

BUILDING ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE: CONCEPTS, CASES AND ACHIEVING PROGRESSIVE CHANGE



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3 PILLARS OF ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

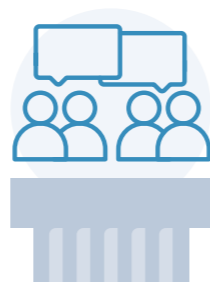
INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIC RIGHTS



DEMOCRATIC COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP



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Two important underlying premises for economic democracy to be rooted effectively in a progressive agenda:

- 1) Every individual should have the **right to ownership and control of their own labour**.
- 2) Achieving social justice needs to move beyond tackling distributional justice to **take representational justice more seriously, the ability of people to meaningfully participate in economic decision-making**.

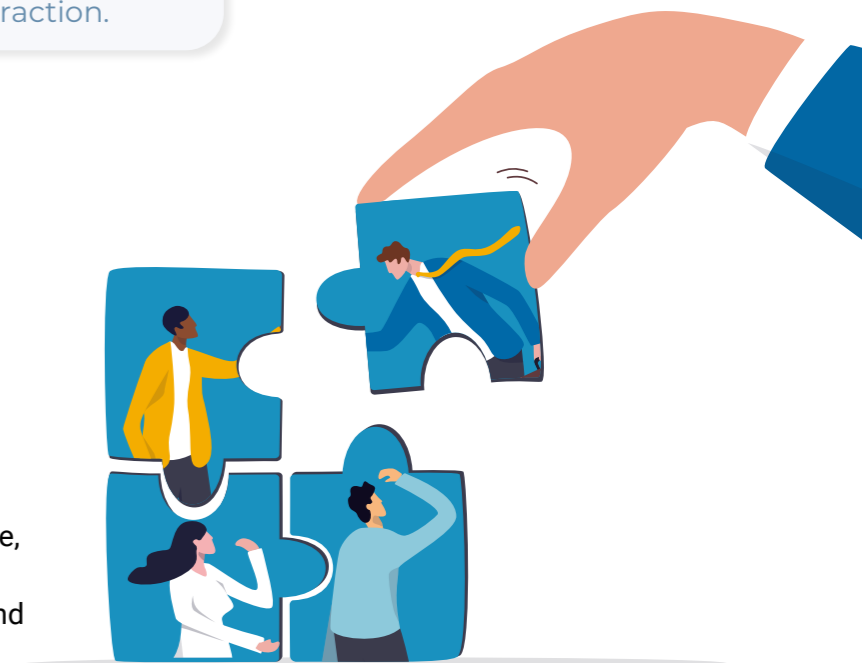
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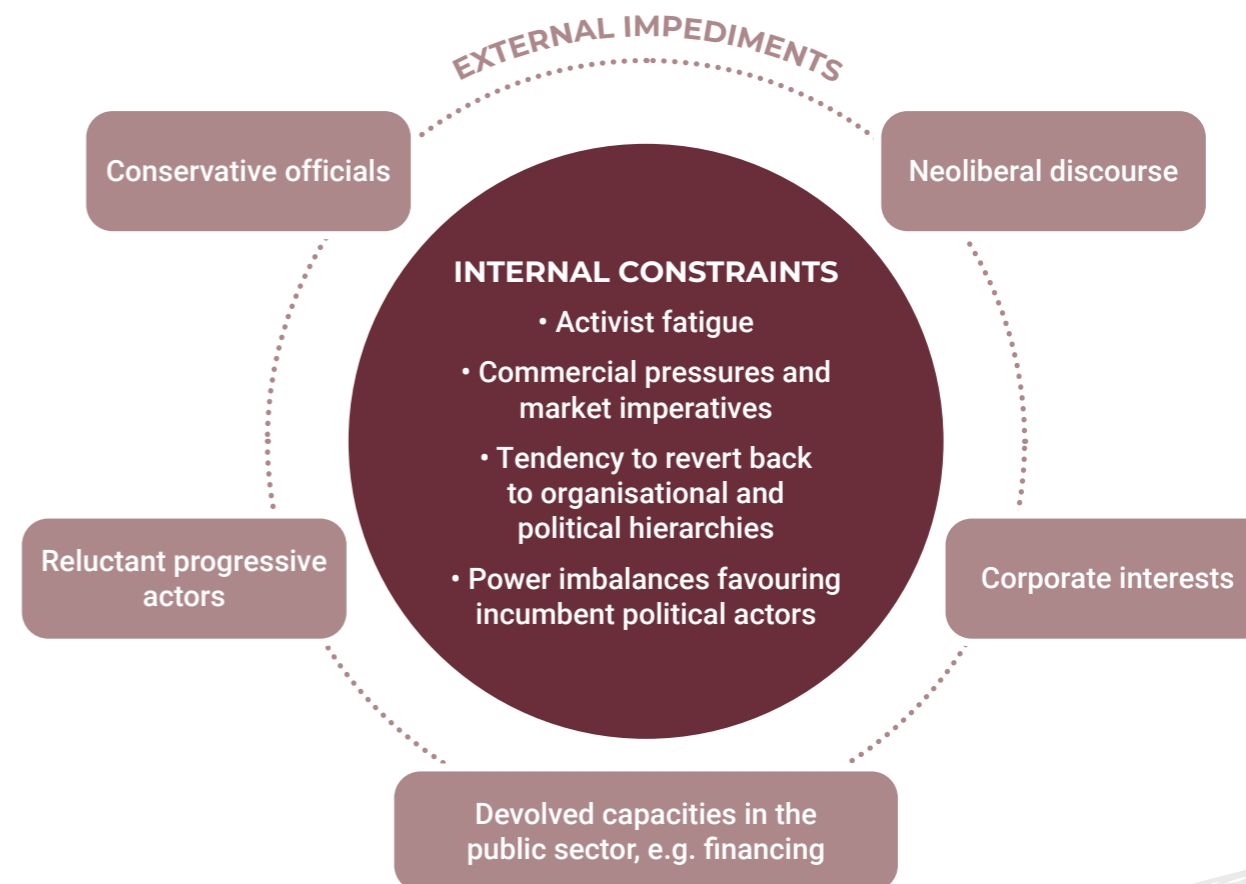
Only through the **transformation of the economy towards democratic ownership** can we *challenge* the current structure that privileges shareholder value extraction.

INGREDIENTS OF SUCCESS

- ✓ grassroots mobilisations
- ✓ top-down initiatives by elected officials
- ✓ broad coalitions and networks
- ✓ bringing together diverse forms of knowledge, skills, expertise and experiences
- ✓ support by broader governance structures and legislation at regional and national levels



IMPEDIMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

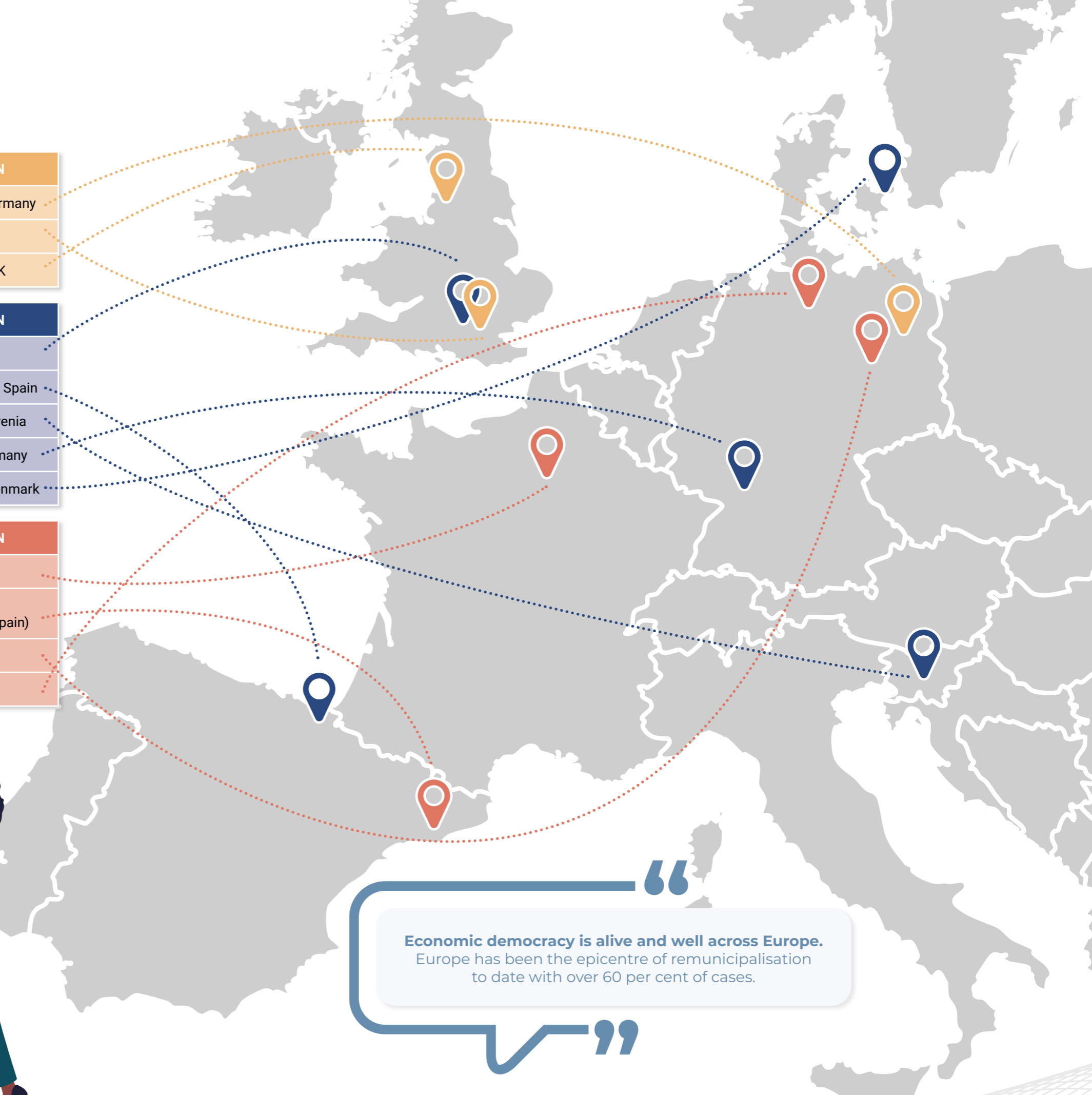


CASE STUDIES IN 3 DOMAINS

DEMOCRATISING PUBLIC SPENDING	LOCATION
Participatory Budgeting	Eberswalde, Germany
UK Citizens' Economic Council	UK
Community Wealth Building	Preston, UK

DEMOCRATISING THE WORKPLACE	LOCATION
John Lewis Employee Partnership	UK
Mondragon regional ecosystem of worker ownership	Basque country, Spain
Institute for Economic Democracy – employee ownership	Ljubljana, Slovenia
Rural energy co-operative	Schönau, Germany
KAB housing co-operative	Copenhagen, Denmark

DEMOCRATISING LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES	LOCATION
Remunicipalisation of water services	Paris
Remunicipalisation of water services	Terrassa in Catalonia (Spain)
Movement to socialise the housing sector	Berlin
Re-municipalisation of city energy grid	Hamburg



“
Economic democracy is alive and well across Europe.
 Europe has been the epicentre of remunicipalisation to date with over 60 per cent of cases.
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