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[Black headlines: probably the main chapters of the new **ACCENT**-issue]

[Red subtitles: **Think of these as lead-questions**]

[Sea green: This is the “mind-map of ideas” for a European Demos (by participants at the Demos Community College, Rhodes October 2005). For your inspiration... somebody should describe these challenges ...]

Which are the main problems in the EU-cooperation right now?

Is single issue politics becoming stronger?
What is it that we all share?

Balancing social and economical goals?

More focus on social goals versus economical goals?

Rights and responsibilities of European citizens?

What are the rights and responsibilities of a European Citizen in the 21st Century?

Our health policies?

Create a health service for all European peoples?

Our perception of refugees?

Refugees: not a problem but a challenge/opportunities + strategies

Global fair trade and removal of subsidies?

Removal of subsidies, fair, not free trade?
How can Europe respond to Imperialism and prevent becoming one itself?

Global digital divide?

The digital divide?

A common language?

Creating a common language between all aspects of public life?

A common currency?

Common currency for as many as possible?

Free movement of people?

Free movement - no more visas?

How do we strengthen citizens' participation in the EU?

Having Citizen Journals as a way of creating European Sphere
How can we create fora where citizens can have meaningful conversations with those who run the institutions?
Can multi-national companies help in the promotion of 'active citizenship' and how?
How to involve those not currently active? (young)
Need for young age classes that are common across regions about being European
How do we move from apathy to dialogue to action?
How can we educate people to become European citizens?

By redefining constituencies?

European Politicians elected by the Europeans?

By ensuring civil dialogue?

More civil dialogue before decisions are made?

By encouraging youth leadership education?

Encouraging younger politicians and women to step into leadership

By raising awareness of European political sphere?

Politicians need to become more aware of a European Political Sphere!

By giving providing information on European decision-making?

In local media - need more info on European decision-making

By qualifying journalists?

More contextual /background for journalists

By legal recognition of European associations?

The creation of a legally accepted European association

By providing skills and knowledge about institutions?

Basic skills and knowledge about the institutions

By empowering people?

How do we empower people to move from apathy?

By making the public more aware of European institutions?

Making the public more aware of European democracy

Where are the borders of Europe?

Am I afraid of Turkey, Russian and Israel entering the EU?
Will it ever be possible to talk about us as Europeans in stead of Danish,
Romanians etc.?
Europe vs. other world (Europeans --- World Citizens / empires --- third world
countries)?

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