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EXPLORING E-DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

E-democracy combines democratic participation with digital technologies, creating new opportunities for citizens to engage in public affairs. Civic engagement refers to actions that contribute to the improvement of communities and society. Together, these concepts encourage citizens, especially young people, to become active participants in democratic life and policy development.



CORE PRINCIPLES OF E-DEMOCRACY

- Participation
- Transparency
- Accessibility
- Accountability
- Inclusiveness
- Responsiveness
- Citizen empowerment



EUROPEAN POLICY-SHAPING AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Policy-shaping involves the development, discussion, and implementation of public policies. In democratic societies, citizens play an important role in influencing these policies through consultations, advocacy, voting, and public dialogue. The European Union increasingly encourages citizen participation to ensure that policies reflect the needs and aspirations of society.



WAYS CITIZENS CAN INFLUENCE POLICY

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- Participating in consultations
- Joining public debates
- Engaging with elected representatives
- Supporting advocacy campaigns
- Participating in youth forums
- Contributing policy recommendations
- Taking part in civic initiatives



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Technology has transformed the ways people participate in civic life. Online discussions, digital campaigns, and social media platforms allow citizens to organize, communicate, and advocate more effectively. Young people are particularly well positioned to use these tools to raise awareness, mobilize communities, and contribute to democratic processes.



OPPORTUNITIES CREATED BY DIGITAL PARTICIPATION

- Faster communication
- Broader participation
- Increased accessibility
- Cross-border collaboration
- Greater transparency
- Enhanced public dialogue
- Easier access to information



YOUTH VOICES IN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY

Young people have a unique perspective on many social and political issues. Their participation contributes to more representative and future-oriented policymaking. European institutions increasingly recognize the importance of involving youth in democratic processes and creating spaces where their voices can influence decisions.

CHALLENGES FACING YOUTH PARTICIPATION

- Political disengagement
- Lack of awareness
- Limited access to opportunities
- Misinformation and fake news
- Low trust in institutions
- Digital inequalities
- Participation fatigue



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BUILDING A CULTURE OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Active citizenship involves taking responsibility for contributing to society and participating in democratic life. Through education, dialogue, and participation opportunities, young people can develop the knowledge and skills needed to become engaged citizens who contribute positively to their communities and democratic institutions.

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGH PARTICIPATION

- Encouraging civic responsibility
- Promoting democratic values
- Increasing youth engagement
- Supporting informed decision-making
- Building inclusive societies
- Enhancing citizen-institution dialogue
- Strengthening democratic resilience



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