

# DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

\*and the role of civic technology in citizen participation

The conference is split into two sessions.

**1.** The morning (plenary) session will involve speeches and a panel discussion on the topic of “democracy in crisis”. The working language of this first session will be English.

**2.** In the second (afternoon) session participants will split into workshops based on their interest (choice of four different topics). This interactive session will aim to produce policy recommendations in the related theme. The workshops will be led by experts in the subject matter and will be conducted in Greek.

## MORNING

**9:00 - 9:30** Registration

**9:30 - 9:50** Welcome Addresses

- Hon. President of the House of Parliament of Cyprus Demetris Syllouris

**9:50 - 10:10** Opening Speech

- Co-founder of Vouliwatch Cyprus

**10:10 - 11:10** Keynote I + II - Q & A

- Gregor Hackmack, ParliamentWatch
- Doru Peter Frantescu, VoteWatch Europe

**11:10 - 11:30** Coffee Break

**11:30 - 13:00** Panel Discussion on “Democracy in crisis: Can civic technology be an antidote to the rise of populism, euroscepticism and electoral abstention?”, Chair: Elina Makri, Cafe Babel

### Panel experts:

- Co-founder of Vouliwatch Cyprus
- Stefanos Loukopoulos, Vouliwatch
- Luis Alvarado Martinez, European Youth Forum
- Panayiotis Sentonas, Youth Board of Cyprus
- Dr. Antonis Ellinas, University of Cyprus

**13:00 - 14:00** Lunch Break

## AFTERNOON

**14:00 - 16:00** Workshop Sessions

### 1. Hacking Vouliwatch Cyprus

(Facilitator: Valentinos Evripidou, hack{cyprus} Organising team)

### 2. Environment

(Facilitator: Lefkios Sergides, Terra Cypria)

### 3. Access to information

(Facilitators: Doxia Mina & Orestis Tringides, Politeia Cyprus)

### 4. Gender equality

(Facilitator: Susana Pavlou, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies -MIGS)

**16:00 - 17:00** Results and closing

