



JOIN THE LIBERAL TEAM AT THE EYE

Join us in Strasbourg for the European Youth Event!

29-30
May 2020

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eDEMOCRACY - DRIVING CITIZEN ADVOCACY THROUGH DIGITAL MEANS

STRASBOURG, France / 29-30 MAY 2020

ABOUT THE EVENT

Digital tools allow for an unprecedented inclusion of citizens in all areas of public action, with the potential to improve the quality of democracy and governance through greater participation and citizen-centric policymaking. Governments, however, have taken radically different approaches across Europe, either facilitating or hindering eDemocracy. As a result, citizens and civic groups, seeing their role as true contributors are increasingly using online tools for informal participation and governance scrutiny.

The aim of the workshop is to identify and assess trends and good practices of eParticipation across the European Union, with a focus on informal citizens-led eDemocracy projects. Participants are encouraged to bring in own experiences, either led by their organisation or put in place in their country. Participants will deepen their knowledge on formal and informal means of citizen participation and formulate recommendations for the future. By participating in the European Youth Event afterwards, they will, among others, have the chance to discuss them with young Europeans from other parties and NGOs.



EVENT SCHEDULE

28 May 2020

All day Arrival in Strasbourg and Check-In

21:30 Informal Networking and Get Together

Delivery of badges to group members attending the EYE

Facilitator: N.N., Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

Venue: *tbc*

END OF THE FIRST DAY

29 May 2020

09:30 Registration and Coffee

10:00 Welcome

FIRST PART: ELF WORKSHOP

The journey begins: European Democracy goes Digital

Venue: „Lieu d'Europe“, 8 Rue Boecklin, 67000 Strasbourg, France

Pitch by N.N. (10 mins)

“ Participation without borders ? What eDemocracy can and cannot do”

Based on main take-aways from ELF 2017 project on e-participation by FNF

Facilitator:

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N.N., LYMEC

Part I: Interactive Brainstorming

Workshop participants brainstorm on means of eParticipation on local, regional, national or European level.

Workshop participants with prior knowledge and experience with citizens-led eDemocracy projects will have the opportunity to showcase initiatives (depending on profile of applicants).



Possible guiding questions:

- > What are your ideas and expectations on eDemocracy and eParticipation?
- > Have you already used (in)formal means of eParticipation?
- > How is eParticipation linked to your life, your daily work?
- > To what extent is eDemocracy and eParticipation relevant for your organisation?
- > Would you like to see a broader citizen's participation in policy-making ?

Part II: Assessment

The results of the brainstorming will be assessed depending on different criteria (interaction, relation citizens-institution, citizens' input, binding character, initiator, policy level, etc.). The focus lies on interactivity and e-participation, using digital means such as smartphones and tablets for assessment and a visual presentation of the results.

Part III: Formulating ideas

Once current trends and good practices for eParticipation have been identified and their impact assessed, participants are invited to develop strategies and recommendations in teams of three on how to foster the implementation and use of informal means of eParticipation. This includes raising awareness for the possibilities of civic empowerment, inclusion, and state scrutiny through digital means. The ideas will feed into the policy-brief after the workshop which will be sent to all and workshop participants and relevant stakeholders.

Part IV: Wrap-Up and Outlook

Main take-aways from the workshop and outlook on possibility to contribute to the policy-brief or write a blog post about the workshop and its main conclusions or central questions.

12:00 LUNCH BREAK

Participants continue discussions

13:00 ***The journey continues: Making European Democracy ready for the Future***

SECOND PART: THE LIBERAL TEAM AT THE EYE

Participation of the whole group at the European Youth Event – Day I
(until 30.5.2020 included)

Participants select individual programme beforehand and register themselves via the official event website.

Venue: *European Parliament, 67000 Strasbourg, France*

END OF THE SECOND DAY



30 May 2020

Important: Please check out before the workshop.

10:00 Participation at the European Youth Event – Day II

Individual programme

END OF THE SECOND DAY and END OF THE ELF EVENT

EVENT VENUE:

Workshop **tbc**

Hotel **tbc**

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