



Toward a Constituent Assembly

Questionnaire for DiEM25 Members

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Rationale

DiEM25 is working to develop a first proposal for a policy paper on democratic reform and constituent assembly, as presented in our Manifesto.

The demand for the formation of a Constituent Assembly directly elected by Europe's citizens is a key trademark of DiEM25. With this policy paper we aim to give more information on our ideas for such an assembly and the process leading to its convening.

This first questionnaire serves to help us prepare a first draft to submit to all members for comment and amendment.

Background info

1) See document on constituent process issued by the Naples assembly here:

<https://diem25.org/a-proposal-for-a-european-constituent-assembly/>

2) See an article advocating for a self-organised Constituent Assembly here:

<https://www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu/time-to-elect-a-european-constituent-assembly-without-asking-anyones-permission/>

Questions

1. Why do you want a European Constitution ?
2. In order to be most effective and respond to members' requests for a position on the Assembly process, we propose to first work on the definition of our policy for the convening of such an Assembly, and subsequently develop DiEM25's longer-term blueprint for what a democratic Europe should look like (ie. Diem's position within such an Assembly: a much more time-consuming and difficult exercise). Do you agree with this approach?
3. How do you think a Constituent Assembly should be organised / convened? How should European municipalities, regions, states and EU institutions participate in the constituent process? Who, beyond directly elected representatives of the citizens, do you think should participate (trade unions, civil society organisations, etc.)
4. Which policy areas do you think such an Assembly should have competence over?
5. We would like to propose that non-European countries also send representatives to such an Assembly (because Europe's decisions impact all the world, and the whole world should be allowed to have a say, however partially). Do you agree, and how should they have a say?
6. Are you in favour of a DiEM25 direct campaign demanding the convening of a Constituent Assembly directly elected by Europe's citizens ? If yes, what are your suggestions for such a campaign?
7. What timeline should we give ourselves? Our initial idea is to include the request for such an Assembly in our platform towards the 2019 European elections, perform campaigning actions between 2018 and 2023, and demand that the 2024 European elections simultaneously elect a Constituent Assembly to be convened in 2025. What do you think / what is your alternative proposal?
8. Finally, do you think DiEM25 could think of promoting the election of a Constituent Assembly as a constructive, performative, but disobedient act? In other words, would you agree if DiEM25 worked to organise a pan-European election of a Constituent Assembly even without the agreement of the powers that be?

Send all responses to constitution@diem25.org . All received proposals will be shared publicly at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-2O-NzFX83qRwtNS5NtKx8WWo2S_55rxpwYJIOZpcQo/edit?usp=sharing .