (N₁₆), *participation (participate)* (N₁₇), *worker (s, ing)* (N₁₈) (Column 2, Table 2). The next six columns confirm the various results for the checked topics of the Column 1 by adding and grouping the social-community variables of: (i) *motivation and initiatives of personal and community engagement* (N₃, N₄, N₆, N₇, N₁₁, N₁₇); (ii) *individual factors and community encounters* (N₁, N₂, N₉, N₁₄, N₁₅, N₁₆, N₁₈) (iii) *European society’s* outcomes (N₅, N₈, N₁₀, N₁₂, N₁₃). This three levels of the social linkage lead to the following changes considering the highest ranking of the selected topics: *health* (35 results, D₄, N₅, Column 6), *protection* (19 results, D₄, N₁₂, Column 5) and *public* (46 results, D₇, N₁₄, Column 7), *life* (21 results, N₂, Column 7). Table 2 also adds to the social analysis of the individual and community baselines the personal variable, which depends on three coefficients: 1. the *mobility* dimension; 2. the *initiative* dimension and 3. the *integration* dimension (Figure 2). Column 8 of the Table 2 indicates the average results (considered from the lowest to the highest) as follows: *identity* (2,66 average result); *freedom(s)* (3,5 average result); *society* (3,66 average result); *mobility* (3,83 average result); *education* (3,83 average result); *community(ies)* (5,83 average result); *assistance* (6,16 average result); *initiative* (6,33 average result); *worker(s, ing)* (8,66 average result); *person(s, al, ally)* (11 average result); *protection* (11,83 average result); *nationality* (11,66 average result) (Table 2, Column 8).

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Table 2. Social Linkage (L2)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Selection of Topics (items and variables)	Report from the Commission	Report from the Commission	Report from the Commission	EU Citizenship Report	Report from the Commission	EU Citizenship Report 2017	
	Period (year)	<i>D</i> ₁	<i>D</i> ₂	<i>D</i> ₃	<i>D</i> ₄	<i>D</i> ₅	<i>D</i> ₆	<i>Average</i>
		2001-2004	2004-2007	2007-2010	2010	2011-2013	2017	
N ₁	Community (ies)	13	8	10	3	0	1	5,83
N ₂	Life	1	3	2	8	2	21	6,16
N ₃	Identity	1	2	1	2	1	9	2,66
N ₄	Integration	3	12	4	1	1	7	4,66
N ₅	Health	1	1	0	35	0	10	7,83
N ₆	Freedom(s)	5	2	2	4	2	6	3,5
N ₇	Mobility	2	2	0	9	1	9	3,83
N ₈	Education	4	0	1	6	2	10	3,83
N ₉	Family	9	8	7	5	8	16	8,83
N ₁₀	Assistance	7	2	0	11	0	17	6,16
N ₁₁	Initiative	0	2	6	10	10	10	6,33
N ₁₂	Protection	10	10	9	19	7	16	11,83
N ₁₃	Society	1	2	3	4	0	12	3,66
N ₁₄	Public	9	7	3	12	1	46	13
N ₁₅	Nationality	13	15	15	3	18	6	11,66
N ₁₆	Person (s, al, ally)	11	9	13	12	3	18	11
N ₁₇	Participation (participate)	5	9	11	4	6	31	11
N ₁₈	Worker (s, ing)	7	3	6	14	7	15	8,66

Source: Author's own selection and compilation based on the content analysis of the documents retrieved from: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2004_695_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2008_85_en.pdf; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52010DC0602&from=EN>; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2010_603_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2013_270_en.pdf; http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-118_en.htm

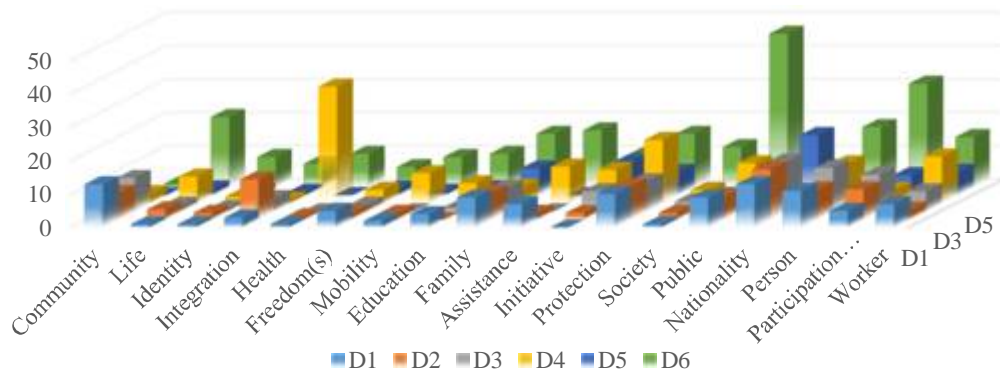


Figure 2. Social Linkage (L2). Source: Author's own selection and compilation based on the content analysis of the documents retrieved from: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2004_695_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2008_85_en.pdf; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52010DC0602&from=EN>; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2010_603_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2013_270_en.pdf; http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-118_en.htm

Moreover, the topics of Member State involvement and participation becomes also decisive once the selection of the *assistance* and *protection* are comprised ranging for

the first topic from 11 results (D₄) and 17 results (D₇) to 16 results (D₇) and 19 results (D₄) (Table 2 and Figure 2).

5.3. Political linkage

The political linkage adds other determinants making the correlation between the information and the dialogue topics. Clearly, the political linkage motivates and links: (i) the national factors by exploring the appearance and influence of the topics: *states* (N₄, Column 1) and *political parties* (N₅, Column 1) and (ii) the European patterns by largely scrutinizing the impact of national events and the motivation of information and dialogue of the topics: *European* (N₆, Column 1), *cross-border* (N₈, Column 1) and *Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU* (N₉, Column 1) (Table 3 and Figure 3). Overall, Table 3 suggests the highest levels of the appearances of the following topics: *European* (127 results, D₆), *security* (40 results, D₆), *states* (54 results, D₄) and *cross-border* (32 results, D₄).

Table 3 and Figure 3 also splits the political linkage into two main components expressing the motivation of engagement: (i) the *policy* component (N₂) connecting the following results in the period 2001-2017: 3 results (D₁ and D₄) and 8 results (D₆) and (ii) the stimulating features of *dialogue* (8 results for D₆ and 4 results for D₄) and of the *Charter of the Fundamental Rights of the EU* (9 results for D₁) (Table 3 and Figure 3). Moreover, the average results of Column 8 indicate (from the lowest to the highest average result): *dialogue* (3,33 average result), *Charter/ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU* (4 average result); *states* (43,33 average result); *political parties* (3); *security* (9,66 average result); *European* 71,33 average result); *cross-border* (10,8 average result) (Table 3).

Table 3. Political Linkage (L3)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Selection of Topics (items and variables)	Report from the Commission	Report from the Commission	Report from the Commission	EU Citizenship Report	Report from the Commission	EU Citizenship Report 2017	
	Period (year)	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	D ₄	D ₅	D ₆	Average
N ₁	<i>Political</i>	5	11	1	20	1	27	10,83
N ₂	<i>Policy</i>	3	2	5	3	4	8	4,16
N ₃	<i>Security</i>	3	2	1	12	0	40	9,66
N ₄	<i>States</i>	29	43	51	54	33	50	43,33
N ₅	<i>Political parties</i>	4	6	0	4	1	3	3
N ₆	<i>European</i>	49	38	65	114	35	127	71,33
N ₇	<i>Dialogue</i>	1	2	2	4	3	8	3,33
N ₈	<i>Cross-border</i>	1	1	0	32	0	20	10,8
N ₉	<i>Charter/ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU</i>	9	1	3	3	7	1	4

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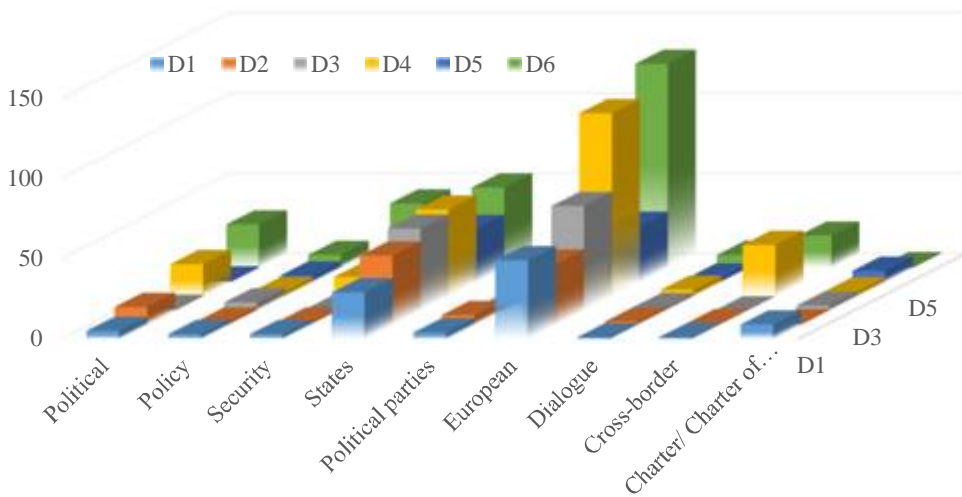


Figure 3. Political Linkage (L3). Source: Author’s own selection and compilation based on the content analysis of the documents retrieved from: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2004_695_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2008_85_en.pdf; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52010DC0602&from=EN>; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2010_603_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizen/files/com_2013_270_en.pdf; http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-118_en.htm

5.4. Rights linkage

Table 4 and Figure 4 develop the rights linkage applied to ten topics taken into account the measurement of the appearances in the six documents (D1-D6). The results identify the main determinants of the legal encounters of citizenship-participation-community engagement study as follows: (i) the *legal* component: *law* (N₁, N₂, N₃, N₄, N₇, N₈, N₉, N₁₀) (ii) the *diplomatic* and *consular* component (N₅, N₆). The rights linkage is highly influenced by the topics of: *rights* (131 results, D₇), *directive(s)* (42 results, D₇), *law* (28 results, D₄) and *electoral* (20 results, D₆). The topics displayed in Table 4 and Figure 4 refer to the EU law and fundamental rights noting the top values of the topics of *justice* (17 results for D₄ and 20 results for D₆); *fundamental rights* (14 results for D₂, 13 results for D₁ and 10 results for D₃) and *EU law* (12 results for D₃ and 9 results for D₅).

As can be observed from the results of Table 4, the majority of the topics display constant elements reporting: 1-4 results (N₂-D₂, N₅-D₅; N₅-D₆; N₁₀-D₃ etc.); 5-50 results (N₁-D₅; N₂-D₃; N₁₀-D₂; N₇-D₆; N₄-D₆ etc.); 51-150 results (N₃-D₆; N₃-D₄) (Table 4 and Figure 4). Considering the average results of the Column 8, Table 4 indicates the following findings: *diplomatic* (3,66 average result), *EU law* (5,66 average result), *regulation(s)* (6,66 average result); *regulation(s)* (8,33 average result); *fundamental rights* (9,33 average result); *justice* (9,83 average result); *law* (17,83 average result); *directive(s)* 23,16 (average result) *rights* (67,5 average result).

Table 4. Rights Linkage (L4)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Selection of Topics (items and variables) Period (year)	Report from the Commission D_1 2001-2004	Report from the the Commission D_2 2004-2007	Report from the Commission D_3 2007-2010	EU Citizen-ship Report D_4 2010	Report from the Commission D_5 2011-2013	EU Citizen-ship Report 2017 D_6 2017	Average
N ₁	Law	9	15	24	28	7	24	17,83
N ₂	Justice	4	2	7	17	9	20	9,83
N ₃	Rights	48	39	43	116	28	131	67,5
N ₄	Fundamental rights	13	14	10	4	6	9	9,33
N ₅	Diplomatic	6	7	3	3	2	1	3,66
N ₆	Consular	6	7	8	10	7	12	8,33
N ₇	EU law	0	0	12	6	9	7	5,66
N ₈	Directive(s)	25	22	17	10	23	42	23,16
N ₉	Regulation(s)	7	4	4	3	1	21	6,66
N ₁₀	Electoral	9	7	2	9	3	20	8,33

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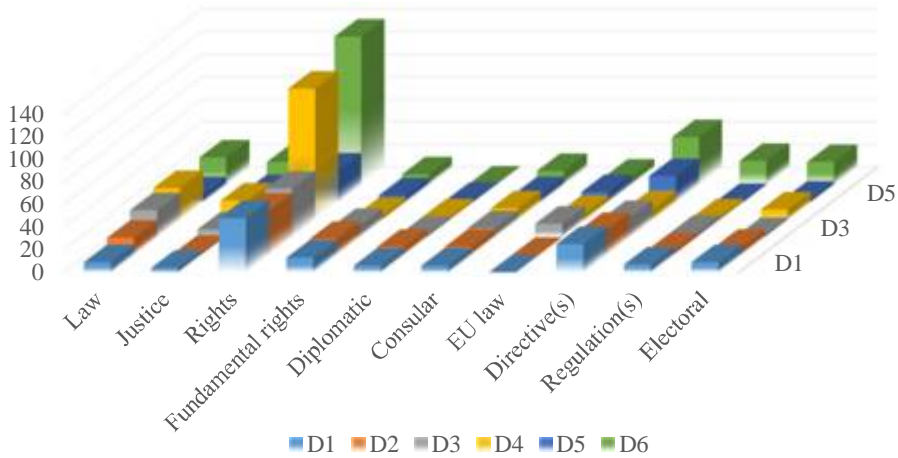


Figure 4. Rights Linkage (L4). Source: Author's own selection and compilation based on the content of the documents retrieved from:

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5.5. Average value

Table 5 indicates the average values of the selected topics from the lowest to the highest. Column 1 of the Table 5 indicates the average values of the selected topic, Column 2 and Column 5 indicate the topics and the Column 3 and Column 6 indicate the average value for each concept: (i) average value between 2,00 and 5,00: *identity* (2,66); *political parties* (3); *institution* (3,33); *treaty* (3,33); *dialogue* (3,33); *freedom(s)* (3,5); *society* (3,66); *mobility* (3,83); *education* (3,83); *Charter/ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU* (4); *policy* (4,16); *Ombudsman* (4,66); *integration* (4,86); (ii) average value between 5,00 and 10,00: *community(ies)* (5,83); *assistance* (6,16); *initiative* (6,33); *petition(s)* (6,66); *communication* (6,83); *complaint(s)* (7,5); *health* (7,83); *worker(s,ing)* (8,66); *family* (8,83); *security* (9,66); *cross-border* (10,8); (iii) between 10,00-50,00: *European Union* (10,83); *political* (10,83); *person (s, ally)* (11); *participation (participate)* (11); *nationality* (11,66); *protection* (11,83); *public* (13); *citizen* (15,5); *European Parliament* (16,83); *residence* (17); *information* (19,5); *citizenship* (37,5); *states* (43,33); (iv) between 50,00-110: *Member state(s)* (54,66); *European* (71,33); *citizens* (101,33).

Table 5. Average values of the selected topics

No.	Topic selection (items and variables) (I)	Average value (from lowest to the highest) A1- A21	No.	Topic selection (items and variables) (II)	Average value (from lowest to the highest) A22-A41
A1	<i>Identity</i>	2,66	A22	<i>Worker (s, ing)</i>	8,66
A2	<i>Political parties</i>	3	A23	<i>Family</i>	8,83
A3	<i>Institution</i>	3,33	A24	<i>Security</i>	9,66
A4	<i>Treaty</i>	3,33	A25	<i>Cross-border</i>	10,8
A5	<i>Dialogue</i>	3,33	A26	<i>European Union</i>	10,83
A6	<i>Freedom(s)</i>	3,5	A27	<i>Political</i>	10,83
A7	<i>Society</i>	3,66	A28	<i>Person (s, al, ally)</i>	11
A8	<i>Mobility</i>	3,83	A29	<i>Participation (participate)</i>	11
A9	<i>Education</i>	3,83	A30	<i>Nationality</i>	11,66
A10	<i>Charter/ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU</i>	4	A31	<i>Protection</i>	11,83
A11	<i>Policy</i>	4,16	A32	<i>Public</i>	13
A12	<i>Ombudsman</i>	4,66	A33	<i>Citizen</i>	15,5
A13	<i>Integration</i>	4,66	A34	<i>European Parliament</i>	16,83
A14	<i>Community (ies)</i>	5,83	A35	<i>Residence</i>	17
A15	<i>Assistance</i>	6,16	A36	<i>Information</i>	19,5
A16	<i>Life</i>	6,16	A37	<i>Citizenship</i>	37,5
A17	<i>Initiative</i>	6,33	A38	<i>States</i>	43,33
A18	<i>Petition(s)</i>	6,66	A39	<i>Member State(s)</i>	54,66
A19	<i>Communication</i>	6,83	A40	<i>European</i>	71,33
A20	<i>Complaint(s)</i>	7,5	A41	<i>Citizens</i>	101,33
A21	<i>Health</i>	7,83			

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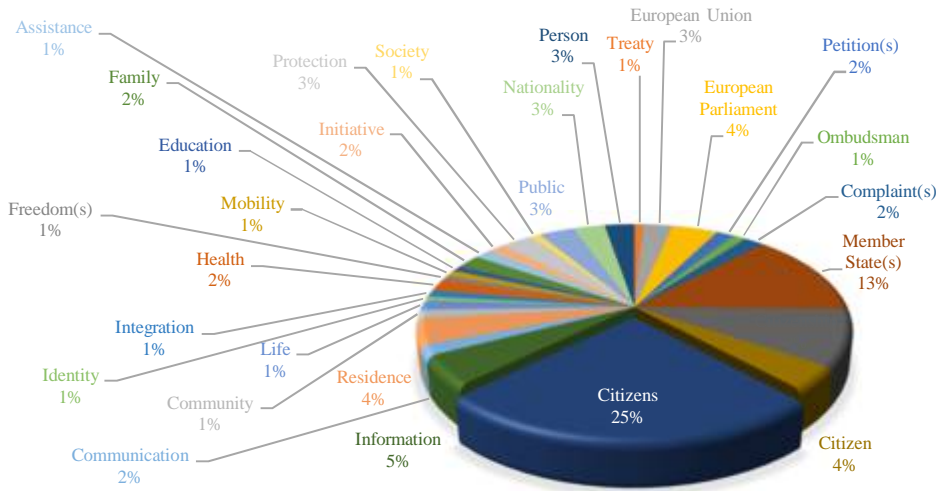


Figure 5. Average values of the selected topics.

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Conclusions

The study of the four linkages: institutional linkage (noted L1) (results displayed in Table 1 and Figure 1); (ii) social linkage (noted L2) (results displayed in Table 2 and Figure 2); (iii) political linkage (noted L3) (results displayed in Table 3 and Figure 3) and (iv) rights linkage (results displayed in Table 4 and Figure 4) answers to the research questions regarding the main determinants of the linkage citizenship-participation-community engagement. The relevancy the European Commission Reports on the citizenship of the Union also profiles the linkages of citizen-institutions, political and security, society and community, law-rights. This four-linkages approach associates and outlines the European governance establishments by linking the internal results of the content analysis with the external results developing the conceptual mapping of the top ranked concepts of the six documents.

The substance of the analysis is focused upon a broad category of topics and their conceptual variables describing the citizenship values – participation behaviors - community engagement enabled within the report on citizenship regarding the period comprised between 2001 and 2017. Table 5 determines the average value of the analysis identifying: thirteen topics between the average value of 2,00 and 5,00; eleven concepts between 5,00 and 10,00; fourteen concepts from 10,00-50,00 and three concepts between 50,00-110.

In response to the institutional challenges of the period, the analysis challenges the need to map the investigation on participation and engagement both at national and European level, at individual and community engagement linking and highlighting the core position of the following topics: *citizens, information, Member State* (Table 1);

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public, life, protection (Table 2); *security, states, cross-border, European* (Table 3); *rights, law and directive(s)* (Table 4). As pointed out by the results identified, mapping the linkages between the citizenship norms, participation behaviors and community engagement is intrinsically a complex process. The citizenship's linkages are a multifaceted conceptual entity associating various topics and undertaking complex understandings that are designed to better define and identify its role within the European Union official documentation.

The consequences of these challenges are reflected in the content analysis outcomes providing evidence at both Member State level and also at the EU level. The above analysis mechanisms optimally show that the linkage (citizens-European Union-Member State) is designed to motivate and enable the EU institutional establishment and the policies within EU governance.

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