



PILLAR 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

WHAT IS DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION?

— Democratic participation is about giving people meaningful opportunities to take part in democratic life at national, regional, and local levels.



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INDEPENDENT
AND EFFECTIVE
DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS



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GOVERNANCE
AND INTEGRITY



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DEMOCRATIC
FREEDOMS,
INCLUSION AND
CIVIL SOCIETY



PILLAR 5
DEMOCRATIC
FUTURE



FREE, FAIR AND RESILIENT ELECTIONS

The legislation ensures that elections are **free, fair** and **compliant** with democratic safeguards.

Suffrage is **universal, equal, free, secret** and **direct**.

Electoral communication and campaigns are **transparent, fair** and **do not undermine the integrity** of election results.

Media coverage of campaigns is **independent, plural, fair, balanced** and **free from interference**.

Specific rules and procedures for **referendums** are in place.

Election management and oversight are conducted with **impartiality, transparency** and **independence** from politically motivated manipulation.

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THEMATIC AREAS



FREEDOMS OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

Freedom of peaceful assembly, including online, is guaranteed.

Freedom of association, including online, is guaranteed, and associations can exercise their rights and access funding, and they operate with **transparency**.



DEMOCRACY AT ALL LEVELS

Local and regional authorities **have the power and resources** to manage a significant part of public affairs and are consulted on all matters which concern them directly.

Co-ordination and co-operation between levels of government respect the principles of **good democratic governance**.



CIVIL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Policymaking reflects **citizens' legitimate needs** and **expectations**.

Citizens and civil society can effectively **participate in decision-making**.



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New Democratic Pact for Europe