



Support Action Update



[MOMENTUM](#) released its first 'white paper' in June - a report on the Objectives, Structure and Status of eParticipation Initiative Projects in the European Union.

[The paper](#) contains a detailed analysis of the 20 monitored projects based on questionnaires as completed by each. As a result of careful analysis [MOMENTUM](#) has made eight initial recommendations (skip to page 61 to find out more).

White paper

MOMENTUM has also started a [YouTube channel](#).

We're already featuring a two-and-a-half minute 'preparatory action' video that projects can use in their own promotional activity. If you've got video from your project, why not upload it too?

Finally, we're busy organising a common "Final Conference" for the 2007 projects in December and third [concertation meeting](#) for October this year. Be sure to check back at the [MOMENTUM blog](#) for news on this and other *exclusive* updates, such as the recent interview regarding visual technology in the [WAVE](#) project.

Project Focus

Foundations are set for EuroPetiton project



Above: View from the flight deck of EuroPetition project team meeting [Malaga, June 2009]

Any citizen, acting individually or jointly with others, may at any time exercise his right of petition to the European Parliament under Article 194 of the EC Treaty.

The [EuroPetition](#) project is picking up pace with local ePetition systems already live in a number of the participating member states, such as [Malmö](#) (Sweden) and [Birmingham](#) (UK).

A recent deliverable ([EuroPetition User & Tech Requirements for all sites](#)) outlines the intended EuroPetition architecture, due to be deployed later in the year, and gives significant insight into both local and European ePetition practices.

The committee responsible for petitions to the European Parliament is [PETI](#), [view them in action for a unique insight into their work](#) (Last meeting before elections - 30th April 2009 which includes a discussion on a new PETI 'code of conduct').

Young people share on-line concerns

In order to find out in more detail what Internet issues interest and worry young people the [HuWY](#) project organised a residential workshop in Ireland at the end of June.

Sixteen young people (aged 15 -20) attended the three-day event which helped explore what the young people thought of the project, how they would get other young people to engage with the project and how best to present the complex issues around Internet governance.



The topics that were rated most highly weren't particularly surprising:

- Cyberbullying
- Child abuse & Paedophilia
- ID Theft, Privacy & Phishing
- Internet safety for young people
- Buying and selling online
- File-sharing

As expected the issues that have the most potential for harm were rated as more important. The young people also rated those issues which they could relate most easily to their own experiences.

Some of the key results from the discussions included:

- a sense that legislation leads to prohibition which would only lead to dealing with symptoms at best or pushing the issue along at worst
- issues on-line are reflections of issues in the wider world - you can't solve

on-line issues without dealing with off-line issues also

- the importance of education rather than legislation
- the key question about whether their views actually be taken on board by policy-makers

HUWY partners are now deciding which of these topics will be used in each pilot country (Estonia, Germany, Republic of Ireland and UK) and how to structure the information so that different users (e.g. young people or politicians) are presented with topics in the most relevant and useful way.

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