

## **DSC Guidelines**

The most important constraint is that DSCs cannot promote causes or values other than those outlined in the DiEM25 Manifesto, the Progressive Agenda and the current DiEM25 campaigns. To ensure that all DSC actions are in line with the Manifesto, and to manage

DiEM25's public perception, a DSC member cannot publish any texts/images/videos/actions destined for the public on his/her own. He/she has to get at least 5 DiEM25 members' approval. These 5 can be members of the same DSC.

## **What can a DSC do?**

Essentially anything that will make DiEM25 a success:

- Spread the ideas of DiEM25 (through media, internet, events, etc.)
- Develop policy proposals for the local, regional, national or European level
- Collect policy recommendations from affected people on the ground
- Engage in hands-on actions to help or educate locals
- Bring in new members (asking them to register at <https://www.diem25.org/>)
- Participate in demonstrations carrying DiEM25 flags, as long as the topic is in line with DiEM25's ideas
- Reach out to local NGOs for common actions

Organise gatherings, debates, presentations, events, campaigns. In order to refer to these as official DiEM25 events "organised by <DSC name>", they need to be open to all DiEM25 members in the same local community, town or country.

## **What can a DSC not do?**

- Engage in illegal activities
- Promote ideas that violate the spirit of DiEM25's Manifesto or DiEM25's ongoing campaigns
- Collect or spend money outside of DiEM25's established system of collecting and spending donations
- Use DiEM25's name, logo, platform or organisation for commercial purposes, including selling merchandise and other products or services to DiEM25 members and outsiders
- Promise or show support to other political organisations and political candidates, except if the alliance has been approved by the CC. If a majority of DSC members feel that such an alliance is important when the CC disagrees, they can ask the NC or CC to organise a membership-wide referendum on the matter.
- Enter contracts on behalf of DiEM25-International or otherwise engage in actions that the international level of the organisation will be held legally responsible for
- Organise DiEM25 Assemblies (Nb. unlike gatherings or events, Assemblies are to be organised by the CC)
- Purport to represent whole cities, regions, countries or official policy makers without the approval of DiEM25's CC. For this purpose, they are assigned names such as DSC London 1, DSC Lisbon 1, etc. so that when other DSCs appear in the same vicinity they can adopt the names DSC London 2, DSC Lisbon 2 etc. To make clear that opinions expressed are those of the particular DSC, and not of DiEM25 for the whole region/country in which the DSC is located, DSCs will use the white background logo for public online posts, while the broader organisation will use the orange/red logo. DSCs will also sign all press releases and other materials with their DSC name or with "DiEM25 Volunteers in ...", so as to distinguish them from messages by elected representatives of DiEM25.