



A MANIFESTO FOR DEMOCRATISING EUROPE

Europe will be democratised, once the oligarchy is overthrown!

For all their concerns with inflation, migration, populism, climate change, pandemics, security and terrorism, only one thing terrifies the powerful in Europe: democracy!

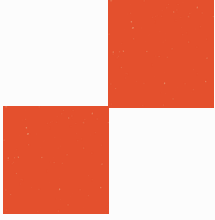
They speak in democracy's name but only to deny it in practice. They try to co-opt, corrupt and manipulate democracy in their own favour.

The so-called fight between 'liberals' and 'right-wing populists' is a lie: no matter who "wins", a system of undemocratic, untransparent decision-making put in place to stop common people from having any control will be maintained.

The price of this is not just the end of democracy, but also permanent economic decline, social stagnation, technological backwardness and climate destruction – a complete defeat of the European project we were promised.

Thankfully, there is another path. One that this "official Europe" resists with every part of its authoritarian mindset: a democratic revolution!

That's why DiEM25 was created, with a bold aim of standing up for common people's needs against this powerful few. Formed in 2016, we come from every part of Europe and beyond, united by different cultures, languages, accents, political party affiliations, ideologies, skin colours, gender identities, faiths and abilities. One simple, radical idea brought us together and became the foundation of DiEM25: Europe will either be democratised or it will disintegrate.



Democracy means ‘rule by the many’ who are, by definition, the poorer. Its opposite is oligarchy which means ‘rule by the few’, by definition the richer. Europeans are told that we live in democracies, unlike those to our East who are ruled by Slavic oligarchs. This is a lie.

The rule of law is, thankfully, better established in Europe. But, in reality, Europeans live in oligarchies that feature occasional elections, whose results are ignored if they go against the interests of Europe’s oligarchs.

In the shadow of this dark reality, we are now updating our simple radical idea: to democratise Europe, we must overthrow the oligarchy.

We are inspired by the vision of a Europe that stands for reason, freedom, tolerance and imagination. This Europe is made possible by genuine solidarity, transparency, and authentic democracy.

We call upon people in Europe and beyond to join us so that, together, we stop the rise of authoritarianism, be it “liberal” or populist.

We urge you to see that what starts as mere opposition to our current terrible system will produce a world where a new system can begin to serve people as it should.

If you are ready and willing to help us in leading this change, join this new vision of DiEM25 – a movement that’s more radical, more confrontational and ready for the world of 2022 and beyond.

Join us. Carpe DiEM!