

DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATION: EXPLORING PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

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Global warming, the digital revolution and social inequality put modern democracy to test. The institutions of the modern democratic state are designed for the challenges of a different era. Therefore, they struggle to meaningfully respond to an increasingly disruptive environment.

Change-makers from both civil society and politics face the pressing question: How must we transform democracy to make it fit for the future? What are the levers for developing and realising reforms that enable a democratic, sustainable and inclusive future?

Overcoming democratic self-disempowerment

To transform democracy, we must imagine alternatives to the status quo – and realise them via the democratic political process. This is why we devote this year's Innocracy Conference to the **“How” of democratic transformation**. How can the political system successfully reform itself? How can society and politics **rediscover their transformative potential**?

Two core perspectives

During Innocracy 2019, we will take two perspectives, which will guide the various sessions in the conference's content streams:

I. We will look at the **“Outer How”** of democratic transformation. What kind of democratic reforms are necessary to respond to global warming and the technological transformation? **Which reforms does it take to develop democratic systems towards a frame which suits the challenges of the 21st century?**

II. At the same time, we look at the **“Inner How”** of democratic transformation. **What do citizens, communities, and societies need – to be able to imagine and master democratic transformation?** What skills, mindset and societal structures are required so that people can co-create the next democracy?

Content Streams

The conference program will be structured by the following content streams:



SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY

Which democratic reforms will enable democratic societies to re-embed into the boundaries of the ecosystem? How can democracy help to balance the immediate needs of its citizens and the interests of future generations?



DIGITAL DEMOCRACY

Which political decisions will help to align technological innovation with the fundamental values and goals of democratic societies?



DEMOCRATIC MIND-SET

What do citizens and decision-makers need to be able to meaningfully shape transformative times? What are the consequences for education, social security, political participation, etc.?

Who this conference is for

As in **2017** and **2018**, this year's Innocracy brings together decision-makers and employees of political institutions, political activists and entrepreneurs, as well as members of civil society organisations and academia from all over Europe. The common trait of our hosts and participants is their open-mindedness, willingness to actively participate, and their ability to listen to each other – even when we disagree.

Formats

The conference offers three different formats. All speakers and workshop hosts are expected to take future- and solution-oriented approaches and to encourage a high degree of interaction:



INSPIRE-TALKS

deliver compelling ideas and perspectives in 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.



CO-CREATION WORKSHOPS

are co-creative spaces for reflecting on existing ideas or open questions. Length is 90 minutes.



DEBATES

feature several perspectives in a dialogue on stage. We aim for quick, to-the-point Westminster-style debates instead of traditional panel discussions.

Draft Agenda

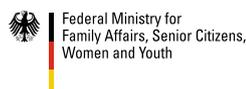
09:00	Registration & Networking
09:30	Welcoming Remarks
09:45	Keynote Speech
10:15	Keynote & Framing of Conference
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	SESSION 1: CO-CREATION WORKSHOPS AND INSPIRE-TALKS
13:00	Lunch
14:00	SESSION 2: CO-CREATION WORKSHOPS AND INSPIRE-TALKS
15:30	Coffee Break
16:00	SESSION 3: CO-CREATION WORKSHOPS AND INSPIRE-TALKS
17:30	Wrap-up & Endnote
18:30	Prominent Night Session
20:00	End of Conference

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