

Questionnaire for a survey of participants in the European Social Forum of Athens



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7. Have you ever been involved in any of the following kinds of voluntary / campaigning groups?

Multiple answers possible. (Please tick only one box for each group you are, or have been, involved in and distinguish between present and past membership)

	PRESENT	PAST
a. Women's rights	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Environmental/anti-nuclear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Peace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Gay/lesbian/ transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Development aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Human rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. International solidarity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Anti-racist, immigrants rights or pro-immigrants group		
i. Consumerism/fair trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Student group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Socialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Trotskyist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Communist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Anarchist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Autonomist / social centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Against neo-liberal economic agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Local social forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r. Alternative media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s. Peasant/farmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t. Charity organisation/social voluntary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u. Religious group/religious community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. Trade union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
w. Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x. Political party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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8. Now please think of the group that is most important to you. What is its name?

(if there isn't one please go to question 10)

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9. What is the position you have in this group? (please tick only the most relevant box)

- 4 Member of the leadership
- 3 Paid staff member
- 2 Voluntary activist/campaigner
- 1 Ordinary member
- 0 Not actively involved in the group
- 9 Other (please specify)

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10. To what extent are you satisfied with the decision-making processes in each of the following?

	Very satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Moderately unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	I'm not part of a group
a. Your group	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. The groups and networks taking part in the global movement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Your national political system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. The European Union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. The United Nations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Now please think about the meetings / assemblies of your group during the last few months. If you do not belong to any group, or have never attended such meetings, or if your group does not have them, please go to question 12.

11. Which of the opposing statements below better describes the meetings of your group?

Please tick the appropriate box, depending on which pole comes closer to your own experience.

A	In case of disagreement, it is primarily the quality of arguments that makes a difference regardless of who produces them. high importance of arguments	or	In case of disagreement, arguments have a different weight depending on who produces them. high importance of individuals
0 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 1 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 2 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 3 <input type="checkbox"/>			
B	When there is disagreement, the opponents usually accept each other as equal discussants. usually equal discussants	or	When there is disagreement, the opponents rarely accept each other as equal discussants. rarely equal discussants
<input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>			
C	Most decisions are taken by a few people. few participants	or	Most decisions are taken by all participants. all participants
<input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>			
D	Decisions are taken by voting, raising hands or similar. voting	or	Decisions are taken by consensus. consensus
<input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>			

12. In your opinion, which of the opposing statements below better describes decision-making within networks and campaigns of the global movement?

Please tick the appropriate box depending on which pole comes closer to your opinion.

A	In case of significant disagreement in the discussion, it is primarily the quality of arguments that makes a difference regardless of who produces them. high importance of arguments	or	In case of significant disagreement in the discussion, arguments have a different weight depending on who produces them. high importance of individuals
0 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 1 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 2 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 3 <input type="checkbox"/>			
B	When there is disagreement, the opponents usually accept each other as equal discussants. usually equal discussants	or	When there is disagreement, the opponents rarely accept each other as equal discussants. rarely equal discussants
<input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>			
C	Most decisions are taken by a few people. few participants	or	Most decisions are taken by all participants. all participants
<input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>			
D	Most decisions are taken by voting, raising hands or similar. voting	or	Most decisions are taken by consensus. consensus
<input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>			
E	Have you ever participated in such network/campaign meetings ? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0 <input type="checkbox"/> No		

13. Which of the opposing statements below better describes how you think political decisions should be taken in general? Please tick the appropriate box.

A	In decision-making, it should be primarily the quality of arguments that makes a difference regardless of who produces them.	or	In decision-making, the arguments of more resourceful and active groups / individuals should have more weight.
	arguments 0 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 1 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 2 <input type="checkbox"/> ----- 3 <input type="checkbox"/>		resources rather than arguments
B	In a political conflict, it is always important that the opponents accept each other as equal discussants.	or	In political conflict, there are situations in which mutual acceptance is not important.
	acceptance always important <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>		acceptance not always important
C	In many cases it is right to delegate political decisions to others.	or	The participation of all interested persons should always be a priority in decision-making.
	delegation <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>		participation
D	Political decisions should be taken by voting.	or	Political decisions should be taken by consensus.
	voting <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/>		consensus

14. To what extent do you trust the following types of institutions and organisations?

	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A lot
a. The United Nations	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. The European Union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. National government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. National parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Local government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The judiciary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Political parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Social movement organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Churches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Mass media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. In your opinion, what strategies should the global movement use to enhance democracy?

Please rank these activities; 1 = most important, 2 = second most important, etc.

	please rank strategies
a. Contact political leaders to influence their decisions	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
b. Practice democracy in group life	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
c. Take to the streets to express dissent publicly	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
d. Spread information about global problems to the public	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
e. Promote alternative social and economic models	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

16. In your opinion, what should be done to tame neo-liberal globalization?

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
a. Strengthen national governments	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Strengthen the EU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Strengthen the United Nations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Build new institutions that involve civil society on the European level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Build new institutions that involve civil society on the international level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. Now please think of public decisions taken on national issues in your home country over the last year or so. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
When politicians in my own country take decisions, they sometimes consider the demands of groups with less power.	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>

18. Some people believe that the involvement of citizens in decision-making processes implemented by local governmental institutions (e.g. Agenda 21, participatory budget, etc.) improves the quality of political decisions. Do you agree?

strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree	don't know
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

19. Have you ever participated in such a process?

1 Yes 0 No

20. If you use the Internet, have you: (If you don't use the Internet go to question 21)

	at least once a week	at least once a month	less frequently	never
a. Signed online petitions or participated in campaigns through e-mail and/or mailing-lists/chat?	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Expressed political opinions (in mailing-lists, forums, blogs, chat, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Participated in a net-strike and/or other forms of radical online protest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Exchanged information online within your political group?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finally, please tell us something about yourself:

21. Sex: 1 female 0 male

22. Year of birth: 19

23. Country of permanent residence:

24. Size of the town in which you live:

- 0 Smaller than 20,000 inhabitants
- 1 Between 20,000 and 100,000 inhabitants
- 2 More than 100,000 inhabitants

