



# Hambach Democracy Dialogue 2023

**Workshop**  
14–16 June



# Defending Democracy in Times of Multiple Crises

14–16 June 2023

**at Hambach Castle, Schlossstraße,  
67434 Neustadt an der Weinstraße**

The Hambacher Fest of 1832 constituted the first democratic movements in Germany, France, Poland and other European countries. Thus Hambach Castle has become the symbol of German and European democracy. Here we want to come together to support a strong and democratic Europe.

We invite young people from Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and other European regions to share their ideas and views for a just and sustainable policy framework for Europe.

**You are between 20 and 35 years old  
and interested in Europe?**

This workshop is your opportunity to meet new people, exchange ideas and develop concrete proposals to enhance European policies and institutions and to strengthen the resilience of democracy in Europe. The workshop is followed by a conference where you can present your ideas and perspectives to a group of European parliamentarians, national politicians, democracy experts and representatives of European civil society. A unique opportunity to discuss face to face with decision-makers and provide them with a list of »to do's« for their work.

**You are welcome to participate and we hope  
to meet you at Hambach Castle!**

The Hambach Democracy Dialogues (HDD) are intended to be a platform for exchanging progressive ideas and proposals for further developing European democracies.

## **This year, we want to refer to the Impact of Economic Turbulences on Democracy's Resilience**

The crisis of the past year has strongly reinforced existing fears about one's economic future. Often, existing inequalities have been exacerbated. Inequality leads to a lack of representation of less privileged groups, the dwindling trust in democratic institutions and the decreasing political participation of many citizens. These challenges are often exploited by illiberal forces for their particular interests at the expense of democracy.

**You will work about the following key questions:** How inequality affects democratic participation and what can be done about it? How rich private actors disproportionately influence democratic decision making and what can be done about it? Do democratic innovations fare better in breaking the link between inequality and democracy?

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### 14–15 June 2023 **Workshop Programm**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Workshop Day**

14.6.2023 at Siebenpfeiffer-Saal

- until 13:30** ARRIVAL AT HAMBACH CASTLE (REGISTRATION)
- 14:00** OPENING/WELCOME/  
GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER
- SESSIONS
- DINNER
- END 1<sup>ST</sup> WORKSHOP DAY

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Day**

15.6.2023 at Siebenpfeiffer-Saal

- 09:00** WARMING UP AND RECAP OF DAY 1
- REFLECTIONS & INPUT BY KARSTEN LUCKE MdEP
- CONSOLIDATION OF THE RESULTS  
OF THE WORKING GROUPS
- 13:00** LUNCH
- END OF THE WORKSHOP
- 14:30** GUIDED TOUR OF HAMBACH CASTLE AND  
»HAMBACH FESTIVAL« EXHIBITION



## Organisational Information

- The conference and workshop language is English (without translation).
- The FES will cover the costs of overnight accommodation, including breakfast, in one of the hotels in Neustadt which have been pre-reserved by the FES.
- Attendance is free of charge, including food and drink at Hambach Castle.
- Please register with and direct any queries to: [hdd@fes.de](mailto:hdd@fes.de)
- For more information click here: [Hambach Democracy Dialogues](#).

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