



DiEM25 - Five Years On!

Invitation:

Celebrating DiEM25 5th anniversary: 9th February 2021, 8pm CET

You are invited to join DiEM25 members online to celebrate half a decade of our movement! On February 9th at 8.00pm CET, we will come together to discuss what we have achieved, and where the movement to democratise Europe goes from here. You can access the event [here](#).

In February 2016, a group of activists, thinkers, and agitators gathered together in Berlin's Volksbühne theatre and vowed to shake Europe. Nothing had been scripted — it was a simple, beautiful idea that brought together people from all corners of the continent.

[Five years on](#), our movement boasts more than 120,000 members and 190 Spontaneous Collectives (DSCs) worldwide. This year, the main [adjectives](#) our members used to describe us are 'hopeful', 'necessary', 'innovative' and 'democratic'. And despite the pandemic we had 19,000 new members.

The pandemic has shed a renewed light on the core issues plaguing Europe: draconian austerity measures, socialism for the rich and capitalism for the many, and a lack of political vision that can actually tackle the pressing social, economic, health and environmental crises we are facing, combined with a deadly democratic deficit — one which we predicted may indeed cost Europe its Union before the year 2025.

DiEM25's international groups and local collectives are continuing to tackle important issues and campaign on the ground to address Europe's crisis of democracy. Our many members have engaged in campaigns across Europe; such as the [Green New Deal for Europe](#) or Rentvolution!, tackling housing insecurity or [FreeTheVaccine](#).

The struggle for transparency, solidarity and democracy is more important than ever as we build together the World After Coronavirus!

We've campaigned on issues including:

- A Green New Deal for Europe
- Protecting Press Freedom
- Ending the opaqueness of European Institutions' meetings and summits
- Ending the EU's shameful treatment of refugees

Co-Founder Yanis Varoufakis:

Five years ago we got together in Berlin to found DiEM25 with a determination to forge the first transnational paneuropean movement with one common aim: Genuinely to democratise Europe. Today, five years later, as the EU proceeds from one fiasco to the next, and as Europe is weakened by every successive crisis, that task has never been more pertinent. So, as we said that night at the Volksbuhne Theatre, Let's Shake Europe, Gently but Firmly!

We hope you'll join us to hear from our speakers and then enjoy a few drinks online.

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