

**TEXEL, NL**  
**APRIL 11 - 13**

# DEMOCRACY ALIVE



## THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY FESTIVAL

#Demfest

#ThisTimeImVoting

#EUElections2019

## DEMOCRACY ALIVE

 BY EUROPEAN MOVEMENT INTERNATIONAL & THE ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY

### ABOUT THE EVENT

In April 2019, the European Movement International, together with the Alliance for Democracy, is gathering European decision makers, organised civil society, businesses, influencers and citizens for a 3-day celebration of European democracy.

Inspired by the Northern European tradition of democracy festivals, the European Movement International is organising a European event under the name: DEMOCRACY ALIVE with the mission to encourage civic engagement and increase the overall interest in European democracy.

It is a challenging time for European democracy and cohesion, which is why we need to come together to prove that these ideals can reach beyond the corridors of Brussels and are relevant to every single European in their daily lives.

In order to bridge the gaps between us citizens and those who represent us, and to bring trust and optimism back to the European project, we want to create a space where (1) citizens, (2) organised civil society and (3) our elected representatives can come together and engage in real dialogue on the important issues that matter; be it on the environment, opportunities for the young, employment, human rights or the rule of law - just to name a few.

We envision DEMOCRACY ALIVE as an open space where citizens and stakeholders, irrespective of their backgrounds and representations, will be able to hold their own events, debates, discussions, gigs, book readings, song contests, ping pong tournaments, silent disco's - you name it. We are essentially facilitating a space for thousands of people to participate and communicate their views on democracy and Europe.

We will create a non-partisan arena for you and your organisation to share your message and your vision for Europe. A part of the official program will be created and curated by the Alliance for Democracy, but the majority of events and debates will be organised by the participating organisations. Moreover, attendance of the event will be free of charge to individual citizens and will not require registration.

### THE LOCATION: TEXEL, THE NETHERLANDS

DEMOCRACY ALIVE will take place on the beautiful Dutch island of Texel.

We have chosen this location due to its ability to take us away from the usual Brussels bubble and bring us together in a non-traditional setting.

At the same time it is easy to reach and has all the elements needed for a successful event, including substantial local experience with large events, a wide range of accommodation options and a dedicated local community who is excited to welcome us all to their home.



TEXEL, NL  
APRIL 11 - 13



THE  
**EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY**  
**FESTIVAL**

#Demfest

#ThisTimeImVoting

#EUElections2019

## MEET EUROPE: BECOMING A CO-ORGANISER

At the centre of DEMOCRACY ALIVE is the co-organisers. These are the organisations, movements and institutions that will ensure that all parts of the European conversation are represented. We are asking organisations from our network and beyond to participate and host inspiring talks, events and debates about the issues that matter to them.

### WHAT YOU GET

DEMOCRACY ALIVE offers the chance to engage with citizens, European and national decision makers, as well as your colleagues in organised civil society in a completely new way.

We will provide you with the audience and the infrastructure you need to organise inspiring and innovative events on the topics that your organisation cares most about. So that you can focus mainly on content, the festival organisers are in contact with local providers of necessary equipment (tent, flooring, electricity, audio, speakers, chairs, tables etc.) for various kinds activities and events.

Moreover, we are creating a central “festival square” where co-organisers can rent a tent with all the necessary equipment, but together with the local chamber of commerce and business community, we can also facilitate contact to local venues (cafes, restaurants, cinema) if this is more relevant for the kind of content your organisation would be interested in providing.

### WHAT IT TAKES

We are asking all co-organisers to plan 3-4 events (minimum) in the form of debates, workshops or whatever they can come up with to engage the participants of the festival in their issues. As such, your tent/venue does not have to be hosting activities constantly throughout the 3 days.

The festival organisers will be in charge of a number of central events and key-talks, but co-organisers will be in charge of inviting their own speakers and planning their own creative events. That being said, the festival organisers will be overseeing a central list of all confirmed speakers which will be shared with all co-organisers to ensure some level of coordination and efficiency. We furthermore encourage co-organisers to work together on invitations to speakers or panel-participants that they are mutually interested in.

We ask you to bring as many of your colleagues and members as you possibly can, and will only ask for a moderate fee to pay for the necessary infrastructure (stall/tent, electricity etc.) so that you can focus on getting there and creating great events.

---

For more a more information, please get in touch.

[mads@\[democracyalive.eu\]](mailto:mads@[democracyalive.eu])  
[christian@\[democracyalive.eu\]](mailto:christian@[democracyalive.eu])

*Mads Hvid, Head of Projects & Campaigns*  
*Christian Skrivervik, Press & Communications Manager*  
*European Movement International*