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EUCITAC - Comparing Citizenship Policies in Europe



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Presentation of EUDO

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Context: 2005

Background


- Post-referendum trauma in Europe -> elites at all levels are baffled
- Diagnoses of the problem -> wild debates on democracy
- However: uninformed and unqualified pseudo-analyses abound
- Result: institutional stasis -> wild attempts trying to overcome the problem

Rationale for EUDO


- Lack of systematic assessments of democracy in Europe
- Lack of diffusion of high quality research
- Lack of dialogue between academia and policy makers

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Birth of EUDO in 2006


Idea:
creation of an independent and interdisciplinary academic organisation dedicated to the topic of European democracy

Goals:


- produce permanent and periodic assessment of democratic practices within the EU
- forum to exchange ideas and best practices
- resource for policy makers, academics and citizens

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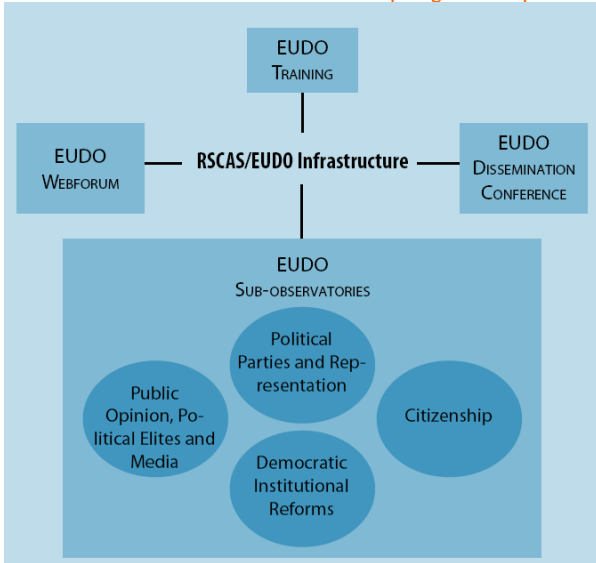


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Structure of EUDO



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Upcoming activities

- EUDO-wide conference on European Civil Society (Didier Chabanet) in March 2009
- Several conferences in the Sub-observatories
- A summer school on Political Parties in the Fall
- EUDO-wide Launch conference in November/December 2009
- Ongoing research projects (EUCITAC, PIREDEU, EU Profiler etc.)
- Opening-up and linking to institutions elsewhere

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