

European (Union) Democracies need more Direct Democracy

"We need to restore Democracy on national level by Democratising the EU"

8 facts and 8 propositions

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1. European Democracies are in a deep crises: Many citizens feel powerless and do not really think, that they have a say in&to their lives.

Democracy means & wants:

Whenever citizens are affected by a decision they should be part of the decision making process !

2. Participation is much more than consultation: It means that you are a real factor in the constitution making & legislative process.

This sharing of sovereignty and power with the citizens has to be guaranteed in the constitution !

3. Democracies are in crises because they are too representative and too/only national.

Citizens are able to much more than just to elect representatives: If you want to explore their capacities you need to let them participate between elections.

4. Representation has to be enlarged by Direct Democratic elements (Citizens initiatives).

This is the way to restore trust and legitimacy in democracy and to generate the democratic power you need to constitute transnational European (EU) Democracy.

5. The enormous power of the EU needs a direct democratic legitimation.

This is only possible by a real EU-Constitution which has to be accepted by the double majorities of all Europeans and all EU-member states. Revolutionary difference to treaties !

6. If you leave Democracy to the nation state you offer nationalists the biggest trump card.

If you constitute national and transnational Direct Democracies you generate legitimacy, public spheres, integration, identification and collective learning processes.

7. By halfway restoring national Democracies by integrating Direct Democratic elements....

... you create the condition, that Democracy can really be restored and the constitution of a real European, transnational Democracy is getting possible as the fruit of a European people' movement.

8. Without modern technologies such national and European participative Democracies are not possible.

But without constituting direct democracies in which citizens get their part of sovereignty and their real share of power all new technologies can not help to restore Democracy..