

-FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article 34, partie II de la Constitution:

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ARTICLE 34 – Principe d'une démocratie participative

1. Every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union *and the decision making process within its institutions.*
 2. *The Union promotes active citizenship of all. It recognises the contribution of civil society to democracy in Europe. The Union encourages the participation of its citizens, in particular the young, in democratic associations.*
 3. ~~2.~~ The Union institutions shall *take appropriate measures to*, ~~by appropriate means,~~ *facilitate the expression of opinions and expertise through* ~~give citizens and~~ representative *non-governmental organisations* ~~associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their opinions on all areas of Union action.~~
 4. ~~3.~~ The Union institutions shall *guarantee* ~~maintain~~ an open, transparent, *structured and* regular dialogue with ~~representative associations and~~ *civil society through consultation with representative organisations and social partners.*
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Explication éventuelle:

- The right to participation should not be limited to the rather vague notion of “democratic life” but include the democratic process of decision-making in the institutions.
- The Union needs to promote active citizenship as a value for the sustainability of the democratic order, underpinning the acceptance of European governance and the creation of social capital within a European polity.
- EU institutions should not merely grant the opportunity to make opinions known but rather actively support the expression of opinions and recognise the value of the expertise inherent in many non-governmental organisations (which are associations of citizens with specific interests and knowledge).