



World Forum
for
Democracy

STRASBOURG
AT THE HEART
OF GLOBAL ISSUES

13TH EDITION

5 > 7 NOVEMBER 2025

HOW DEMOCRACY AT RISK:
CAN WE REVIVE IT?



PROGRAMME 2025

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER > HEMICYCLE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE - Interpretation: FR/EN

09.30-10.30	Time for Facts
10.30-11.30	Opening Session
11.30-13.00	Plenary Session 1: How is the transformation of media impacting Democracy?
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-14.30	Inauguration of the Maltese and Ukrainian exhibitions, Lobby of the Hemicycle
14.30-16.00	Plenary Session 2: How can culture and cultural policy strengthen Democracy?
16.00-17.30	Plenary Session 3: What future for citizen participation?
17.30-17.45	Inauguration of the Tapestry "El Holocausto"
17.45-18.45	Artistic Performance by Gogol Bordello
18.45	Reception

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER > MEETING ROOMS OF THE PALAIS DE L'EUROPE - Interpretation: FR/EN

10.00-12.30 TIME FOR IDEAS

Ideas - session 1	Beyond the ballot: youth-led innovations boosting Democracy	Room 9
Ideas - session 2	Local initiatives to revitalize democracy	Room 7
Ideas - session 3	AI and Democracy	Room 1
Ideas - session 4	How culture and the arts strengthen Democracy	Room 6
Ideas - session 5	Who said boring? Games and art speak your language against disinformation	Room 3
Ideas - session 6	Learn, play, deliberate - preparing young people for participatory democracy	Room 2
Ideas - session 7	Renewing the civic mission of education	Room 8
12.30-14.30	Lunch Break	

14.30-16.00 TIME FOR ACTION

Action - session 1	How to best assess the quality of democracy?	Room 2
Action - session 2	What are ways to make deliberative democracy an integral part of decision-making in your community?	Room 8
Action - session 3	Can cultural policies/actions be more participatory?	Room 6
Action - session 4	From crisis to civic engagement: can building education systems resilience be a blueprint for democratic innovation?	Room 3
Action - session 5	Is Social Media Strengthening or Weakening Democracy?	Room 9
Action - session 6	When Images Lie: How to Outsmart Visual Disinformation?	Room 1
Action - session 7	AI and Elections	Room 7

16.00- 17.30 TIME FOR CREATIVITY

Creativity - session 1	Music is a force - Storytelling with Gogol Bordello	Room 1
Creativity - session 2	Culture on screen, stories of resistance - Eurimages	Room 9
Creativity - session 3	Screening of the "The Truth Effect" docuseries - Pedro Calado	Room 7
17.30	Reception	

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER > HEMICYCLE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE - Interpretation: FR/EN

09.30-11.00	Plenary Session 4: Learning from history: strengthening Democracy
11.00-11.45	Reporting
11.45-12.30	Democracy innovation Award Ceremony and Closing Speech
12.30-12.45	Closing Performance by Del Aguila Y Amigos



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