

EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY: WHAT ARE THE NEXT CHALLENGES?

June 26th 2017 – Room 4325 (3rd floor) 33, rue Saint-Dominique – 75007 Paris

The "democratic deficit" of the European Union is a hackney catch all term well known to the disdainers and skeptics of the European construction and as well to some promoters of more transparent and participatory EU, partisans of direct elections for all institutions or of simplification relations between institutions.

At a time when the democratic fracture between the EU and its peoples is being denounced as one of the main factors in the breakdown of the European project, it is necessary to shed full light on the debates surrounding many of the democratic features of this hybrid construction, which sometimes struggles to be described as representative of and listening to its citizens.

Would the EU be more democratic with a directly elected European Commission President? Should the right of legislative initiative be expanded? How can we take into account the results of national referenda without denying democracy in the neighboring countries? Can intergovernmental methods be democratic? How can citizens be empowered to participate in a more democratic construction of the EU ? Does the democratic divide exist only between "Brussels" and the populations, or between the Europeans themselves?

As part of the project "More Europe to overcome the crisis", The Jacques Delors Institute, in partnership with Toute l'Europe, the Sant'Anna College of Pisa, the University Institute for European Studies in Madrid, the Faculty of Lisbon NOVA and the University of Warsaw, is organizing a day of debate in order to provide constructive insights into these issues and draw concrete proposals for improvement.

9h00 > 9h30 – Reception - coffee

9h30 > 9h45 – Opening Speech

Enrico LETTA, President of the Jacques Delors Institute, Doyen of the School for International Affairs SciencesPo, Former Italian PM

9h45 > 10h30 - Keynote Speech "Democracy in Europe"

Marielle DE SARNEZ*, EU Affairs Minister

Q&A with the public

10h30 > 12h00 – Quelle forme de gouvernement pour l'UE ?

Moderation by **Nora Hamadi**, Journalist Public Sénat

Roberto CASTALDI, Director of the CesUE

Thierry CHOPIN, Director of Research at the Schumann Foundation

Nuno PICARRA, Nova Law School of Lisbon

13h30 > 15h00 – national referenda & EU: a deadend ?

Moderation by **Alexandra Lesur**, managing editor of Toute l'Europe

Yves BERTONCINI, Director of the Jacques Delors Institute

Francis CHENEVAL, Political philosophy and Constitutional law professor at the Zurich University

15h00 > 16h30 - A Multi-level Democracy : What Representatives of the citizens in the EU ?

Moderation by **Christophe Préault**, Administrator and Director of Toute l'Europe

Danielle AUROI, Chairwoman of the European Affairs Commission of the French National Assembly

Alain LAMASSOURE, French MEP

16h30 > 17h00 – Coffee Break

17h00 > 18h30 - EU Affairs : transparency and information

Moderation by **Nora Hamadi**, Journalist Public Sénat

Gaëtan RICARD-NIHOUL, Chef adjoint de la Représentation en France de la Commission européenne

Daniel LEBEGUE, President of Transparency International France

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