

WEBINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

The **INCITE-DEM** project kindly invites you to attend the second in a series of four webinars:

Democracy Reimagined: Historical Insights of Democratic Innovations in Europe

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15:30 – 17:00

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In this session of the INCITE-DEM webinar series, we dive into the evolution of **Democratic Innovations (DIs)** across Europe—tracing their trajectories as institutionalised participatory mechanisms by accounting for emerging evidence from the grassroots too. We will examine DIs' intersection **social and environmental sustainability**, by highlighting opportunities and challenges from an extensive review of the scientific literature and empirical data.

Drawing from findings shared in our two main outputs about the [historical review of DIs](#) and the creation of an original [database and timeline in Europe](#),—the session focuses on the development of such practices since the mid-20th century to present days. We will emphasise the role played by deliberative mini-publics, participatory budgeting and diverse modes of participatory and collaborative governance to reflect on whether and how DIs have evolved in response to sustainability challenges towards transformative change.

This session is designed for researchers and policy experts, as well as practitioners and all those agents interested in learning and sharing knowledge on how participatory and deliberative tools can help reimagine democracy.

SCHEDULE

Welcome and introduction of INCITE-DEM (5 min)

- Brief overview of the historical review.

An Historical account of Democratic Innovations in Europe (15min)

- Presentation of the historical review, covering key waves of participatory and deliberative practices since the aftermath of the second World War.

From Theory to Practice: Mapping Democratic Innovations Across Europe (15 min)

- Presentation of patterns of implementation of democratic innovations across European countries, their governance levels, types of participant engagement, and policy areas.

Sustainability and Participation: Where Do They Meet? (15 min)

- Discussion on how DIs have contributed—or struggled—to advance environmental and social sustainability, with examples across Europe.

Q&A and Open Discussion (20 min)

- Participants are invited to share thoughts, raise questions, and propose avenues for future inquiry and application.

Closure and Next Steps (5 min)

- Final reflections and announcement of upcoming activities or publications.

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