

# Democratising economic policymaking - Yes, we can!

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## 1,2,3 steps forward

### Step 1: Who? (...should be involved in economic policymaking?)

- Widen the spectrum of involved actors in the consultative mechanism of the European Semester from social partners to a broad variety of CSOs. This should be extended to direct citizen involvement with specific formats.
- Take efforts to bringing more actors to the table to contribute with different types of knowledge and experience, including reflections on the economic system, and to support the implementation of CSRs.

### Step 2: How?

- Widen the classic consultative approaches with hearings to include deliberative processes and practices, and establish quality criteria for these processes and their facilitators.
- For the topic of economics there is a special need to lowering the entry barriers for engagement. Therefore capacity must be built by organising knowledge upgrades and providing accessible material etc.

### Step 3: Which architecture?

- Establish multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) for economics and sustainability in the member states, modelled after the EU level MSP on the SDGs, for developing joint policy input for economic policy making at all levels, including for the European Semester.
- Existing bodies like advisory councils and national economic and social committees shall be a part of the MSP, which should also organise direct citizen deliberations in support of its work.