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# How the programme “Live Democracy!” shapes democracy and civil society in Germany

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# Issues

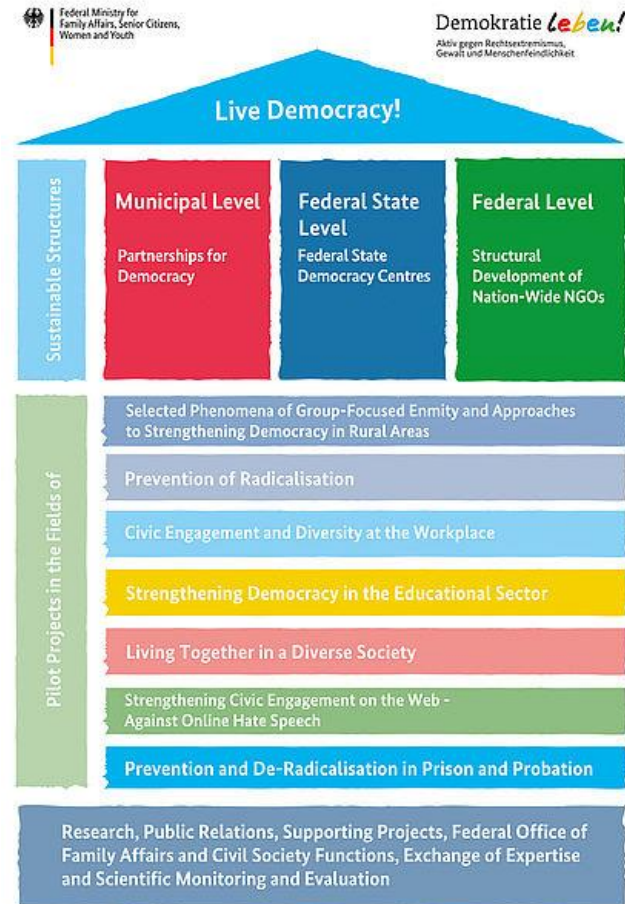
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# About the programme “Live democracy!”

- Federal programme
- launched by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
- funding period: 2015 - 2019
- amount of funding for 2018: € 120.5 million
- since 2016: cornerstone of the Federal Government's strategy to both prevent extremism and promote democracy

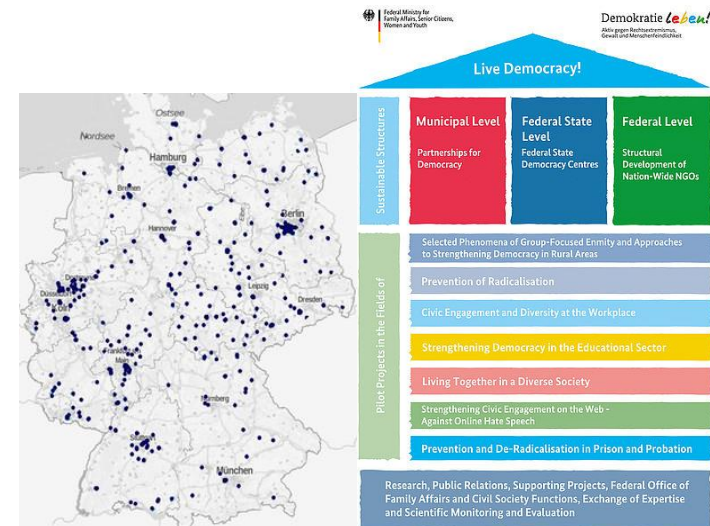
# Its targets, topics and funding structure

- objectives:  
promoting democracy and diversity,  
preventing political / religious radicalisation  
and group-focussed emnity
- target groups:  
children and young people, their parents,  
relatives and reference persons as well as  
volunteer, part-time and full-time child care  
workers, multipliers and governmental and  
civil society actors
- operates at various levels
- provides different ways of funding
- provides research, supporting projects,  
public relations, monitoring and evaluation







# Insights: characteristics

- multi-centric and multi-level programme
- multi-actor constellations
- focus on civil society actors
- governance orientation
- innovative and dynamic



# Insights: examples

- Partnerships for Democracy:
  -  contribute to collaboration and cooperation of municipal administration and civil society in order to resolve local conflicts
- Federal State Democracy Centres:
  -  provide structures of mobile intervention, counselling centres for victims of right-wing extremists, racist or anti-Semitic violence, counselling centres for victims of discrimination and coordination of activities at federal state level
- Structural Development of Nation-Wide NGOs:
  -  supply nation-wide coordination, qualification and support, networking structures, representation of interests
- Pilot Projects:
  -  deal with the challenges of democracy in “left behind communities”, work with syndical structures to prevent right-wing populism and extremism at the workplace, face hate speech-phenomena on the internet, ...

# Impacts on civil society and democracy

## Impacts:

- setting up and consolidating organisational structures and the work of civic actors in selected action fields / thematic areas
- requiring cooperation and coordination of action of both governmental actors and civil society
- adopting responsibility vs. being taken into accountability

## Challenges:

- prescription of neutrality (government) vs. normativity of civil society
- temporal limitation of funding

Thanks a lot for your attention!

Any questions?

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