



## WELCOME TO THE TED WEBINAR

# Joining the Team Europe Democracy (TED) Network: Why and How?

### Agenda:

- European Commission DG INTPA (G1): EC vision and call for CSOs
- TED Secretariat Team Leader: Presentation of TED initiatives and 2023 priorities
- International IDEA & EDH representatives: Experiences and expectations
- Q&A session

*We start at 1.30 pm (CET) sharp.*

*Could you please briefly introduce yourself in the chat and switch on your camera if you can.*

*Please mute your microphones during the presentations.*

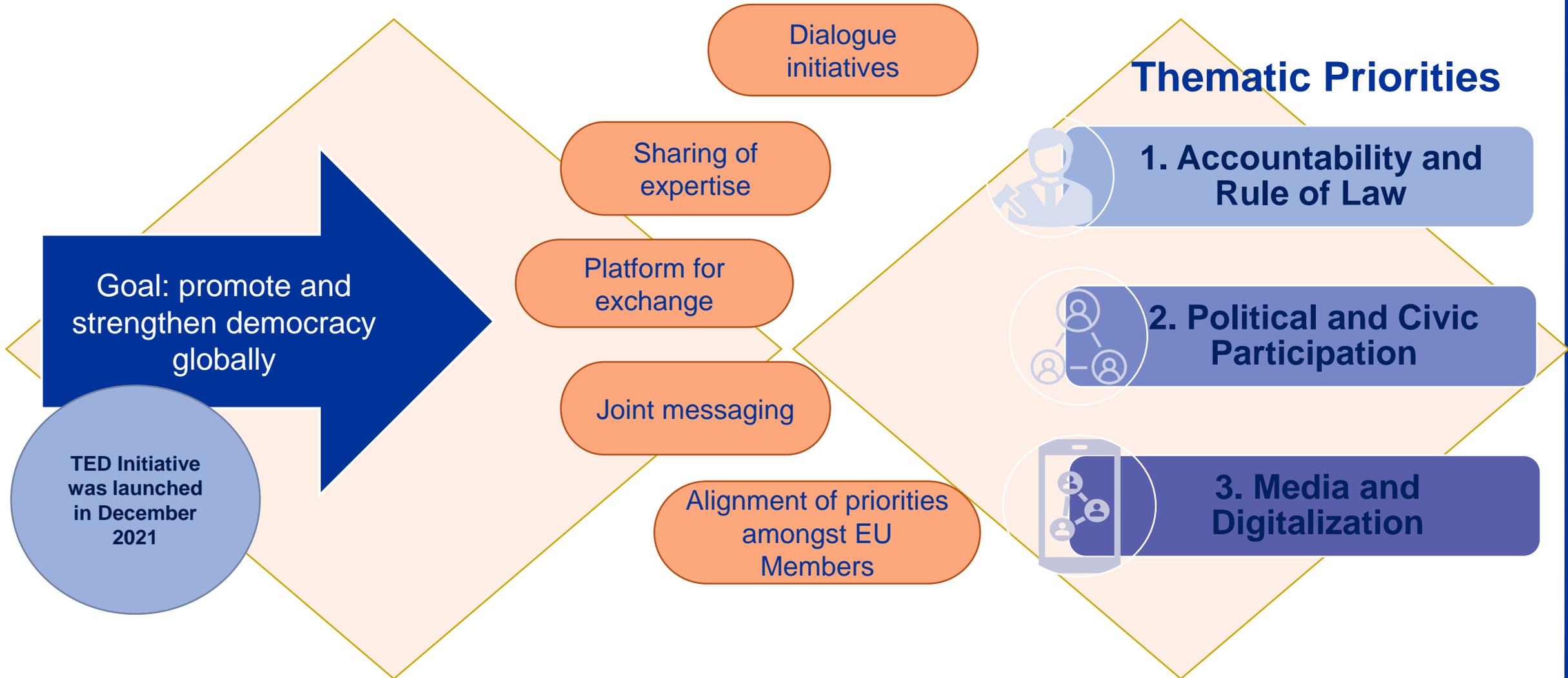
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# **Team Europe Democracy Initiative**



# What is Team Europe Democracy (TED)?

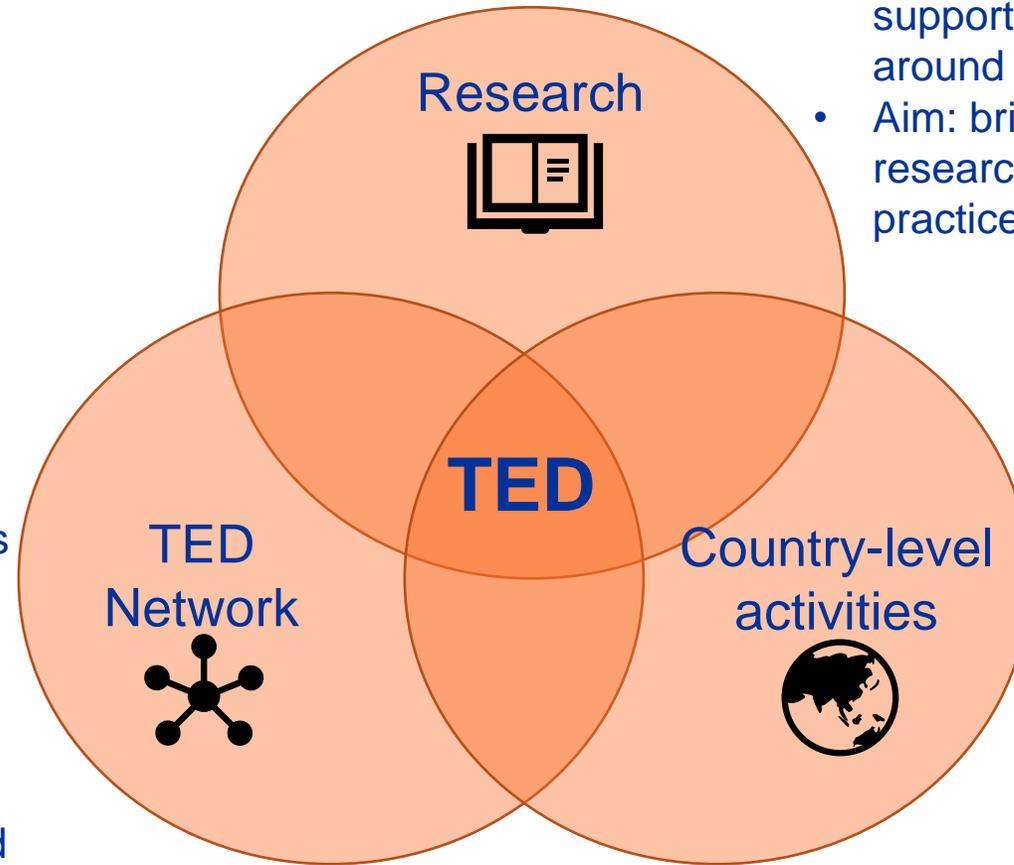




# THREE PILLARS OF TED

## Structure and interventions

- Consists of EU Member States and their agencies, EU-based CSOs and other stakeholders
- Working groups on thematic priorities
- Aim: Dialogue, knowledge exchange on best practice and joint actions



## Research, data collection, analysis and production of knowledge

- Focus: state of democracy, democracy support and human rights violations around the world
- Aim: bridge the gap between academic research and international cooperation in practice

## Tailored support to selected countries and themes

- Focus: strengthening coordination, enhancing MS joint actions and implementation at country level
- Aim: Enhance synergies amongst EU Member States on democracy support, and facilitate co-creation and implementation of joint action and action plans



# TED NETWORK



# OBJECTIVES

Network of **Member States, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), practitioners and other partners** in the area of democracy, good governance, media and digitalisation, gender equality and human rights, at political and operational level, aiming at the promotion of evidence-based dialogue and joint action on democracy.

At an operational level, the TED Network:

1. Gathers different **constituencies with a track record and proven expertise** in democracy support;
2. Provides **space for strategic dialogue and debate on democracy support** strategies, approaches, actions and programmes in coordination with the research outputs implemented by STED;
3. Steers the **exchange of information, best practices as well as knowledge production and sharing** between its members, and ensures their implementation into the democracy support strategies.



# MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE & ENGAGEMENT

## Structure

- **Working groups (WG)** based on the 3 priority topics, subgroups within WGs, and TEDN activities in selected pilot countries.
- WG will develop workplans supported by the TED Secretariat and decide which outputs they want to present at the annual meeting. → These inputs will aim to inform policies, programmes and actions both at global and partner country level.
- Participation in working groups: open and on voluntary basis.

## Membership

Two different memberships can be distinguished:

- 1) **Lead and/or Co-lead of a working group**, development of knowledge products, organising joint activities, and more.
- 2) **Active member**, participating in knowledge exchanges and contributing to the goals of the Network.



# POTENTIAL MEMBERS

- Europe-based stakeholders engaged in promoting democracy and human rights worldwide:
  - CSOs, networks, knowledge centers, international organisations based in Europe
- EU Members States
- EU structures

Membership is not valid for the following:

- Individual consultants
- Private sector entities without public mandate
- CSOs based outside of EU



## WG1 - Accountability and Rule of Law

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- Rule of law
- Access to justice
- Transparency

## WG2 - Political and Civic Participation

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- Women's political participation
- Youth political participation and youth civil society activism
- Political party systems, parliamentary support
- Electoral integrity
- Local democratic governance

## WG3 - Media and Digitalization

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- Protecting safety and security of journalists
- Enhancing professional skills
- Assisting media to transition to digital
- Promoting and respecting human rights in cyberspace



# EXAMPLES OF FURTHER PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

## **TED Network Pilot Countries**

Members of the TED Network will have the possibility to design and involve non-European countries for specific and agreed upon interventions. These countries may be strategic partners on specific topics that wish to contribute to the Network's dialogue.

## **TED Network Guests**

Additionally, TED Network members may engage non-members on a temporary basis and for specific topics/interventions. Guests can be relevant civil society organisations, academia, or any other pertinent actors.

Consensus within the relevant WG will be established prior to using these additional mechanisms.



# 2023 TED NETWORK TIMELINE

Dates	Planned activity
15 <sup>th</sup> February – 31 March 2023	Call for expression of interest is live
1 <sup>st</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Compilation and selection of members
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Presentation to SC
April-May 2023	First meeting of the TED Network & operationalising two Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Accountability and Rule of Law;</i></li><li>• <i>Political and Civic Participation.</i></li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> half of June 2023	Annual Event of the TED Network
May-September	Preparation of the concept for the third Working Group: <i>Media &amp; Digitalisation</i>

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