

## Charta- Platform „Europe Bottom-Up“

With the European Union, the nation-states of Europe have drawn the right conclusions after the horrific wars of the last century and founded a common project with fundamental democratic values. We, the Europeans and our cities and municipalities, are the beneficiaries of this project. The time has come for us to focus more strongly than before on our own responsibility for its success. Europe needs our active co-responsibility.

**The "Europe Bottom-Up" platform contributes to this.** It is a digital action and cooperation platform that aims to encourage and support the assumption of our responsibility for Europe. It is available to organisations, groups and initiatives that want to contribute to the success of Europe in different fields. All of us, including our municipalities and regions, have the potential to make these contributions. And Europe needs them. For in sum, it is the lives and achievements of the many at grassroots level that determine the success or failure of Europe's social and economic, cultural and societal reality.

Participation in the "Europe Bottom-Up" platform stands for,

1. Understanding Europe also as an association of citizens, with their cities and regions as the basis and potential of Europe and the European community. They embody in particular the cultural energy on which Europe lives: their history, their democratic values, their convictions, their diversity.
2. Strengthening the participation and the lived responsibility of European citizens, their cities and their regions. The future of Europe cannot be successfully shaped without the participation of its grassroots. The platform wants to offer a digital infrastructure for cooperation to those who are interested in the success of the European project and who are willing to contribute to it.
3. Perceiving European grassroots as a cornerstone for the success of the European project. Therefore, to take them into responsibility and at the same time to support them in their development - to promote their work, to give them the opportunity to get in touch with other initiatives, to learn from each other, to form alliances with each other, also in order to communicate the importance of bottom-up responsibility for Europe more effectively to the outside world.

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4. Informing about "best-practice" examples of actions and cooperation in order to strengthen the European project, also to present failed examples. Because the idea of bottom-up is not the promise of an easy path, but the commitment to a complicated path, but one that is necessary in the interest of Europe.

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