



## □ DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

□ The European elections were critical for the future of Europe, but elections alone are not enough to save democracy

in  
Europe.  
Too  
little  
action  
has  
been  
taken  
over  
the  
last  
5  
years  
to  
ensure  
a  
more  
democratic  
and  
sustainable  
Europe,  
while  
the  
challenges  
to  
the  
European  
project  
have  
risen  
significantly.  
We  
need  
the  
new  
European  
Parliament  
to  
be  
the  
Parliament  
of  
Change  
by  
taking  
the  
lead  
in  
a  
comprehensive

democratic  
reform  
of  
the  
EU.

## **Now The Citizens campaign**

Therefore,  
the  
upcoming  
European  
Parliament  
should  
take  
the  
lead  
in  
the  
democratic  
reform  
of  
the  
EU  
involving  
the  
design  
of  
a  
roadmap  
for  
democratic  
reform  
to  
include  
at  
least  
the  
following  
elements:

- 1.  
Organize  
citizens'  
assemblies  
at**

**the  
national  
and/or  
EU-  
level.**

We  
want  
to  
give  
citizens  
control  
over  
the  
future  
of  
Europe  
–  
their  
own  
future  
–  
by  
involving  
them  
in  
a  
credible  
and  
proactive  
manner  
in  
the  
much-  
needed  
democratic  
reform  
of  
the  
EU.  
Citizens  
should  
have  
the  
possibility  
to  
set  
the  
democratic  
reform

agenda  
of  
the  
EU  
institutions,  
rather  
than  
the  
other  
way  
around.  
As  
a  
starting  
point, randomly-  
selected  
citizens'  
assemblies,  
supported  
by  
expert  
input,  
are  
to  
develop  
concrete  
recommendations  
on  
the  
democratic  
future  
of  
Europe  
so  
that  
politicians  
receive  
well-  
informed  
and  
unbiased  
political  
recommendations  
from  
citizens.

**2.**  
**Prompt**  
**responses**  
**and**

**adequate  
follow-  
up  
on  
citizens'  
recommendations  
by  
the  
EU  
institutions  
by  
means  
of  
legislative  
proposals  
for  
Treaty  
change  
involving  
a  
new  
Convention.**

The  
Convention  
process  
(Art.  
48  
Lisbon  
Treaty)  
is  
the  
only  
legally  
valid  
way  
of  
achieving  
substantive  
changes  
to  
the  
EU  
Treaties  
in  
a  
more  
open  
and  
democratic

way.  
Citizens  
can  
only  
develop  
a  
sense  
of  
ownership  
in  
the  
EU  
if  
they  
are  
given  
a  
hand  
and  
a  
say  
in  
shaping  
the  
future  
of  
the  
European  
project.  
Citizen  
participation  
cannot  
remain  
limited  
to  
specific  
policy  
areas  
but  
must  
concern  
the  
very  
democratic  
structure  
and  
functioning  
of  
the  
EU,

as  
this  
provides  
the  
foundation  
and  
operational  
framework  
for  
all  
other  
political  
activities  
of  
and  
within  
the  
EU.

**3.  
give  
citizens  
a  
final  
say  
on  
the  
outcome  
of  
a  
possible  
Convention.**

The  
outcome  
should  
be  
given  
the  
opportunity  
to  
be  
considered  
by  
all  
Europeans  
in  
order  
to  
be  
a

truly  
democratic  
and  
inclusive  
process  
from  
start  
to  
finish.  
All  
citizens  
of  
the  
EU  
must  
be  
given  
the  
right  
to  
vote  
on  
the  
proposals  
for  
a  
new  
Treaty  
in  
order  
to  
ensure  
broad  
support  
among  
the  
population.

–

**Website**  
**Candidate**  
**Pledge**  
**Open**  
**Letter**  
**(to**  
**be**  
**signed**  
**by**  
**CSOs)**

# Political Parties On Issues

## ISSUES



AGE-FRIENDLY  
EUROPE  
BIO DIVERSITY  
CITIZENSHIP  
CORPORATE  
RIGHTS  
PARTICIPATION  
INFLUENCE  
UNIFORM



DEMOCRATIC  
EUROPE  
DIGITAL  
SCHOOL  
RIGHTS  
FOOD  
FORESTS  
STUDENTS  
ENVIRONMENT  
FARMING



GENDER  
EQUALITY

GREEN HIGH INTELLECTUAL  
EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL HEALTH



MIGRATION

PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
EUROPEAN  
PUBLIC  
SERVICES

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- HOME
- ABOUT
- ISSUES
- VOTE
- COMPARATOR
- RESOURCES
- POLITICAL
- PARTIES

The  
On  
Our  
Watch

project  
brings  
together  
Civil  
Society  
Organisations  
working  
on  
all  
kind  
of  
topics.  
As  
representatives  
of  
and  
in  
direct  
contact  
with  
citizens,  
organisations  
have  
a  
strong  
role  
to  
play  
in  
holding  
the  
European  
Parliament  
accountable  
to  
the  
public.  
By  
joining  
forces  
in  
the  
context  
of  
the  
#EUelections2019  
(23-  
26  
May),  
On

Our  
Watch  
offers  
a  
comprehensive  
overview  
of  
the  
key  
issues  
that  
European  
citizens  
care  
about.

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