

## The birth of the electoral wing

As decided by members of DiEM25 in 2017 (“Not another political party”), and as already happened in Greece and Germany, even in Italy it is now time to support the movement with an electoral wing (EW).

In the wake of the proposals presented last June 13 in Milan, the EW will have the task of building the Italian component of European Spring, the first European transnational list, along with the various parties, associations and civic experiences that will share with us a progressive and democratic agenda for the European elections of 2019.

The EW responds directly to the DiEM25 movement. It is not, therefore, a further bureaucratic structure, but in the first instance an executive instrument with the aim of guaranteeing the best electoral presence of DiEM25.

Together with its Greek and German counterparts, the Italian electoral wing will be crucial not only for the next electoral event, but also to continue building what has always escaped us: a real European movement and party capable of acting as counter-power as much to the establishment as to every nationalist drive.

The electoral wing will have to equip itself with:

- a Coordination,
- an Assembly,
- Regional and territorial collective coordination.

## The coordination of the EW

The Coordination is the executive body and is composed of 15 members in compliance with the general standard of gender balance. The Coordination is convened permanently and participation in it is therefore bound to a real commitment (minimum 10 hours per week), constant availability (including outside office hours, during weekends, on holidays) and full participation in the political, strategic and tactical discussions of the EW. The National Coordination is equipped with a Secretariat generally composed of: Spokesperson(s); Organisational coordinator; Treasurer; Communication Manager; Responsible for Territory (or those charges that will be deemed appropriate by the Coordination). The Spokesperson(s)' task is to represent the Electoral Wing in external, institutional and media relations and to coordinate the work of the DiEM25 Coordination.

## First step: a provisional coordination

The first Coordinator will be elected on a provisional, project-basis. Beginning from the work conducted by the National Collective elected in January 2018, and with the addition of those desiring to do so, the temporary Coordination will have the objective of achieving the best result for DiEM25 and for European Spring at the European elections of May 2019, conducting political dialogue with partners, and planning the electoral campaign. The Coordination will be resigning in June 2019, whatever the evaluation of the work done in the previous months and the result achieved. Following the resignation, the Statutes will be revised and a new election will be held.

## The Assembly

The Assembly of the electoral wing performs the task of territorial reach-out and participatory campaigning task force. It is divided into five working groups corresponding to the five constituencies in which the European elections are contested, offering all participants to the Assembly the opportunity to define the message and the campaign methods of DiEM25's electoral participation. The Assembly is convened at least bimonthly, also online, or whenever demanded by at least 1/5 of its members or the Coordination. Its working groups are expected to be meeting more regularly.

The Assembly is composed as follows:

1. The 15 elected members of the Coordination;
2. 10 elected members expression of self-candidacies of the base (selected through open online elections, with full respect of gender equality);
3. 49 directly elected members of the Regional Coordination (2 for each region up to 3 million inhabitants, and 3 for regions with more than 3 million inhabitants);
4. 5 members randomly drawn by lot from those registered in Italy who will give their availability **[NB: THIS POINT IS TO BE DECIDED WITH A PARALLEL VOTE]**
5. An open number of members representing social movements, NGOs, associations, or other collective entities wishing to join DiEM25. The adhesion of each new entity must obtain the authorization of the Coordination and at least one president of the Assembly. **[NB: THIS POINT IS TO BE DECIDED WITH A PARALLEL VOTE]**
6. A coordinator for each **certified**<sup>1</sup> and **active**<sup>2</sup> DSC wishing to take part in the electoral campaign.

## The regional coordinations

The Regional Coordinations have the task of promoting territorial rooting and the development of political activity in their region in compliance with the national political orientation expressed by the Congress. They are composed of 2 people for regions up to 3 million inhabitants, and 3 individuals for regions beyond 3 million inhabitants.

In order to guarantee the transnational character of DiEM25 and embodying the transnational democracy we aspire to, elections for the regional coordinations are open to all the members of the movement. It will however be possible to vote exclusively for the candidates of **one region** and it will be recommended to do so only if it is aware of the territorial reality and / or the candidate candidates.

## Spontaneous Collectives

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1 Having sent the IDs of at least 5 members to the NC or the Coordination

2 Having a regular, demonstrable program of activities

The DiEM Spontaneous Collectives are the basic cell of DiEM25. They have two co-coordinators and, where wishing to do, verified, and active, express their own representative in the Assembly.

## Timing, candidacies, and elections

### *Timing*

The constitution of the first provisional Coordination, of the Assembly and of the Regional Coordinations will take place with an election process that includes:

- a) a deadline of 15 September to present single or applications or application by lists
- b) elections between 16 and 22 September 2018.

The times are tightened by virtue of the provisional characteristic of the first Coordination – an extension of the National Collective - and of the need to ensure the viability of DiEM25's electoral wing in the 8 months preceding the European elections.

The following voting procedure is also intended as provisional and will be revised following the resignation, in June 2019, of the first term coordination.

### *Nominations*

- For the Coordination: Each member of DiEM25 can submit an application both in "list" and as single candidate for the Coordination. In order to propose a list, it is necessary to include names that cover  $\frac{3}{4}$  (12 out of 15) of the positions of the Coordination, including one or more Spokespersons. Candidates must have full linguistic competence in Italian. **[NOTE: ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE DECIDED ON THE BASIS OF A CONTESTUAL SEPARATE VOTATION TO THE APPROVAL OF THIS STATUTE]**
- For the Assembly: Each member of DiEM25 can submit an individual candidacy to the Assembly. Candidates must have full linguistic competence in Italian.
- For Regional Coordination: Every member of DiEM25 residing in the regional territory can submit an individual candidacy to the Regional Coordination
- Each type of application is submitted in electronic form and entered in the online participation portal of DiEM25.

### *Voting mechanism*

In respect of the transnational character of DiEM25, the electoral base is made up of all the registered members of the movement regardless of their residence. The voting takes place in the following ways:

- For Coordination: Each member of DiEM25 can vote for a list plus 3 single candidates.
- For the direct members of the Assembly: Each member can vote for 10 candidates

- For Regional Coordination: each member can vote only for the elections of **one region**, expressing two preferences (regions under 3 million) or three preferences (regions over three million).
- All voting takes place through the telematic channels of DiEM25.

## Guarantee bodies

In order to guarantee the transnational integrity of the movement, the guarantee bodies are those of DiEM25. Any dissent among the members of the electoral wing will be dissolved by the European CC and, as per the Organizing Principles, the Validating Council over necessary.

## Changes to the Statutes

The Articles of Association will be revised in June 2019 following the resignation of the Provisional Coordination.

The amendments to the Bylaws, in line with the Organizational Principles of DiEM25, can also be requested by at least 10% of the members or by at least 30 of the 100 members of the Validating Council.

The Bylaws can be amended through an online vote of members with a majority of: Three quarters of voters / Two thirds of voters / Half plus one of voters **[PLEASE NOTE: THIS POINT IS DECIDED ON THE BASIS OF A CONTESTUAL SEPARATE VOTE TO THE APPROVAL OF THIS STATUTE]**