

# NETWORKING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

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Networking for the European Parliament Elections 09

Projects - Partners - Perspectives

## Conference

Strasbourg, France, 11-13 June, 2008

### Location

**European Parliament**  
Batiment Louise Weiss  
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## Background and Aims

The European networking conference from 11–13 June (2008) was organised to give EU multipliers in the field of citizenship education access to information and opportunities for exchange in the areas of existing and planned models, measures and projects for mobilising voters in 2009. At the same time, the conference will provide a platform for participants interested in pursuing common projects to meet and discuss plans in more detail. The event's primary goal is to increase transparency for existing and planned models, and to promote European cooperative projects. The conference should therefore not only act as a catalyst for European networking and the Europeanisation of citizenship education, but also provide a stage for the work being done in the field. Furthermore, the conference is aimed at European participants in the field who are interested in developing their own measures for voter mobilisation in the run-up to the 2009 elections.

## Programme

### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008

3:45 pm Safety check and registration at the European Parliament (EP)

Coffee reception

#### Conference moderation

**Susanne Ulrich & Almut Moeller**, Center for Applied Policy Research, CAP (Germany)

5:00 pm *Welcome addresses*

**Jean-Jacques Fritz**, Director of the EP Information Bureau in Strasbourg (France)

**Thomas Krueger**, President of the Federal Agency for Civic Education, bpb (Germany)

5:10 pm *Opening*

5:20 pm *Statements and Discussion*

*Why vote? EP elections 2009 - a test case for European democracy?*

**Aurora Tranescu**, European Commission/Directorate General Communication, Brussels

**Julian Popov**, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Bulgarian School of Politics (Bulgaria)

**José Manuel Talero García**, Board Member of the European Association of Political Consultants

Working with the "Interactive Voting System"

8:00 pm Dinner buffet at the EP

### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008

8:45 am Safety check/registration at the EP

Coffee reception

Information and project stands in the lobby

9:30 am *Input*

*European Parliamentary Campaigns - Political Parties, Mass Media and Voters*

**Jens Tenschler**, University of Koblenz-Landau (Germany)

Discussion

10:15 am Best practice: Ready for Networking – Experiences and Perspectives

“European VoteMatch 2009” ([www.votematch.eu](http://www.votematch.eu)): A brief introduction  
**Jochum de Graaf**, Centre for Political Participation, IPP (Netherlands)  
**Pamela Brandt**, Federal Agency for Civic Education, bpb (Germany)

“www.JuniorVoting.eu”: Aims at creating a European network of and close cooperation between all institutions and organizations that are implementing a student election project in their countries alongside the European Election 2009.”

**Sascha Mueller**, Kumulus e.V. (Germany)

Introducing the panels

11:00 am Coffee break

11:30 am Parallel panels

Mobilising for the EP elections 09: Learning from good practice – networking for common projects  
The panels give you the opportunity to get information about current initiatives from different countries in order to increase voters` participation, as well as to create European cooperation.  
In the first segment, different approaches are introduced; short inputs describe goals and experiences with the respective tools: what can you learn from these examples of good practices that will help you in your own planning, or aid you in realising your own ideas?

#### Panel A: Internet & Campaigns I

European VoteMatch 2009: the national best-practice examples

„StemWijzer“, **Jochum de Graaf**, IPP (Netherlands)

„Wahl-O-Mat“, **Pamela Brandt**, bpb (Germany)

„Votematch“, **Peter Facey/James Graham** (UK)

„Wahlkabine“, **Martin Wassermair** (Austria)

„Try on a party“, **Krista Baumane** (Latvia)

Project evaluation: **Stefan Marschall**, University of Duesseldorf (Germany)

Moderation: **Thorsten Schilling**, bpb (Germany)

#### Panel B: Internet & Campaigns II

“*GrafStat* - a software that allows groups of learners to carry out their own empirical investigations and polls, as well as create their own election prognoses and analyses.”

**Andrea Meschede**, University of Muenster (Germany)/**Hans-Georg Lambertz**, bpb (Germany)

“Vote tracking for MEPs“: Is an online database available in Romanian and in English, updated in a real time that displays information, statistics and rankings on votes of each MEP from the plenary sessions.“

**Adrian Moraru**, Institute for Public Policy (Rumania)

“Impact of news coverage on students' vote for EU Parliament Elections 2009”

**Carolina Ugarte/Concepción Naval/Charo Sádaba**, University of Navarra (Spain)

Moderation: **Lisette Dekker**, IPP (Netherlands)

Panel C: Internet & Campaigns III

"eudebate2009.eu": a new debate platform  
**Alexandre Heully**, cafebabel.com (France)

**Christian Mihr**, senior editor n-ost-eurotopics (Germany)

"In 2004 the website europa-digital.de took a lead in the monitoring of the German campaign on the European election, providing its users with candidate's blogs, chats with the front-runners and information packages on every country. During the whole night after the election the information was updated in order to be the information source that really coped with the claim to provide the latest news. What can be deduced from 2004 in a view to 2009?"

**Axel Heyer**, europa-digital (Germany)

Moderation: **Nina Kirchberger**, free journalist (Germany)

Panel D: Events & Trainings I

"Youth, Europe and the role of peer education activities"  
**Eva Feldmann**, CAP (Germany)

"www.JuniorVoting.eu - the network idea"  
**Sascha Mueller**, Kumulus e.V. (Germany)  
**Ania Samel**, Center for Citizenship Education (Poland)  
**Suzanne Jansen**, IPP (Netherlands)

"Euro Wahlgang 09 - An European Young Voters Campaign":  
Through several events in Germany, Hungary and Poland the Euro Wahlgang 09 will enable young voters to gain information on the election and stimulate political participation. The trilateral aspect of the project will strengthen the "European spirit". In each of the three participating countries there will be national teams of eight students. These national teams will cooperate in workshops in order to develop the campaign.

**Madeleine v. Mohl/Christoph Fahle, Politikfabrik e.V.** (Germany)

Moderation: **Almut Moeller**, CAP (Germany)

Panel E: Events & Trainings II

„One Europe-Many democracies“: A concept for a European Academy focussing on different understandings of democracy in Europe. Fostering a qualitative understanding of democracy by young decision-makers across Europe.

**Florian Wenzel**, CAP (Germany)

**Jano Costard**, Young European Movement Berlin-Brandenburg (Germany)

"Young Vote Project" was realised before the parliamentary elections in Poland in Oct. 2007. The students planned and performed actions at school and in the city aimed at increasing the attendance and interest in the elections."

**Marzanna Pogorzelska**, coordinator of the School Group of Amnesty International in high schools (Poland)

"Teaching citizenship education for migrants"  
**Ede Teinbas**, Estonian Migration Foundation (Estonia)

Moderation: **Susanne Ulrich**, CAP (Germany)

Panel F: Materials & Publications

“Xing - a cultural magazin/the EP edition”

**Bernhard Seyringer**, Editor (Austria)

“Election analysis and prognosis - lesson modules for projects on the topic of voting in civics classes in middle school”

**Julia Haarmann&Angela Gralla**, University of Muenster (Germany)

**Franz Kiefer**, bpb (Germany)

“Deutschland&Europa”

**Juergen Kalb**, Editor/State Agency for Civic Education Baden-Württemberg (Germany)

Moderation: **Ruud Veldhuis** (Netherlands)

1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Guided Tour in the European Parliament
2:30 pm	Continuation of the panels In the second segment, participants have the chance to further develop ideas or to design the first steps for a common planning, projects or further cooperation
4:00 pm	Coffee break
4:30 pm	Continuation of the panels
6:00 pm	<i>Analysis</i> <i>“The EP elections and the view from outside - a statement from Turkey”</i> <b>Baha Guengoer</b> , journalist/Deutsche Welle

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008

9:30 am	Safety check/registration at the EP  Coffee reception
10:00 am	FAQ – Frequently asked Questions: How to finance good ideas and realize the management and fundraising of European projects? <b>Pierre-Etienne Métais</b> , Training Department of welcomeurope (France)
11:00 am	Floor Session: “World Café”  Open forum to inform yourself about the projects established at the panels
12:00 am	<i>The Elections 09</i> <i>Actions of the European Parliament - Challenges for citizenship education</i>  <b>Otmar Philipp</b> , EP Information Bureau in Strasbourg (France) <b>Petra Gruene</b> , Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany) <b>Rainer Wieland</b> , MEP (Germany)
1:00 pm	Lunch