



Hambach
Democracy
Dialogue
2022



Strengthening the Resilience of Democracy in Europe

Conference Programme

9 June 2022
First Conference Day

14:00 OPENING

14:10 WELCOME

Anna Lührmann, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office (Video message)

14:20 KEYNOTE SPEECH: THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE

Martin Schulz, President of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

15:00 I. SESSION – REFORM OF THE EU AND PARTICIPATION
IN EUROPEAN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

Do we need a European citizens' assembly to further develop the EU treaties with the aim of a constitution for Europe? What role will the promotion of democracy and the EU enlargement policy play in the future in the face of conflicts in our neighbourhood? Can there be enlargement without deepening the Union?

With H  l  ne Landemore, Yale University; Alberto Alemanno, HEC Paris; Gabriele Bischoff MEP; Luca Tomini, Universit   libre de Bruxelles

16:30 II. SESSION – YOUNG PEOPLE IN EUROPE AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY

Topic 1 – Youth Activism & Participation: Voting is not enough. In which other forms of political participation are young people interested in? What are their preferred ways to engage in social and political activism?

Topic 2 – Young People's Fears & the Future of Democracy: Young Western Europeans show more concerns over climate change, in Central Europe low wages are seen as the biggest problems. What makes young Europeans hopeful or anxious about their future? What drives the differences?

With Gabriele Bischoff MEP; Jens Geier MEP; Karsten Lucke MEP; Helge Lindh MP; Victor Necrescu MEP; Istv  n Ujhelyi MEP; Aneta Vilagi, Comenius University Slovakia; Justyna Kajta, University of Social Sciences and Humanities Poland; M  rtiņ   Kapr  ns, University of Latvia; Elena Avramovska, FES Vienna.

18:00 BREAK

18:30 GUIDED TOUR OF »HAMBACH FESTIVAL« EXHIBITION

20:00 DINNER SPEECH

Sabine Fandrych, FES Secretary General

DINNER ON HAMBACH CASTLE TERRACE

The Hambach Festival of 1832 was an important milestone in the German and European democracy movement and also shaped the development of social democracy. Hambach Castle today is a symbol not only of the history of German democracy, but also of European unification and Europe's ideals and history.

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung invites politicians, experts in democracy and representatives of European civil society, as well as young people and young professionals from all over Europe, to reflect on democracy in Europe in this historical location. The Hambach Democracy Dialogues (HDD) are intended to be a platform for exchanging progressive ideas and proposals for further developing European democracies.

In the run-up to the HDD, a workshop for about 25 young people (18–35 years) from Europe will take place. These young people will then also attend the HDD and take part in the discussions.

10 June 2022 Second Conference Day

09:00 WELCOME & RESULTS OF SESSION II by Jens Geier MEP

09:05 III. SESSION – RULE OF LAW AND THE RESILIENCE OF DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE

How can we better work together on enhancing the rule of law in EU countries with defective democracy? What should be the role of the EU Commission and the European Court of Justice regarding the primacy of European law, effectiveness of prevention and sanction options?

With Katarina Barley MEP, vice-president of the European Parliament; Laura Stefan, anti-corruption expert Romania; Jakub Jaraczewski, Democracy Reporting International; Petra Bárd, Central European University

10:30 BREAK

11:00 IV. SESSION – INCREASE IN POLARISATION IN EUROPE AND THE ROLE OF PARTIES

What danger does political and social polarisation pose to European democracies? How must political parties be positioned and how should they act not only to reduce toxic polarisation, but also to protect democracy from current tendencies towards autocratic systems of government? What role do the European Parties play in this?

With Jennifer McCoy, Georgia State University; Wolfgang Merkel, Berlin Social Science Center; Seán Hanley, University College London

12:30 CLOSING REMARKS of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

13:00 LUNCH AT HAMBACH CASTLE TERRACE

15:00 END OF THE CONFERENCE



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