


Towards Modern Representative Democracy?



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Modern Representative Democracy

- 1) Representative Government
- 2) Citizens Participation
- 3) Rule of Law

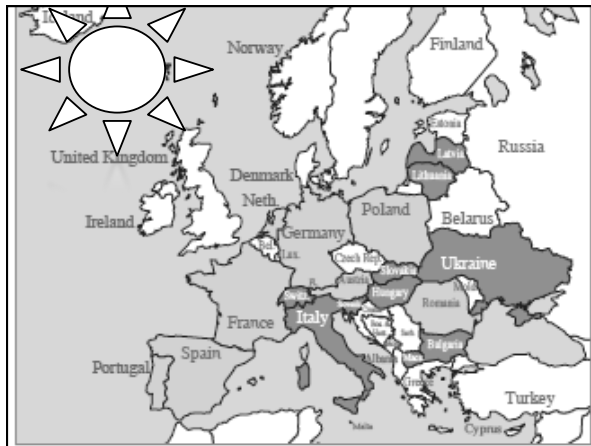
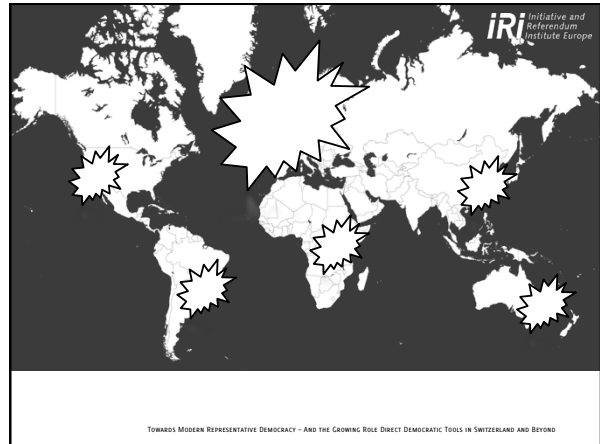
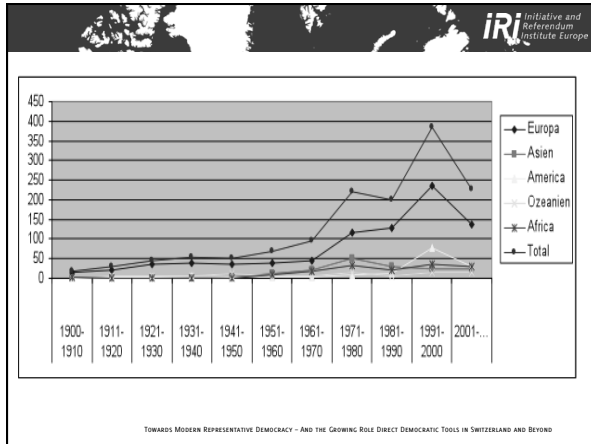
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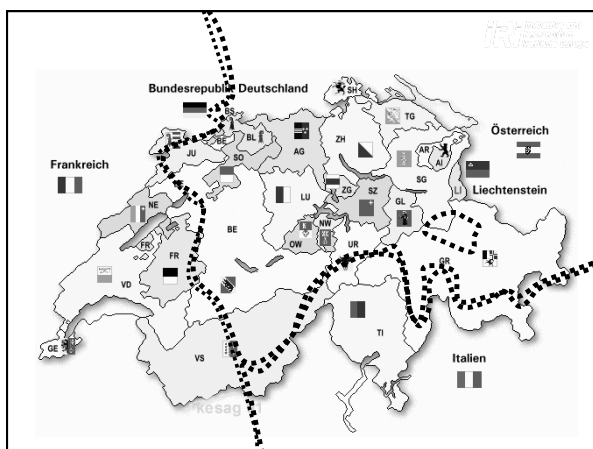
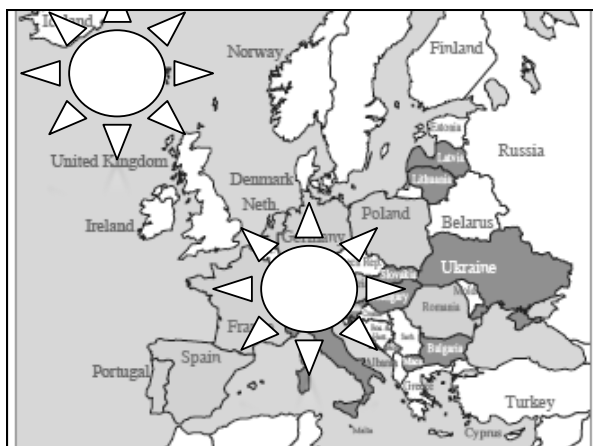


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- 1) Representative Government > Efficient Decisionmaking
- 2) Citizens Participation > Comprehensive Communication
- 3) Rule of Law > Robuste Protection

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All key instruments

- > **Citizens' Initiative**
- > **Popular Referendum**
- > **Mandatory popular vote**

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On all political levels

- > **3000 Municipalities**
- > **26 Cantons**
- > **1 Federal State**

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Over a long periode of time

- > **1848: Mandatory Vote**
- > **1874: Popular referendum**
- > **1891: Citizens' initiative**
- > **1921: International treaty vote**

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- > **Representative government**
interaction > **counter proposal**
- > **Legal limitations** to
initiative & referendum

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Key Insights 1/2

- > Finetuned **MIRROR** of society
- > Dynamised **COMMUNICATION**
- > Collective **LEARNING PROCESS**

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The Alps need your initiative.

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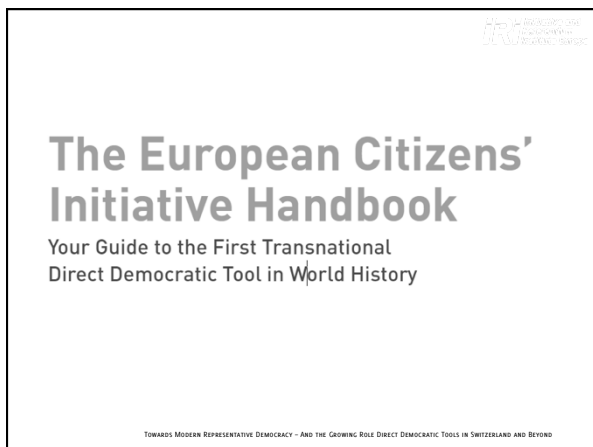
Key Insights 2/2

- > Critical **BALANCES** within representative democracy
- > Continous needs of democratising **INNOVATIONS**
- > Urgent need for supportive **INFRASTRUCTURE**

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The world **democracy** challenges

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- * Environment
- * Economy
- * Freedom

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More Direct Democracy

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More **Digital**
Democracy

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More
Transnational
Democracy


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Modern Direct Democracy
Key Guidelines

- DD as a right:
to set agenda, to make decision
- Simple procedure:
Clear rules of the game

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-> Good Compromises!
-> Happy Losers!!
-> Peaceful conflict-
resolutions!!!

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