

Roundtable Discussion

The Other Democratic Deficit – a Toolbox for the EU to Safeguard Democracy in EU Member States

26 June 2018, 16:00-18:30

Sala Capranichetta
Piazza Montecitorio, Roma

The European Union's fundamental values, including fundamental democratic principles and the rule of law, have come under pressure in a number of member states. Recently, EU institutions have shown more commitment to defending these common values, yet to this day, the available instruments have proven insufficient.

In order to find ways to uphold democracy and the rule of law within the EU, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung convened a group of recognised experts from politics, civil society and academia who developed ideas on how the EU could safeguard democracy in its member states.

The proposals elaborated by the expert group were recently published in a policy paper which will be presented and discussed in this seminar, organized by IAI and FES which will take into account Italy's positions and interests. As European leaders become increasingly aware of the urgent need for action and negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework get underway, the question of how the EU's values can be safeguarded should be a central part of the debate over the future of the EU.

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| 16:00 | Welcome
Ettore Greco , IAI
Michael Braun , FES, Rome office |
| 16:15 | <i>Safeguarding democracy in EU member states – which instruments?</i>

Miguel Maduro , Director, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute, former Advocate General at the European Court of Justice, former Minister for Regional Development in the Portuguese government

Michael Meyer-Resende , Executive Director, Democracy Reporting International

Lucia Serena Rossi , Professor for European Union Law, University of Bologna |
| 17:15 | Discussion/Q&A

Moderator:
Juliane Schulte , Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Department for Central and Eastern Europe |
| 18:30 | End of event |

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