

# Questionnaire for interviews to representatives of social movement organizations



## **DEMOS Project (Democracy in Europe and the Mobilization of the Society)**

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This research is part of the project *Democracy in Europe and the Mobilization of Society* (Demos), which is being carried out by scholars from six European countries. The Demos project focuses upon the global justice movement that developed in opposition to neo-liberal globalisation, and in favour of more democratic political practices. The goal of this questionnaire is to understand how the internal decision making works in groups of the global justice movement and which are their relationships towards other political actors. If you want to learn more about the research, please visit the project website at: <http://demos.iue.it> and / or write to us at [demos@iue.it](mailto:demos@iue.it).

a) Name of the group / organization _____
b) Phone contact _____
c) Email contact _____
d) Organizational role and name of the interviewee _____
e) Country _____

*For reasons of convenience, in all following questions we use the term “group”, regardless of whether you represent / answer for an informal group / network or a formal organization.*

## 1. Which are the main issues your group takes up?

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## 2. Which are the main strategies your group uses in order to reach its aims?

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| a) Protest, demonstrations and direct actions           | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| b) Promote social, political, and economic alternatives | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| c) Lobbying   | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| d) Political education of citizens / rising awareness   | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| e) Other (2e_s. please <b>specify</b> )                 |                                |

## 3. In the last five years, which of the following forms of action has your group engaged in repeatedly?

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| a) Petition                                   | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| b) Demonstration                              | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| c) Strike                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| d) Boycott of certain products                | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| e) Blockade                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| f) Occupation of buildings                    | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| g) Civil disobedience                         | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| h) Artistic/Cultural performance              | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| i) Other (3i_s. please <b>specify</b> ) _____ |                                |

## 4. Does your group as a whole consider itself to be part of the global justice movement?

1  Yes      0  No

5. What does your group consider the main aims of the global justice movement to be?

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6. Did your group (not you personally) participate in one of the following events? If so, please specify the first year your group participated and the following years.

YEARS

a) World / European Social Forums	
b) National / Local Social Forums	
c) Parallel Summit at EU, UN, G7 / G8, IMF / WB / WTO meetings	
d) Global Days of action (i.e. against war)	
e) Other events of the Global Justice Movement, <i>please specify</i>	

7. Does your group take part in any networks or campaigns dealing with global justice issues?

- 1  Yes  
0  No (go to question 9)

8. Please list up to five groups, networks or campaigns dealing with global justice issues with which your group interacts most intensively.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
e. \_\_\_\_\_

Let's consider now the way the decision-making process is organized in your group.

9. Who takes the most important decisions in the every-day practice of your group?

(If more than one category applies, please tick the one reflecting the most common practice)

- 1  president / leader / secretary  
2  executive committee or similar body  
3  assembly / open meeting  
4  thematic groups  
9  other bodies (9\_s. please *specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

10a. Do members of your group regularly meet in an assembly / open meeting in order to make decisions? (If No, please go to question 11a)

- 0  No      1  Yes

10b. How frequently are such assemblies held? \_\_\_\_\_

10c. Who takes decisions in these assemblies?

- 1  only delegates  
2  members of the group  
3  whoever wants to participate  
9  other (10c\_s. please *specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**10d. How many people generally participate in these assemblies?** \_\_\_\_\_

**10e. Who proposes the agenda?**

*(If more than one category applies, please tick the one reflecting the most common practice)*

- 1  president / leader / secretary
- 2  the executive committee or similar body
- 3  the assembly / open meeting
- 4  a small committee which represents different groups of the membership
- 9  other (<sub>10e\_s</sub>. please **specify**)

\_\_\_\_\_

**10f. If there are rules for the discussion in the assembly, what are they (time limits, protection of minority positions, facilitator presence, etc.)?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10g. How does the assembly usually make decisions?**

- 1  by a majority vote
- 2  by consensus
- 9  other (<sub>10g\_s</sub>. please **specify**)

\_\_\_\_\_

**11a. Does your group have an executive committee? (If No, please go to question 12)**

No

Yes

**11b. Who elects / appoints members of the executive committee?**

*(please tick all relevant options)*

- 1  the general assembly / congress
- 2  executive bodies of local groups / affiliates
- 3  assemblies of local groups / affiliates
- 9  other (<sub>11b\_s</sub>. please **specify**)

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**11c. How are decisions usually taken within the executive committee?**

- 1  by a majority vote
- 2  by consensus
- 9  other (<sub>11c\_s</sub>. please **specify**)

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*Let's focus now on the way your group relates with public institutions.*

**12. How does your group relate to public institutions at different territorial levels?**

	It collaborates	It is indifferent	It refuses any kind of collaboration	Other
<b>a) International level</b>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	-1 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b) National level</b>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	-1 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>c) Local level</b>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	-1 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
If other ( <sub>12_s</sub> please <b>specify</b> )				

13a. Is there a shared perception in your group that public decision-making processes set by political institutions (i.e. Agenda 21, participatory budgeting or ad hoc committees for the solution of local problems) improve the quality of political decisions?

0  No      1  Yes      9  No definite position

13b. Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Several campaigns / policy proposals have been supported by civil society groups and networks demanding democratic reforms. If your group advanced or endorsed any during the last three years, could you tell us the FIVE most important ones and indicate whether they were at the local, national or international level?

	LOCAL	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
a _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How has the Internet in general and your website in particular changed the way in which you communicate...

a) ...with policy-makers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) ...with the mass media? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) ...with your members / supporters? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Now we will focus on some characteristics of your group.*

16. How many members do voluntary (unpaid) work for your group on a regular basis?  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. How many paid staff members does your group have?  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. What was the approximately operating budget of your group last year? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Which of the following are sources of funds for your group?

- 1  Members' dues / contributions
- 2  Funds and financing of specific projects from governments
- 3  Non governmental funds
- 4  Sale of goods / services / rents
- 9  Other (19\_s. please **specify**)

## **ADDENDUM (only for groups not covered by wp3 analysis)**

### **20. Is your group**

1  a "single" group

2  a network or federation

3  an ad-hoc campaign organization

An organization which is not a network/federation or ad hoc umbrella organization.

A stable, long term organization that is formed by other organizations (e.g. Etuc, or Attac).

An organization that is formed by other organizations with the purpose of organizing a specific protest event or a protest campaign.

### **21. Which are the territorial levels of your group?**

a) local

0  no

1  yes

b) regional

no

yes

c) national

no

yes

d) international

no

yes

*For the UK team:*

you should answer "yes" to this question only when local branches in Wales, Britain, Scotland and / or Northern Ireland are present.

**22. In which year was your group founded? (yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_**

**23. Is it possible to become a member of your group?**

1  Yes

0  No

*(if No, there are no further questions)*

**24. Which kind of members does your group have?**

1  individual

2  collective

3  both individual and collective

**25. Is individual membership formalized with membership cards?**

1  Yes

0  No

**26. Does your group have fee-paying membership?**

0  No

1  Yes for individuals

2  Yes for groups

3  Yes for both individuals and groups

**27. Please specify how many individual members your group has \_\_\_\_\_**

**28. Please specify how many collective members the group has \_\_\_\_\_**

**We thank you for your cooperation**

**If you want to add something on this questionnaire, please go ahead!**

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