

Tomorrow is Friday. Since around 15 years now, most people don't work on Fridays. Friday is Democracy Day: everyone attends the People's Councils, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The one in the morning is the one we can choose. In my case, it's dealing with climate change. The one in the afternoon has been attributed to me randomly, so that I get an insight into topics I haven't been interested in before: in my case health, artificial intelligence, and eldercare were some of the Councils I had to attend in the past 3 years. Participating in the People's Councils is a condition for receiving our basic income.

In the past they say they had only a few people taking care of politics at each moment in time. They called them “politicians”. It’s hard to imagine how this was working out. Nowadays, the vast majority of us participates in decision-making, and everyone has the chance to become a representative for a short term, usually for three months. So, representing people is not a full-time job anymore and people are chosen based on three ratings they receive during Councils: the ability to listen and to make compromises (MEDIATION), the ability to analyse phenomena and express yourself (PRESENTATION), and your knowledge on the policy issue (UNDERSTANDING).

Once you have been serving on the regional level for three months, you will go back to your local People's Council, unless you are chosen to represent your regional Council on the global level, in a Global Council. Two months ago, I received the highest rating of my People's Council, out of almost 100 people. So, I could have represented my Council on the Regional Level for the next three months, but decided to delegate this task to Martin, who came second in ranking. My grandpa had just passed away the week earlier, so I didn't really have the time to travel. But anyhow, I knew that the opportunity would arise soon again.

My PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) says that based on my current personal preferences and value settings, I will live for another 133 years. It also indicates to me that if I replaced my core-value “cooperation” with “health”, I could live for 8 years longer. However, this would also mean that my average GSP level (General Social Points) would decrease by 11%, which would limit my access to certain VR spaces and limit my chance to one day serve on the Council of Humanity. I thus currently have the choice between living longer or living a higher quality social life.

Our PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants) define our individual learning goals which are necessary for Citizen Councils to be able to cope with current and prospective challenges.

According to the performance of humankind as a whole, as well as the evolution of global challenges, these individual learning goals are constantly adapted.

Learning goals are defined in 5 years periods. If at the end of a five-year period, a person has not achieved their learning goals, their social points are reduced by 500 points, which for example means that it will get significantly more difficult for them to be elected as representatives of their Citizen Councils to a higher level.

Last week, the world population reached 12 billion for the first time in human history. As a result, the minimum rate of social points needed if a person would like to have more than 2 kids without losing social points rose to 1900. This corresponds to the top 15%. The Council of Humanity made a proposal for this regulation, which was adopted by 84.6% of level-1 regional councils.

My dream is to one day become a representative on the global level, where I would stand a chance to become a Member of the Council of Humanity. The Council of Humanity discusses the challenges humanity is facing in the next thirty to fifty years, mediates between different Policy Communities, and distributes the budget of the Humanity Fund. Sessions of the Council of Humanity are publicly accessible online, and everyone can grade each Council Member via the Participation App.

At the time when the world was divided into nations, the division into Regional Councils had to take into account the borders of what people used to call countries. But since Local Councils have the chance to cooperate with each other on a flexible basis, these borders have now by and large disappeared. In fact, given the challenges we are facing today, my generation has a hard time imagining that people used to fight for the existence of borders.



A week ago, the Council of Humanity decided to attribute 20 billion “GLOBleS” (our global crypto currency) to five global research projects proposed by the Global Councils on climate change, education, intercultural communication, global governance and health. Most people are proud to contribute a small amount of money each month to the Humanity Fund, in order to support these projects which are important for our common future.

In order to one day realise my dream, I regularly work on policy proposals via my PA (Participation App). In fact, participation and decision-making are nowadays and essential part of everybody's life.