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In this space, you can find crucial information to help you understand the Democratic Odyssey and, more broadly, citizens' assemblies and deliberative democracy.

What will you find here?

- recordings of previous Assembly meetings, reports and other related information;
- glossary of key terms;
- repository of useful resources if you wish to dive a bit deeper.



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## Civil Society Engagement in the Democratic Odyssey

In many models of deliberative democracy, civil society organisations (CSOs) are excluded from participation based on concerns about neutrality or fears that organised actors might introduce bias and disrupt the 'purity' of citizen input. But this perspective misses the point. It overlooks the structural inequalities that shape who gets to speak, who feels confident to participate, and whose knowledge is seen as legitimate. CSOs are often the ones working most closely with communities who are deeply affected by political decisions yet rarely invited into political spaces.

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The section 'civil society engagement' provides an overview of the reasons why civil society are important in the vision of the Democratic Odyssey for a permanent people's assembly for Europe, the details of civil society organisations that have been engaged at each stage, and photos and videos, also available on instagram

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