



6th IED-YDE ACADEMY PROGRAMME

The difficult road to democracy

At the beginning of 2022, when war has returned to our continent, the IED and the YDE invite the participants of the Youth Academy to reflect on the **state of Democracy in Europe**.

- **Flash back:** How far have we come together since the reunification of Europe in 2004-2007? Today, the struggle for democracy of the Belarusian and Ukrainian youth reminds us of the courage and determination of the democrats of Europe who, from Gdansk to Berlin and Prague, allowed the fall of the iron curtain in 1989. What happened to the democratic fervour of 1989?

- **State of Play:** What is the state of democracy and the rule of law in the EU in 2022? What response can democrats give to the rise of authoritarian regimes and the radicalisation of the large part of the electorate in our countries?

- **Roadmap 2024:** what are the Democrats' ambitions for 2024? Can democratic principles unite and strengthen a divided and weakened Europe?

Venue : Hotel de la Paix, Reims, France

Friday 29 April

Arrivals and Hotel check in

20 :00-22 :30 Buffet Dinner at Hotel de la Paix

Saturday 30 April:

8:45 - 9:00: *Room opens*

9:00 - 9:20: **Opening & Welcome**

- Gabi Schmidt, *Vice-President of the IED, Video message*

- Asier Areitio, *President of the YDE*

Presentation of the project of a declaration of Young European Democrats

10 - 10:45: **“The current state of European democracy and its future prospects”**

Petr Mucha, PhD, Prof. at New York University Prague

Program coordinator at Forum 2000 Conferences

10:45 – 11:00: *Break*

11:00 – 12:30: **State of Play:** What is the state of democracy in Europe in 2022?
Testimony and perspective from Belarus and Ukrainian oppositions

-H.E.Mr.Vladimir Astapenka (via zoom)

Deputy Head of The National Anti-Crisis Management, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, Ambassador in Brussels

-Mariia Isakova - *Ukrainian actress, originally from Kyiv. Since 2013 she has been living in Paris. Since the beginning of the Dignity Revolution and the war in Donbass, she has taken an active part in the struggle of the Ukrainian people.*

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00: **Roadmap 2024:** what are the Democrats' ambitions for 2024?
Moderated by Ugo Rostaing and Alice Bernard
Discussion

16:30-18:00 *Guided Tour Reims Cathedral (2 Groups in EN, 1 Group in FR)*

18:30 *Apero drink near Halles du Boulingrin,
Bars in internal courtyard, 24 Rue du Temple, 51100 Reims, France*

19 :30 : *Dinner at **Brasserie du Boulingrin**, 31 rue de Mars 51100 REIMS*

Sunday 1 May:

7:30 - 9:00: *Breakfast*

9:00 – 10:00: *Internal Board Meeting YDE*

10:00 – 10:45: **Council meeting YDE** - open to all participants

10:45 – 11:00: *Break*

11:00 – 11:30: **Zoom Frederic Petit**, Vice-secretary general of EDP Party

11:30 – 12:30: Discussion & adoption of the YDE Reims Declaration

12:30 **Conclusion** *End of the 6th IED Academy*

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch at Hotel*

Departures

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