



Building DiEM25's Progressive Agenda for Europe

>> Intro

In February we agreed our [manifesto](#), which defined what we want to achieve as DiEM25: a truly democratic, transparent, pluralist, social, sustainable Europe by 2025.

Now it's time for us to lay out the concrete policy proposals that *will get us there*. We call this our Progressive Agenda for Europe, and we need your help to build it!

Our Agenda is a collection of six papers, one on each of our pillars: Transparency, Refugees and Migration, the European New Deal, Labour, Green Investment and A European Constitution. These will be developed in a truly bottom-up, grassroots effort involving all our members across Europe in collaboration with a panel of experts and ultimately approved in a democratic exercise on our website.

Our Agenda will be the cornerstone of our work: defining what we will push our politicians for, what our campaigns will be based on, which political parties we will support or endorse, or what kind of political forms we will take – at EU, national, regional and municipal level – as our Agenda seeks ways to express itself across Europe.

We are already well advanced on the content for the first two papers ('Transparency' and 'Refugees and Migration'), thanks to the two Assemblies on those challenges that we held in Rome and Vienna in March and May 2016. In parallel with developing these two papers, we need to start working on our third: 'The European New Deal'. We will be holding an Assembly to discuss this paper publicly next spring in Paris (see process below).

So that means for this phase, we'll be working on three papers at the same time. Our goal is to have all three papers – half of our Agenda – finalised and approved by the April 2017.

Ambitious? Yes! Achievable? Absolutely.

Let's go.

>> What is the process?

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DiEM25 members and Expert Committee receive questions for discussion



DiEM25 members and Expert Committee draft proposals



All proposals integrated into 1st Green Paper



DiEM25 members give comments; integrated into 2nd Green Paper



DiEM25 members give amendments at Assembly



All proposals integrated into 3rd Green Paper



DiEM25 members vote; if approved, White Paper is born

For the first three papers/pillars of our Agenda:

- September 19-30, 2016: The DiEM25 Coordinating Collective announces an Expert Committee, made of DiEM25 members with recognised expertise in the subject, and working protocol. The Coordinating Collective publishes a set of questions on the topic on [the dedicated page for this process](#), and shares them with DSC coordinators and the Expert Committee.
- September 30, 2016 – November 30, 2016: DSC coordinators share these questions with their members and arrange public discussions where possible (we recommend the "Food4Europe" or "[DiEM25 Citizens' University](#)" formats). Members announce their interest to work on at least one specific question or section and get together in local or virtual groups to come up with a proposal for this. To keep proposals brief and high-quality, each group should consist of at least five people and the resulting summarised proposal must not contain more than 3000 words. It is then forwarded to the Expert Committee.

In parallel, the Expert Committee works on the same set of questions and develops similar proposals.

- November 30, 2016 – December 31, 2016: The Expert Committee, together with the Coordinating Collective, integrates all proposals into a Green Paper which is shared with all DiEM25 members.
- December 31, 2016 – February 15, 2017: DiEM25 members comment on the Green Paper. DSC coordinators send summaries of these comments to the Expert Committee which integrates them, together with the Coordinating Collective, into a second Green Paper.
- February 25, 2017 (tentative – TBC): A DiEM25 Assembly is held, where there is a public discussion of this second Green Paper, followed by amendments in response to this discussion. *(This step applies only to the paper on the European New Deal – since we have already held Assemblies to discuss the first two papers publicly, and have integrated all comments into the process.)*
- February 28, 2017: The Expert Committee, together with the Coordinating Collective, integrates these amendments into a final (third) copy of the Green Paper. *(Caveat as above.)*
- March 2017 (exact date TBC): This third Green Paper *(or second Green Paper in the cases of 'Transparency' and 'Refugees and Migration')* is put to a vote among DiEM25 members. If approved, it becomes DiEM25's White Paper for this specific pillar.

>> Guidelines for submissions

1. **Keep it under 3000 words.** Each submission for each paper from each group must be *no longer than 3000 words*. If you can fit your suggestions on one page, do so, as that will make it easier for them to be integrated into the final paper.
2. **The scope of your contribution is up to you.** Groups can choose to contribute to multiple papers or just one. They can contribute to multiple questions on a single paper, or just one.
3. **Make sure it's a collaborative effort.** To keep proposals high-quality, each submission should be the result of a debate between at least five people. Only groups can submit proposals; single-volunteer submissions are not allowed.

Ways to form groups:

- Go to [your local DiEM25 Spontaneous Collective](#) and form a group with other interested people there.
 - **Organise a local DiEM25 discussion event** (alone, at an educational institute or as a DSC) or workshop on this topic. Once information about your event is publicly available, you can write to volunteer@diem25.org to get help in promoting it. After the event, ensure that at least five people have seen and signed the final document that comes out of it.
 - **Go to DiEM25's forums** (the '[Discuss Policy](#)' ones or those pertaining to [your region](#)) and find collaborators there.
 - **Connect with people via email** by adding your name to the directories for [Transparency](#), [Refugee & Migration](#), or [European New Deal](#).
4. **Open it up to the wider community.** We suggest groups promote debates and discussions on their submission whenever they can, within their communities at large (e.g. in education centres, public forums, etc.). This will ensure your proposals are as high-quality and inclusive as possible!

>> Who's involved?

	Paper	Point person in DiEM25 Coordinating Collective	Chairperson of Expert Committee
1.	Transparency	Srećko Horvat	Dániel Fehér
2.	Refugees and Migration	Lorenzo Marsili	Sara Prestianni
3.	The European New Deal	Yanis Varoufakis	James Galbraith