

DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY IN PRACTICE  
– COMPARISON OF THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF DELIBERATIVE PRACTICES IN DECISION-  
MAKING AT AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

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Democratic innovations in recent decades have mostly focused on how to involve citizens even more in decision-making in representative democracies – including the direct forms of participation. According to deliberative democracy and practices based on this theory, the deliberation of citizens and the proposals that emerge from deliberation have a high added value in the decision-making process in representative systems. This presentation will seek to answer the question of what objective methods can be used to determine the level of application of deliberative democracy practices in a given country and how this can be compared in an international context. To this end, the presentation introduces an indicator system that allows, on the basis of specific criteria, to determine the level of deliberative democratic methods applied in the decision-making process of a given country and, consequently, to compare the level of deliberative democratic practices in different countries. The presentation shows the practical application of the indicator system by comparing the level of deliberative democratic methods applied by European countries.

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