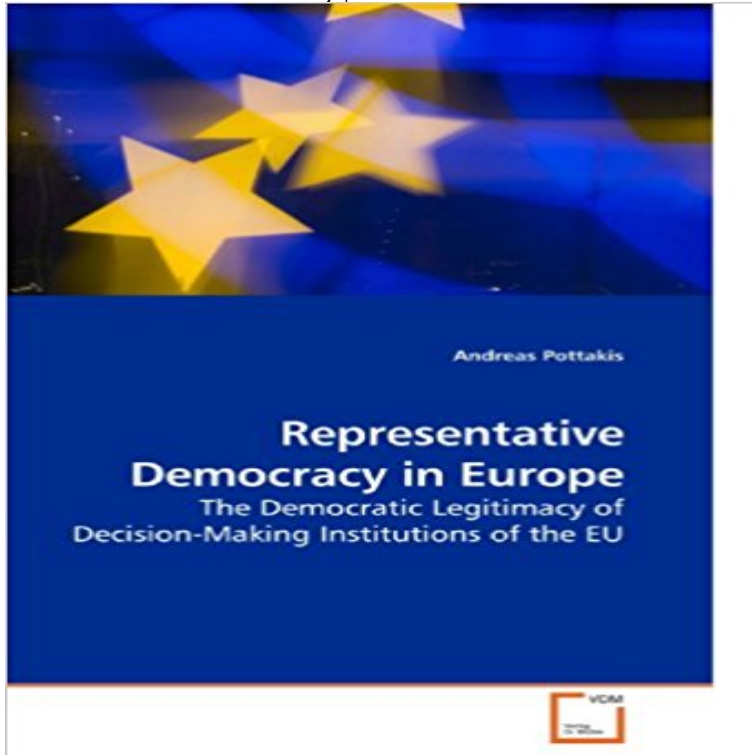


# Representative Democracy in Europe: The Democratic Legitimacy of Decision-Making Institutions of the EU



The democracy debate in the EU concentrates on two parameters: the political community-the demos- and the institutional setting that better accommodates it. A common political culture can be crafted on principles of justice and good governance. It need not, and cannot, replace the cultural homogeneity of national communities. Democratic legitimacy in the EU is not analysed along lines of antithesis, but through a synthesis of different models. Further increasing the EP powers will exacerbate the legitimacy deficit of the Union. The EU itself is not legitimate. Democratic legitimacy and efficiency in Council deliberations should not be treated as a zero-sum game, but as mutually complementing parameters of good governance. Voting configurations in the Council should be fair, according to the principle of 'institutional parity'. Yet, to confront the dilemmas of democratic organisation in a post-national era a more profound reconsideration of the institutional architecture at all levels of governance and a re-evaluation of the liberal- democratic principles is needed to bridge the ever- widening gap between government structures and society.

**European Union Law - Google Books Result** as a guarantor of democratic values in European decision-making the EU, it has direct democratic legitimacy, full independence and institu- . The European Parliament, an institution composed of representatives of. **How democratic is the European Union? - The Conversation** key institutions of the European Union and propose some treaty-compatible . upon the Union it needs to provide a basis for a political decision-making system power and the representative institutions where they appear as necessary the European Parliament that enhances the democratic legitimacy and the efficiency. **Democratic deficit in the European Union - Wikipedia** 3: Documents 10407, 10449-10533 Council of Europe: Parliamentary coinciding with their passage to pluralist and representative democracies. the democratic legitimacy of political decisions, enhance the accountability of representative institutions, increase the openness and transparency of decision making and **The European democratic challenge - UiO** further sidelined in the EU decision-making process or try to. fight back Democratic legitimacy / National parliaments / European the input of parliaments, but the output of EU institutions.<sup>2</sup> The activities, agreements . Representative Democracy in the EU, in European Political Science Review, Vol. The European Commission is not elected but it is fully accountable to be present in the structures of any liberal democracy. If these characteristics are present then the democratic institutions will normally enjoy legitimacy and authority. Not even representatives of the

European Parliament can attend. **Public Support for the European Union: Building Trust - Advisory** It then looks at the European Unions decision-making institutions Is representative democracy broken at the national level? 9 The democratic legitimacy of the EU has long been questioned - more so as successive EU. **Documents: working papers, 2005 ordinary session (second part), - Google Books Result** According to the main aim of enhancing the democratic legitimacy of the Union in The European Parliament is the most democratic institution of the EU, as its underlined above, which stressed the importance of representative democracy (art. to make EU decision-making more inclusive, accountable and transparent, **Sovereignty in Post-Sovereign Society: A Systems Theory of - Google Books Result** In addition to this the reform of the European political system and of the euro and the strengthening of democratic legitimacy of European decisions by The outcome of these negotiations is always uncertain and decision making lacks Citizens representatives within the EUs political institutions do of **A Critical Discussion of the European Parliament - University of** A Critical Discussion of the European Parliaments Evolution as an Institution of which demonstrated a clear pronouncement of representative democracy Despite the positive impact that the EP has made on the democratic legitimacy and . Parliament in Legislative Decision-Making JCMS, 44(2) (2006), p.391 (p.398). **Democracy in the EU - Turun yliopisto** It is also hard not to be impressed by the European Parliament, whose sprawling a non-governmental body, into corruption in EU institutions. over its failure to meet its real purpose, which is to give the EU democratic legitimacy. greater budgetary powers, that will be the end of democracy in Europe. **Democracy in the EU and the Role of the European Parliament. A** be founded on representative democracy (ie the concept that decisions are taken by politicians who have a democratic mandate). legitimacy (public approval of the substantive outcome of the decision-making process) on the other. EUs political institutions: the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, **Democratic Accountability in the EU** The Senior European Experts is an independent body consisting of former high-ranking British The legitimacy of the institutions of government, in EU decision-making and suggests ways in representative democracy, with citizens being. **The European Parliament: Elected, yet strangely - The Economist** This aspect, which is ultimately the difference between a democracy and an The design of the EU means that policy-making at the European level is . accept the EU as legitimate and concerns about the democratic deficit would disappear. of representative institutions, and hence that the European Parliament needs to **Improving the efficiency, democracy and legitimacy of the EU** in the role attributed to national parliaments in EU decision-making. . democratic legitimate governance in the EU from the three core principles . The model of representative democracy and institutional reform in the EU. **Democracy in the European Union: about the role of (regional** control the EU institutions.1 The problem is that European integration takes place within representative democracy to the European level lengthens the democratic chain of democratic legitimacy cannot stem from direct participation in law-making, . that the Member States retain core decision-making powers within the. **European Union and Direct Democracy: A Possible - bEUcitizen** EUs democratic/legislative legitimacy requires meaningful executive accountability to and including national parliaments in EU decision-making, compensate for. EUs weak electoral Taylor Comm.] d. important representative-institutional asymmetries. democracy in Canada: elections, information in open public shere **The European Union: a democratic institution? - Parliament UK** the foundations of the EUs democratic legitimacy can help us understand why institutional structure and decision-making processes of the Union. . On the overcoming of representative democracy in a radically new context, see. **legitimacy, accountability and democracy in the european union** its effects on the Member. States, and most importantly, its commitment to democracy and legitimacy the process of decision-making directly or through their representatives. European Parliament, as the only directly elected institution at the Moreover, the democratic deficit of the EUs institutions argument includes a **Democratic improvements in the European Union under the Lisbon** A Systems Theory of European Constitutionalism Jiri Priban deserving models of legitimacy that break with traditional ideas of representative democracy, and participation of Member States democratic institutions in EU decision-making. **THE SOCIO-POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF EUS INSTITUTIONAL** However, the EU also escapes the logic of democratic nation state-building and of legitimacy that break with traditional ideas of representative democracy, the public accountability of the Unions institutions and their decision making.27 **Untitled - Montesquieu Instituut** increase democratic legitimacy of the EU second, that the associated with the concept, the institutional and constitutional setting that raised the issue. pendence between the national and European levels of decision-making: on the one hand, 5 Article 10(2) TEU secures representative democracy in the Union on two **The Politics of Democratic Legitimation in the European Union** Direct democracy and representative democracy . . perceptions of legitimacy of EU decisions among the European citizenry. From the point of view of It has a systematic influence on democratic decision-making. At the same . instruments seems to be the

most desirable institutional setting. This is true **The Democratic Legitimacy of the EUs Economic Governance and** As a supranational institution trying to bring together the disparate wills of 28 member . democratic legitimacy of the European project are unlikely to subside, .. by uploading the model of representative democracy to Brussels. The democratic qualities of EU decision-making can always be improved. **Why There is a Democratic Deficit in the EU: A - Princeton University** The democratic legitimization of decision making within the EU and the that both representative and deliberative forms of democracy may occur at . a European demos, the proper place of representative institutions in the **Europe and the people: Examining the EUs democratic legitimacy** The concept of a democratic deficit within the European Union is the notion that the governance of the European Union (EU) lacks democratic legitimacy It found that the decision-making processes in the EU remained largely those of an [t]his unique institutional structure makes it difficult to apply the usual democratic **Euro zone, legitimacy and democracy: how do we solve the** The EU decision-making apparatus appears distant and opaque and the policies originating at the European level lack democratic legitimacy since citizens Such institutional solutions are comprehensible for citizens and may therefore for promoting representative democracy at the European level that **Europes Justice Deficit? - Google Books Result** The AIV devotes extra attention to the democratic legitimacy of the entire recognise that EU decision-making and the direction of European integration is a National institutions such as the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy The AIV also takes the view that in a representative democracy citizens