



## **European Capital of Democracy**

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The European Capital of Democracy NPO has been established by The Innovation in Politics GmbH as a limited liability company (gemeinnützige GmbH). The organisation shall exclusively and directly pursue non-profit purposes. It shall not be profit-making. Its registered office is in Vienna. It is entitled to establish branches in Austria and abroad. The organisation shall be established for an indefinite period.

### **Purpose of the organisation**

The purpose of the organisation is to promote democratic governance and strengthen social cohesion by promoting and expanding democratic participation and democratic awareness and by strengthening established and new forms of democratic practice in Europe.

The organisation's activities, therefore, have the overarching aim of identifying, developing, promoting and applying socio-political innovations to strengthen democracy in Europe and beyond.

To ensure long-term and broadest possible societal benefits, the organisation promotes in particular

- **Strengthening identity**

Strengthening society's awareness of and confidence in the democratic principle, with an inclusive approach in line with the European Convention on Human Rights and the aim of activating and involving as many citizens as possible,

- **Future orientation**

A focus on future generations, including by promoting education, participation and digital literacy among children and young people,

- **Sustainability**

Viable and sustainable solutions that contribute to peaceful and democratic coexistence in a safe and clean environment.



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### Object and purpose

The objective of the European Capital of Democracy NPO shall be to achieve the purpose of the organisation through the following activities:

- Planning, financing, preparing, organising, participating in and carrying out initiatives, events and educational events (in particular conferences, dialogue events, courses, seminars, lectures) or other activities which serve the purpose of the organisation,
- organising competitions, offering and awarding prizes (e.g. awards, promotional prizes, etc.) for outstanding achievements in the field of democracy, the creation of democratic awareness, the further development, promotion and organisation of democratic processes in politics and civil society or achievements that are otherwise relevant to the purpose of the organisation,
- Establishment, organisation, support and management of structures or institutions that enable or support participatory selection and decision-making processes (e.g. citizens' jury) or otherwise promote the involvement of third parties in the organisation's activities.
- Promote networking and exchange in support of relevant democratic and (civil) society actors through existing and new databases, lists, platforms or other appropriate means.
- Publishing electronic and printed media of all kinds, including apps, webcasts, podcasts, streams and the like.

### Financial resources

The necessary financial resources shall be raised through: Donations; subsidies from public institutions as well as private individuals; income from sponsoring, legacies, donations, other contributions, income from events, income from businesses necessary for the achievement of the organisation's purpose (in particular, income from consulting, organisational or other services, the granting of licences and rights of use, the production and distribution of products or services).

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