

Democracy: A Theatrical Exploration of Democracy in the EU

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Debate & Critical Thinking

Overview:

Democracy is a theatre-based simulation where students experience EU political decision-making through performance and role-play. Participants represent fictional EU member states with varying conditions and budgets, engaging in collective debates and budget allocation exercises that influence the outcome of the play.

Description of the practice

The performance takes students on a journey through European history, starting with the myth and progressing to modern-day EU elections. The actors bring historical events to life while **integrating humor and thought-provoking dialogue**. During the performance, students actively participate in a parliamentary simulation game. Divided into four groups, they represent fictional EU member states. Each group is allocated a budget of trunisch and must democratically decide on investments to improve their conditions. These decisions directly influence the outcome of the performance.

Teaching methodology

- Interactive theatre, role-play, debate, simulation, multimedia quizzes, experiential storytelling.

Resources and tools used

- Theatrical performances with professional actors and student trainees.
- Mentimeter quizzes for interactive learning.
- Custom-designed parliamentary simulation game with physical and digital materials.

Innovative aspects

- Democracy uniquely blends entertainment and education
- The interactive format empowers students to shape the storyline
- The game design ensures an engaging and dynamic learning process.

Target group:

VET students (MBO level 3 & 4), ages 16–20

Duration of the activity:

60 minutes for the performance, additional time for preparatory and follow-up activities.

Transferability Tip:

Combine the performance with pre-visit materials and post-performance classroom activities. This model can be adapted to national or regional contexts using locally relevant policy scenarios.

EU Focus Areas:

EU institutions, democracy, decision-making, civic values, participation.

Contact Information:

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