



## PROGRAMME

### 10:00 CET - Welcoming

- Javier Rodríguez - Commissioner for Children, Adolescents, Youth and LGTBI Policies of the Barcelona City Council
- Javier Pérez - Director of Political Watch

### 10:20 CET - Opening Session: A prospective and retrospective view of the state of democracy in Europe

*This session will address the main advances, opportunities, setbacks and current challenges of democracy and democratic institutions in Europe, identifying the common and specific values that characterise European democracies, but also the different practices and conceptions that coexist throughout the continent. It will conclude with a joint reflection on what can be done from the different actors (institutions, activists, civil society and citizenry) and also jointly to protect and strengthen our democracies.*

- Moderator: Maysoun Douas - founder of New Social Contract for the 21st Century
- Carol Romero - DECIDIM
- Jordi Vaquer - Secretary General of Metropolis
- José de Pierpont - Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Spain

### 11:45 CET - 1st Panel: Youth as an engine of change: the link between youth, technology and activism for democracy

*This panel will explore how younger generations are engaging socially and politically through technology, how they are innovating in their social activism and how they are addressing the challenges of disinformation in Europe. The panel will approach these issues from a risk-opportunity logic, trying to detect which factors may help to tip the balance on the side of strengthening democracy*

- Moderator: Mireya Diouri, project manager at Talento para el Futuro
- Ismael Páez Cívico - Board Member of the European Youth Forum
- Daryna Onyshko - Youth Coordinator at the Community of Democracies
- Pavle Zlatić – IREX Serbia
- Silvia Ortega, Youth Department, Barcelona City Council



### 13:15 CET - Lunch Break<sup>1</sup>

### 14:30 CET - 2nd Panel: Narratives of democracy in Europe: the values, conceptions and practices we need for the democracy we want

*This panel will delve into regional conceptions, practices, and narratives on democracy aiming to uncover universal democratic values while acknowledging region-specific nuances and European values that can be enhanced. Through this exploration, the panel seeks to inspire a renewed commitment to democratic principles and foster collective responsibility for strengthening democratic governance*

- **Moderator: Thai Jungpanich - Director of Strategic Partnerships at Political Watch**
- **Miriam Juan Torres - Head of Research at the Democracy and Belonging Forum**
- **Artan Islamaj - Operation Libero**
- **Jan Ferrer I Picó - Youth Fellow of International Youth Think Tank**

### 16:00 CET - Stretch the legs/Chat around pause

### 16:30 CET - Round Table: Better together: working in alliance to strengthen democracy

*This last session, more informal and interactive (following the 'fish bowl' dynamic), will address the role that alliances (including the Global Democracy Coalition) play in protecting and strengthening democracy regionally and globally. It will discuss the direction, priorities and governance that these alliances must have in order to play a relevant role and the tools and strategies that can be used to reach a greater impact.*

- **Moderator: Javier Pérez – Director of Political Watch**
- **Tamara Tachynska - Director of Qela App**
- **Lluís Pérez - Academic director at Fundació Irla**
- **Ana Revuelta - UNCAC Coalition's Regional Coordinator for Europe**
- **Urban Strandberg - Manager and co-founder of International Youth Think tank**

### 17:45 CET - Final remarks

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<sup>1</sup> Provided by the organisation to all the panellists and assistants



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