

## **Deliberative Democracy Days**

**Venue: European Parliament, Info Hub, Esplanade Solidarność 1980, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium**

**Date: March 13, 14, 15, 2023**

**Number of participants: minimum 55 – maximum 75**

The Intercultural Dialogue Platform, in collaboration with the *Citizen Z Project* partners and in partnership with the European Parliament, is organizing a 3-day event on deliberative democracy and participatory tools entitled "Deliberative Democracy Days: Moving Deliberative Democracy and Participatory Tools Forward". The main aim of the event is to improve the understanding of deliberative democracy and the use of its methods to strengthen the civic and democratic participation of young people in EU countries. The event includes conferences, interactive workshop sessions, presentations, panel discussions, and testimonies. It is intended for civil society organizations, researchers in democratic studies, practitioners, young people, youth associations and representatives, teachers and youth workers, policymakers and public authorities' representatives.

This event is part of the two-year EU-funded project entitled *Citizen Z: Strengthening the participation of young citizens in democratic and civic life*. The project applies deliberative methods to stimulate young people's interest in civic/political life and to involve them in the decision-making process.

### **Program**

**Monday, March 13 (13:00 – 19:30)**

#### **Day 1: Exploring Deliberative Democracy and its Methods**

13:00 – 13:30 Arrivals and Registrations

13:30 – 13:45 Opening speech: Deliberative democracy in the context of the 2024 European elections

13:45 – 15:15 Roundtable: Understanding Deliberative Democracy and the different methods at hand

15:15 -15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 Discussion Panel: The potential of the Deliberative Democracy Methods and Tools for enhancing civic and political engagement among youth

16:30 – 17:45 Workshop Fitness Democracy: Let's train our democracy muscles

17:45 – 18:00 Takeaways for the day

18:00 – 19:30 Networking coffee

**Tuesday, March 14 (9:00 – 17:00)**

**Day 2: Navigating Deliberative Democracy**

9:00 – 9:30 Arrivals

9:30 – 11:00 Testimonies: Three success stories of previous EU-funded projects having used Deliberative Democracy and participatory Tools

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 A youth panel: Priority topics/policies for young people

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:00 Workshop: Discussing and Trying out different methods and tools

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Workshop sessions

1. Make universities a place of democracy - How do I want my university to look?
2. Deliberative Democracy and Arts: How can creativity and the arts be used as tools for enabling the expression of youth voices?
3. Deliberative democracy and cultural awareness – Mindful diversities – How can we deliberate while being culturally aware and emotionally literate?

16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

**Wednesday, March 15 (9:30 – 13:30)**

**Day 3: Moving Forward Deliberative Democracy**

9:00 – 9:30 Arrivals

9:30 – 10:30 Discussion Panel: Gender equality, Inclusion and Deliberative Democracy: In what ways does deliberative democracy serve gender equality and inclusion?

10:30 – 11:45 Discussion panel: Youth in Croatia, Belgium, Italy and The Netherlands - Similarities, particularities and cultural differences in political and democratic participation

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:15 Closing Conference: Priorities of the European Elections 2024 and follow-up on the Conference on the Future of Europe

13:15 – 13:30 – Closing Remarks