About DiEM25

One simple, radical idea is the motivating force behind DiEM25: Democratise Europe! For the EU will either be democratised or it will disintegrate! Our goal to democratise Europe is realistic. It is no more utopian than the initial construction of the European Union was. Indeed, it is less utopian than the attempt to keep alive the current, anti-democratic, fragmenting European Union.

Europe is currently suffering from five crises: debt, banks, poverty, low investment and migration. DiEM25 is the infrastructure which European democrats of all political persuasions will use in order to develop common answers to these crises. We also demand more fundamental change: EU institutions, which were initially designed to serve the industry, need to become fully transparent and accountable to European citizens.

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Democratise Europe! (DiEM25)

Description:
DiEM25 is a pan-European, cross-border movement of democrats. We believe that the European Union is disintegrating. Europeans are losing their faith in the possibility of European solutions to European problems. At the same time as faith in the EU is waning, we see a rise of misanthropy, xenophobia and toxic nationalism. If this development is not stopped, we fear a return to the 1930s. That is why we have come together despite our diverse political traditions - Green, radical left, liberal - in order to repair the EU. The EU needs to become a realm of shared prosperity, peace and solidarity for all Europeans. We must act quickly, before the EU disintegrates.

Stakeholder(s):

European Union:
The European Union was an exceptional achievement, bringing together in peace European peoples speaking different languages, submerged in different cultures, proving that it was possible to create a shared framework of human rights across a continent that was, not long ago, home to murderous chauvinism, racism and barbarity. The European Union could have been the proverbial Beacon on the Hill, showing the world how peace and solidarity may be snatched from the jaws of centuries-long conflict and bigotry.

European Peoples:
Alas, today, a common bureaucracy and a common currency divide European peoples that were beginning to unite despite our different languages and cultures. A confederacy of myopic politicians, economically naïve officials and financially incompetent ‘experts’ submit slavishly to the edicts of financial and industrial conglomerates, alienating Europeans and stirring up a dangerous anti-European backlash. Proud peoples are being turned against each other. Nationalism, extremism and racism are re-awakened.

DiEM25 Advisory Panel:
From its inception, DiEM25 has attracted some well-known, influential personalities from across the globe. They have been helping ‘curate’ DiEM25’s thinking, events and campaigns from the very beginning. These people gave rise to our Advisory Panel, which advises DiEM25 and facilitates the implementation of its aims. Members of DiEM25’s Advisory Panel do not necessarily share all of DiEM25’s objectives and political positions, and vice versa. They were invited to act as advisors, and have accepted DiEM25’s invitation, because of their remarkable contributions to areas and campaigns dear to DiEM25 members and because DiEM25 represents a political movement that they look at with interest and sympathy. The following people currently sit on DiEM25’s Advisory Panel:

Robert "Bobby" Gillespie:
Scottish musician and singer-songwriter; lead singer and founding member of the alternative rock band Primal Scream. Previously the drummer for The Jesus and Mary Chain.

Jane Sanders:
President of Burlington College, experienced social worker, founder in 2017 of the Sander Institute and wife of Bernie Sanders.

George Bizos:
Human rights lawyer with many high profile cases including Nelson Mandela. One of the major figures in the protests against apartheid (especially during the Rivonia Trial).

Susan George:
Veteran French-American global justice campaigner; political and social scientist; writer. President of the board of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam.

Franco Berardi:
Writer, media theorist and media activist. Founder of the magazine A/traverso; part of the staff of Radio Alice, the first free pirate radio station in Italy.

Avi Lewis:
Avi Lewis is a Canadian documentary film-maker and former host at Al Jazeera English. His latest film is This Changes Everything on the climate crisis.

Alice-Mary Higgins:
Senator Alice-Mary Higgins is a full time member of Seanad Éireann, the Irish government’s upper house of the Oireachtas (the Irish legislature), working for economic and social equality and promoting a rights-based approach to health, housing and education.

Noam Chomsky:
Noam is regarded as the father of modern linguistics. He has authored over 100 books on topics in his field and on issues of dissent and U.S. foreign policy.

Brian Eno:
Original and influential musician. Has produced music for acts including David Bowie, Talking Heads, U2 and Coldplay. His goal is to overturn established ways of thinking and spark

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creativity, whether in the world of music or in his political activism.

**Rosemary Bechler**: Mainsite editor of openDemocracy and editor of Can Europe make it?. For DiEM25 she co-edited with David Adler, A Vision for Europe, Eris, (May, 2019). She was an elected member of our Coordinating Collective and is at present a member of the National Collective in the UK.

**Laurent de Sutter**: Laurent de Sutter is a Belgian philosopher. He is Professor of legal theory at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and a member of the Scientific Council of the International College of Philosophy.

**Saskia Sassen**: Dutch-American sociologist noted for her analyses of globalisation and international human migration. Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia; Centennial visiting Professor at the LSE.

**Marcelo Expósito**: Artist, writer and activist. MP for En Comú Podem. Executive Board Member of Barcelona en Comú.

**Marie Christine Vergiat**: French politician; MEP representing the Left Front since 2009.

**Richard Sennett**: Richard is the Centennial Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics and University Professor of the Humanities at New York University.

**Ulf Clerwall**: Ulf Clerwall is an activist for pluralism, accountability and democracy in social science research and higher education, and a political economist specialised in the financial sector issues in Europe.

**Sandro Mezzadra**: Writer and Associate Professor of Political Theory at the University of Bologna, Italy.

**Rasmus Nordqvist**: Member of the Danish Parliament for The Alternative party.

**Ken Loach**: English film and television director; two-time Palme d’Or winner.

**Jean-Michel Jarre**: French composer, performer, and music producer. Pioneer of the electronic, ambient, and new-age genres.

**Julian Assange**: Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Wikileaks.

**Berardo Carboni**: Italian director and scriptwriter, specialising in feature film and documentaries with deep political impact.

**Slavoj Žižek**: Slovenian-born philosopher and psychoanalyst. Professor of philosophy at the European Graduate School; senior researcher at the Institute for Sociology and Philosophy at the University of Ljubljana.

**David McWilliams**: Irish economist, writer, broadcaster and journalist. Faculty member of the business school at Trinity College, Dublin.

**Cécile Duflot**: French politician; former Minister of Territorial Equality and Housing, former leader of the French party Europe Ecology – The Greens.

**John McDonnell**: UK Labour Party politician; Shadow Chancellor since September 2015. MP for Hayes and Harlington.

**Walter Baier**: Austrian economist. Formerly national Chairman of the Communist Party of Austria (KPO) and editor of the Austrian weekly Volksstimme. Coordinator of the Transform! Europe network.

**Barbara Spinelli**: Italian MEP, representing Central Italy. Co-founder of Italian newspaper La Repubblica.

**Gerardo Pisarello**: First Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, with responsibility for Work, Economy and Strategic Planning; formerly professor in constitutional law at the University of Barcelona.

**James K. Galbraith**: American economist and author. Professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

**Naomi Klein**: Naomi Klein is an award-winning journalist, writer, film-maker and activist known for her biting critiques of global capitalism.

**Danae Stratou**: Greek visual and installation artist, whose work blends elements of nature with contemporary audiovisual technologies.

**Caroline Lucas**: British politician; co-leader of the UK’s Green Party. MP for Brighton Pavilion.

**Anthony Barnett**: British writer and democracy campaigner. Founder of openDemocracy and Co-Editor of OurKingdom, its UK section.

**Boris Buden**: Croatian philosopher, translator and cultural theorist, writing on philosophy, politics, cultural and art criticism.

**Nessa Childers**: Irish politician who has been an MEP since 2009.

**Angela Richter**: Angela is an acclaimed Croatian-German theatre director, activist and author.
Vision
A Europe of ‘We, the peoples of Europe’

Mission
To provide the infrastructure which European democrats of all political persuasions can use to develop common answers to the five crises from which Europe is suffering.

Values
- **Democracy**: Now, today, Europeans are feeling let down by EU institutions everywhere. From Helsinki to Lisbon, from Dublin to Crete, from Leipzig to Aberdeen. Europeans sense that a stark choice is approaching fast. The choice between authentic democracy and insidious disintegration. We must resolve to unite to ensure that Europe makes the obvious choice: Authentic democracy!
- **Principles**: Our four principles:
  - **Freedom**: No European people can be free as long as another’s democracy is violated
  - **Dignity**: No European people can live in dignity as long as another is denied it
  - **Prosperity**: No European people can hope for prosperity if another is pushed into permanent insolvency and depression
  - **Growth**: No European people can grow without basic goods for its weakest citizens, human development, ecological balance and a determination to become fossil-fuel free in a world that changes its ways – not the planet’s climate
- **Inspiration**: We are inspired by a Europe of Reason, Liberty, Tolerance and Imagination made possible by comprehensive Transparency, real Solidarity and authentic Democracy.

Reason
Liberty
Tolerance
Imagination
Transparency
Solidarity
1. Decision-Making

Ensure full transparency in decision-making.

When asked what we want, and when we want it, we reply: IMMEDIATELY: Full transparency in decision-making.

1.1. Meetings

Live-stream EU Council, Ecofin, FTT and Eurogroup meetings

1.2. Central Bank

Publish the minutes of European Central Bank governing council meetings within a few weeks after the meetings have taken place

Stakeholder(s):
European Central Bank

1.3. Negotiations

Upload on the web all documents pertinent to crucial negotiations (e.g. trade-TTIP, ‘bailout’ loans, Britain’s status) affecting every facet of European citizens’ future

1.4. Lobbyists

[Institute] a compulsory register for lobbyists that includes their clients’ names, their remuneration, and a record of meetings with officials (both elected and unelected)
2. Economy

Address the on-going economic crisis utilising existing institutions and within existing EU Treaties.

2.1. Debt

Address the public debt crisis.

Stakeholder(s):
Banks

2.2. Banking

Address the banking crisis.

2.3. Investment

Address the crisis of inadequate investment.

2.4. Migration

Address the migration crisis.

2.5. Poverty

Address the crisis of rising poverty.
3. Democracy

Transform Europe into a full-fledged democracy.

Transform Europe (by 2025) into a full-fledged democracy with a sovereign Parliament respecting national self-determination and sharing power with national Parliaments, regional assemblies and municipal councils.

3.1. Assembly

Convene a Constitutional Assembly consisting of representatives elected on trans-national tickets.

Stakeholder(s):
Constitutional Assembly Representatives:

Today, universities apply to Brussels for research funding, they must form alliances across nations. Similarly, election to the Constitutional Assembly should require tickets featuring candidates from a majority of European countries. The resulting Constitutional Assembly will be empowered to decide on a future democratic constitution that will replace all existing European Treaties within a decade.

3.2. Treaties

Replace all existing European Treaties within a decade.

Administrative Information

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