

DiEM25's 'Electoral Wing' Alternative Proposal

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The proposal is to transform DiEM25 into a trans-national, democratic, progressive, political party (abridged into: TNDPPP). I will refer hereafter to this proposed mode of operation as "the TNDPPP".

Why a political party? To have a concrete capacity to transform our economy, our society, the European Union and the world at large for the better of humankind, by leveraging existing democratic institutions and policy tools (regulation, tax, public spending) while bearing responsibility for our action.

How does it work?

The TNDPPP operates in full democracy, fully on-line.

What I mean by "full democracy" is: (1) all members participate in decision-making; and (2) once democratically adopted, decisions are implemented by all.

The "fully on-line" operation of the TNDPPP means: all strategic decisions are taken on-line, in non-real-time; i.e. no strategic decision is taken in physical meetings or in real-time interactions. Thereby, nobody is penalised by his/her geographic or schedule constraints, based on his/her social or economic condition.

The only internal decision-making bodies in the TNDPPP are: (1) the Bureau, which has the legal capacity to commit the TNDPPP financially and legally; and (2) the Arbitration Council, whose duty is to solve internal conflicts. The Bureau is elected as a team, so as to enhance its political cohesiveness; the Arbitration Council gathers people that are elected individually.

The Bureau takes operational decisions such as: negotiating and concluding contracts with third parties; recruiting and managing permanent technical staff; managing cash, assets and liabilities; engaging in legal action; ensuring the public presence of the TNDPPP in the press and social media; negotiating electoral alliances and coalition contracts with third political parties;

The TNDPPP uses a free, open-source, deliberative democracy platform, called KuneAgi (<http://www.kuneagi.org>) to take strategic decisions, including the definition of its political programme (see list below); it uses a free, open-source, transitive delegation software, called LiquidFeedback (<https://www.liquidfeedback.org>) to control elected representatives, in the Bureau and in official legislative or executive positions (see procedure below).

List of strategic decisions, taken using the KuneAgi software:

- 1.1 " the definition of the political programme, i.e. of the justified and ideologically coherent list of public policies to be implemented once the TNDPPP is in government, ranked in priority order;
- 1.2 " the selection of the Bureau, i.e. of the physical persons bearing the legal capacity to commit the TNDPPP financially and legally;
- 1.3 " the selection of the internal Arbitration Council;

1.4 " the selection of the official elections in which to participate, and thus commit the resources of the TNDPPP;

1.5 "the selection of the communication campaigns in which to commit the resources of the TNDPPP;

1.6 " the selection, among members of the TNDPPP, of candidates in the selected official elections;

1.7 " the support of elected officials in their legislative work on amendments to legal texts;

1.8 " the definition of rules governing pre-electoral alliances and coalition contracts of government with third political parties;

1.9 " the definition of the internal budget, i.e. of the list of expenses to be performed by the TNDPPP, ranked in priority order, and of the financial contribution by members;

1.10 " the definition of changes in the statutes

1.11 " the definition of changes in the underlying software platform itself (KuneAgi).

In the KuneAgi on-line democracy software, all members of the TNDPPP participate in the decision-making, in the three phases (1) of the initiative of proposals, (2) of their amendment and (3) of their ranking in hierarchical order of importance, priority or quality.

Mode of control of members of the Bureau and of elected officials, using the LiquidFeedback software.

All operational decisions of the Bureau above a threshold bearing on the financial or legal commitment are subject to a priori approval by all members of the TNDPPP. All votes of elected officials are preceded by a consultative vote of all members of the TNDPPP.

In order to avoid cognitive overload of the members, each member can delegate his/her vote reversibly to any other member. This delegation can be cancelled at any time, and can be specified as relating to one nature of operational decisions or of votes only. The delegation is transitive: it can be further delegated to another member.

How do members communicate with one another, in a horizontal, decentralised manner? Most horizontal communication between members is performed using the purpose-oriented tools listed above. All other general-purpose horizontal communication among members is performed using a generic tool such as Mattermost (<https://about.mattermost.com/features/>).

What is the role of the current DiEM25 movement? The current DiEM25 movement is maintained, as the public communication channel and the grass-roots recruiting and mobilising component of the TNDPPP. The functions of the Coordinating Collective (CC) are included in those the Bureau; those of the Validating Council (VC) are performed by the LiquidFeedback transitive delegation software.