

MERA25 Bremen will collect signatures from this weekend on to run in the regional elections that will take place next May 14th.

MERA25 is the name of the political parties by DiEM25 – Democracy in Europe Movement. DiEM25 was founded in 2016 by the Greek ex-Finance Minister and econcomist Yanis Varoufakis and Croatian philosopher Srecko Horvat, among others. DiEM25 is building a radical, progressive political movement to democratise Europe across borders, with proposals and campaigns calling for more transparency and popular participation in EU decision making, defending human rights and the rights of refugees, drastic and immediate action on climate change, peace through diplomacy on security matters, and confronting the interests of Europe's political Establishment and oligarchies. Its MERA25 parties will bring those proposals to each of its countries' voters, in addition to programmes specific to the issues affecting common people in each of them.

In less than a year, **DiEM25** has started political parties in two of the countries at the heart of Europe: Italy and Germany. The latter was founded in November 2021 and is now preparing to launch its first election bid this year, in Bremen regional elections. The first MERA25 was founded in Greece in March 2018 and entered parliament in its first attempt in 2019, with 194,233 votes.

All MERA25 political parties abide by DiEM25's manifesto and transnational policies, such as the Green New Deal for Europe, which are voted on by the movement's more than 130,000 members across Europe – the first such political project in the continent.

MERA25 Bremen has published its election program here. All information about the campaign, actions, candidates and program can be found here..

MERA25's Spokesperson Jan Genin is available for interviews.

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About Jan Genin

Jan Genin was born and grew up in the town of Bremen close to the northern coast of Germany. As the son of a German and a Spaniard who has experienced the ambivalent sides of European growth, Jan is driven and excited by the vision of building a Union truly for the people, a Europe of the many.



After many years as an activist for different movements he has found his heart organisation in DiEM25. As an advocate for radical democracy, equal opportunities and a just transition, he is running as a MERA25 candidate for the Bremen parliamentary elections in May 2023, where he fights with heart and hand for the "New Bremen Solidarity".