



***International Day of Democracy:***

***From Civic Activism to Political Reality***

**Tuesday, 15 September 2015 - 10h30-12h30**, followed by a light luncheon  
at the **European Endowment for Democracy (EED)**  
Avenue des Gaulois 29 (metro Merode), B-1040 Brussels

(Social) media and new technologies have clearly played an essential role in mobilising citizens demanding change. How can this mobilisation continue to grow and lead to sustainable democratic processes? How can we make sure that public and civil society demands are effectively realised through the political system?

Through interviews with three diverse actors of democracy, we will examine how citizens' demands are best passed to political institutions - to ensure they are heard and enacted? How can we move from on-line demands to real life improvements for citizens?

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The *European Parliament, Commission and External Action Service* together with the *European Partnership for Democracy (EPD)*, the *European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)*, *International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)* and the *European Endowment for Democracy (EED)* invite you to a discussion featuring:

**Cecilia Wikström**, Member of the European Parliament

**Levan Tutskirizidze**, Netherlands Institute for Multi-party Democracy (NIMD) South Caucasus

**Jaouhar Ben Mbarek**, Founding member of the Tunisian *Manifeste* and *Doustourna* Moderator:

**Silvio Gonzato**, Director for Human *Rights and Democracy*, *European External Action Service*

[Register here](#) by Friday, 11 September 2015.

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