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The European Union's crisis of legitimacy How to make the Union more democratic

Policy lab

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12pm – 1pm	Registration & Welcome lunch
1pm– 1:15pm	Welcome and introduction Johannes Müller Gómez, COMOS, LMU München & Université de Montréal Alina Thieme, COMOS & Universität zu Köln
1:15pm– 1:45pm	Tour de table: Presentation
1:15pm – 3pm	Working session I: Problem identification and prioritisation <i>Does the European Union have a democratic deficit? Which are the EU's current deficits and challenges in terms of democratic representation?</i>
3pm – 3:30pm	Coffee
3:30pm – 6:30pm	Working session II: Definition of general objectives <i>In which direction should the European Union in principle develop in order to become more democratic?</i> Working groups: Advantages and disadvantages of different models of democratic representation Coffee break Plenary session: Development of a democratic model for the European Union
7pm – 9pm	Dinner

30 May 2019

10am – 10:15am	Welcome and recap
10:15am – 12pm	Working session IIIa: Policy recommendations <i>What are existing reform proposals across Europe?</i> Working groups: Discussion of existing proposals with regard to defined objectives
12pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2:30pm	Working session IIIb: Policy recommendations <i>Which reform steps to take to make the EU more democratic?</i> Plenary session: Development of DAFEUS policy recommendations
2:30pm – 2:45 pm	Coffee
2:45pm – 3:45pm	Working session IIIc: Policy recommendations Working groups: Finalisation and formulation of policy recommendations
3:45pm – 4pm	Conclusion

DAFEUS

The DAFEUS project has four objectives. It enhances the debate on the future development of the EU, fosters public knowledge and awareness of EU politics, promotes EU studies in new research areas, and strengthens the exchange between both academics and practitioners as well as civil society and the general public.

By comparing the EU to federally organised countries, the project will shed new light on strengths and deficits of the EU's political system. On this basis, DAFEUS develops concrete recommendations how to make the EU and its federal elements more effective, more efficient and more democratic.

DAFEUS will focus on three key topics:

1. Institutions and decision-making in federal systems
2. Democracy in federal systems
3. Differentiation in federal systems

DAFEUS combines academic research, public outreach and policy dialogue by organising three DAFEUS weeks, each of which includes a policy lab and an annual conference. The events will bring together senior and junior experts with diverse academic and professional backgrounds, policy-makers, civil society organisations and the wider public.

The project's output will comprise a set of webcasts, including expert interviews and speeches, three background papers on the project's key topics, three policy papers with recommendations from the policy labs, three conference reports with key results, a journal article and an edited volume gathering contributors to the project's events. A state-of-the-art website and a corresponding online platform for debate via Facebook complement DAFEUS' outreach activities.

DAFEUS will be implemented by the Cologne Monnet Association for EU Studies (COMOS) in cooperation with the Université de Montréal, the Centre international de formation européenne and the University of Cologne.

Further information is available at www.dafeus.eu.

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