



PROGRAMS AND FINANCING PARTICIPATION OF MUNICIPALITIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND NGOS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

**Participation and cooperation in the common
European area**

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Zavod PIP is a non-profit organization of private law specialized for providing legal counselling and legal aid, information about the European Union and developing non-governmental organizations.



- one of the main tools of the EU for providing information to citizens on local level and feedback to the EU institutions
- EDICs main task is to provide and encourage communication between the EU institutions and its citizens on local and regional level and actively engage them in discussions about the future of the EU



- providing advice and practical tips on rights entitled to the EU citizens, politics, current topics... (in person, by phone or e-mail)
- e-newsletters on different EU topics
- lectures about the EU in primary and secondary schools
- public debates, workshops and round tables on different topics (employment, the future of the EU, climate changes, environment-friendly energy, active citizenship, ...)
- EU Summer Schools
- information campaigns
- Prize competitions
- publications and presentation films
- Media cooperation



- 1. Jobs, Growth and Investment**
- 2. Digital Single Market**
- 3. Energy Union and Climate**
- 4. Internal Market**
- 5. A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union**
- 6. A balanced EU-US Free Trade Agreement**
- 7. Justice and Fundamental Rights**
- 8. Migration**
- 9. A Stronger Global Actor**
- 10. Democratic change**

How EU laws are made



Citizens, interest groups, experts: discuss, consult



Commission: makes formal proposal



Parliament and Council of Ministers: decide jointly



National or local authorities: implement



Commission and Court of Justice: monitor implementation



2004

Ten new countries with a combined population of almost 75 million joined the EU.

2005

The rejection of the Constitutional Treaty in France and the Netherlands.

2008 ...

Economic/financial/debt crisis in Europe.

2015 ...

European migrant crisis.



1. Do you want EU?

Do you even want to live in the EU? Are we ready to throw away the work of past generations? What is the alternative?

2. What kind of EU do we want?

Economic Union? Political Union? Are the member states ready to give up an additional part of its sovereignty?

3. What are the European values?

Democracy? Human Rights? Solidarity?

4. What about EUs demographic challenge?

How to cope economic, budgetary and social challenges?



Where should we start?

Should we ask the citizens?

What is the role of the local level?



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