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BUILDING A DEMOCRATIC FUTURE FOR EUROPE



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The REVIVE project is a Council of Europe initiative intended as a proactive and collective response to addressing democratic backsliding through the development of democratic resilience roadmaps in beneficiary countries.

REVIVE will use the Reykjavík Parameters for Democracy as the diagnostic backbone of the democratic resilience roadmaps. [The Reykjavik Parameters](#) are a set of requirements reflecting a shared understanding among member states of what is a healthy, resilient and future-oriented democracy. They are based on Council of Europe instruments and guidance. When applied at national level to assess the state of a country's democracy, they can reveal strengths in the national systems but also areas where improvements can be made. REVIVE will support member states in addressing those areas and build the capacity of key actors to reinforce democratic resilience.

REVIVE will contribute as well to the implementation of the [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#).

What are the objectives?

Through self-assessments of democratic systems, participating countries will identify strengths and vulnerabilities and use those findings to develop democratic resilience roadmaps translating them into concrete policy actions. By involving a broad range of stakeholders, including citizens, the project also seeks to strengthen democratic participation and commitment to democratic values.

Who will the project work with?

- ▶ Government institutions (such as Ministries of Interior, Justice, Administration)
- ▶ Civil society organisations
- ▶ Universities and academia
- ▶ Citizens, especially young people

What will the project do?

- ▶ Develop a democracy diagnostic based on the application of the Reykjavik Parameters for Democracy in beneficiary countries to identify the gaps and vulnerabilities of democratic systems.
- ▶ Launch a self-assessment process allowing member states to identify the state of their democratic systems, with the participation of state (and local) institutions, civil society and individual citizens but also media, online platforms, and others.
- ▶ Deliver a set of recommendations for action contained in democratic resilience roadmaps.
- ▶ Build capacity across public administrations and other actors to apply the democratic resilience roadmaps.
- ▶ Initiate a peer-to-peer platform to exchange best practices and guide the implementation of future national roadmaps for democratic resilience.

What will the project achieve?

- ▶ National stakeholders will be empowered to better apply the international and Council of Europe standards and requirements for a genuine democracy.
- ▶ State institutions can implement evidence-based policies to counter democratic erosion based on identified gaps and vulnerabilities.
- ▶ Citizens in beneficiary countries, especially young people, better understand the requirements of a genuine democracy and are empowered to participate in decision-making.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The pilot phase of REVIVE will be launched in one/two beneficiary countries with a funding of 120 000 EUR provided by Malta.

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project will last one year (12 months), beginning in January 2027.

Where can I get more information?

- ▶ Visit the website: [**Steering Committee on Democracy \(CDDEM\)**](#)



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