

It's you that counts!

The “It's YOU that counts!” was launched by the Austrian Federal Government when the voting age was lowered to 16 years. The initiative was to make the abstract concept of democracy come alive for young people. PlanSinn implemented a number of different dialogue formats to awaken their active interest in democratic and political processes.

The DemoTABLE stood for spontaneous, low-threshold dialogue on the topic of democracy. Within the framework of the democracy initiative, the table was set up in public spaces. In DemoLABs young people and democracy researchers jointly worked on topics like “Will e-democracy strengthen democracy?”; “How much workers' participation can enterprises take?” The DemoDATINGs were "speed-dating" rounds offering young people an opportunity to hold five-minute talks with the youth representatives of all five parliamentary political parties and two federal ministers. “Keep quiet or take action?” was the provocative challenge of the DemoACTION Youth Competition, calling on young people to take action for a democratic Austria and document their activities. The winning project was “Nase drevo – Our tree”, which addressed the conflict about bilingual place name signs in Carinthia in a touching way.



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