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**Niddibattu l-Ewropa — nibnu fuq l-esperjenza ta' Pjan D għal
Demokrazija, Djalogu u Dibattitu**

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INTRODUZZJONI

F'Ġunju ta' l-2005, il-Kunsill Ewropew sejjah għal perjodu ta' riflessjoni dwar kif ir-riforma istituzzjonali għandha timxi 'l quddiem¹ Fi twegiba għal din is-sejha, l-Kummissjoni Ewropea adottat “Pjan għal Djalogu D, Demokrazija u Dibattitu” fit-13^ota' Ottubru²2005² L-għan tagħha hu li tinkoraġġixxi lill-Istati Membri biex jorganizzaw dibattitu pubbliku wiesa' dwar il-futur ta' l-Unjoni Ewropea li jinvolvi ċ-ċittadini, is-soċjetà ċivili, l-ishab soċjali, il-parlamenti nazzjonali u l-partiti politiċi, bl-għajnuna ta' l-istituzzjonijiet ta' l-UE.

L-Assjoma prinċipali ta' Pjan D kienet “nisimgħu ahjar”, “nispjegaw ahjar” u “immorru fil-lokal” biex ninvolvu ċ-ċittadini. Din rawmet tip ta' konsultazzjoni dwar il-futur ta' l-Ewropa li kienet komplimentari għall-konsultazzjonijiet mal-partijiet interessati u mal-pubbliku ġenerali dwar proposti ta' politika speċifiċi.

Il-Pjan D kien immexxi minn sitt proġetti transnazzjonali Ewropej amministrati minn organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili (Anness 1). L-għan ta' dawn il-proġetti kien li jkunu ttestjati metodi ta' konsultazzjoni innovattivi u li jippermettu l-persuni minn sferi pubbliċi nazzjonali differenti biex jingħaqdu flimkien bħala ċittadini Ewropej u jiddiskutu l-futur ta' l-UE.

F'Ġunju 2006, il-Kunsill Ewropew irrikonoxxa l-kontribut tal-Kummissjoni lill-perjodu ta' riflessjoni u nnota li l-impenn ta' l-UE biex issir aktar demokratika, trasparenti u effettiva jmur lil hinn mill-perjodu ta' riflessjoni. Huwa wkoll innutat li “djalogu msahħaħ maċ-ċittadini jehtieg mezzi u impenn adegwati”³ u rakkomanda li l-perjodu ta' riflessjoni għandu jitwal sa l-2007.

Il-Kummissjoni wieġbet għal din is-sejha f'Novembru²2006 billi kisbet tagħlimiet mill-ewwel sena, f'nota ta' informazzjoni intitolata “Pjan D — Dibattitu Usa’ u iktar fil-Fond dwar l-Ewropa”⁴ Il-Kummissjoni ġeddet l-impenn tagħha għall-azzjoni li ttiehdet taht Pjan D. Hi ddeċidiet ukoll li tikkofinanzja serje ġdida ta' proġetti tas-soċjetà ċivili b'enfasi speċjali fuq iż-żgħażaġh u n-nisa u fuq l-“użu tar-rizorsi lokali”.

Il-perjodu ta' riflessjoni ntemm f'Ġunju²2007, meta l-Kunsill Ewropew qabel fuq mandat għal Konferenza Intergovernattiva ġdida (KIG) li jirrifirma l-qafas istituzzjonali ta' l-Unjoni. Il-KIG ġiet konkluża f'Ottubru u t-“Trattat ta' Riforma” ġie ffirmat f'Diċembru²2007 f'Lizbona. Dawn l-okkażjonijiet fethu fażi ġdida, b'ratifika tat-trattat il-ġdid li se tkun segwita mill-elezzjonijiet Ewropej f'Ġunju²2009. Il-Kunsill Ewropew saħaq fuq l-importanza kruċjali biex ikun hemm aktar komunikazzjoni u komunikazzjoni ahjar maċ-ċittadini billi jipprovdihom tagħrif komprensiv dwar l-Unjoni Ewropea u jinvolvihom fi djalogu permanenti⁵.

¹ Dikjarazzjoni mill-Kapijiet ta' l-Istat jew il-Gvernijiet ta' l-Istati Membri ta' l-Unjoni Ewropea dwar ir-Ratifika tat-Trattat tistabbilixxi Kostituzzjoni għall-Ewropa, Kunsill Ewropew^o16-17 ta' Ġunju²2005, paragrafu⁴.

² KUMM(2005) 494, 13.10.2005.

³ Konklużjonijiet tal-Presidenza, il-Kunsill Ewropew,^o15-16^ota' Ġunju, paragrafu³.

⁴ SEG(2006) 1553.

⁵ SI (2007) 500.

F'Ottubru⁶2007, il-Kummissjoni adottat Komunikazzjoni dwar "Nikkomunikaw l-Ewropa fi Shubija"⁶ L-għan ġenerali tagħha huwa li jissahħu l-koerenza u s-sinergiji bejn l-attivitajiet imwettqa mill-istituzzjonijiet differenti ta' l-UE u mill-Istati Membri, biex joffru liċ-ċittadini aċċess aħjar u ftehim aħjar ta' l-impatt tal-politiki ta' l-UE fil-livell Ewropew, nazzjonali u lokali.

Il-Komunikazzjoni prezenti tindirizza l-futur ta' l-approċċ ta' Pjan D li "nisimghu aħjar, nispegaw aħjar u mmorru fil-lokal" li seħħ mill-2005 sa l-2007. Dan l-approċċ se jkompli b'ċerti addattazzjonijiet fl-2008 u l-2009, waqt il-proċess tar-ratifika tat-Trattat ta' Lizbona u b'konsiderazzjoni xierqa għall-elezzjonijiet Ewropej li jmiss.

L-għan tiegħu hu li jikkontribwixxi għal wiehed mill-oġettivi ċentrali tal-politika tal-komunikazzjoni tal-Kummissjoni – bl-għoti tal-poter liċ-ċittadini billi jagħtihom aċċess għall-informazzjoni sabiex humu jkunu f'pożizzjoni li jagħmlu dibattitu infurmat dwar l-affarijiet ta' l-UE.

1. L-EVALWAZZJONI TA' PJAN D — RIŻULTATI U ESPERJENZI

Sabiex jinkoraġixxi l-iżvilupp ta' sfera pubblika Ewropea, Pjan D fittex li jippromwovi djalogu bejn tnejn, it-tnejn wiċċ imbwiċċ u virtwali, bejn l-istituzzjonijiet ta' l-UE u ċ-ċittadini ta' l-Unjoni. Dan l-approċċ irriżulta li hu partikolarment utli fil-ftuh ta' diskussjoni dwar il-futur ta' l-Ewropa wara l-“Le” tal-Francizi u l-Olandiżi għat-Trattat li jistabbilixxi Kostituzzjoni għall-Ewropa.

Flimkien ma' programmi oħra amministrati mill-Kummissjoni u istituzzjonijiet oħra u korpi ta' l-UE, Pjan D kellu rwol prinċipali fl-ittestjar ta' modi innovattivi li fihom organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili jistgħu jinvolvi ċittadini li jkunu ġejjin minn kull settur tal-hajja f'dibattiti dwar il-futur ta' l-Ewropa, li jikkombinaw:

- komunikazzjoni wiċċ imbwiċċ u virtwali,
- sħarriġ u konsultazzjoni deliberattivi,
- konsultazzjonijiet fuq il-livell tal-pajjiż, transkonfinali u pan-Ewropej.

Dibattiti dwar l-internet tmexxew fuq il-websajt “Niddibattu l-Ewropa”.⁷ Ir-Rappreżentanti tal-Kummissjoni u ċ-ċentri ta' l-Ewropa Diretta ntużaw b'mod intensiv. “jarat tal-“Pjan D” mill-Membri tal-Kummissjoni kellhom rwol importanti biex jilhqu lil parlamenti nazzjonali, soċjetà ċivili, diretturi u trejdjunjonisti, awtoritajiet reġjonali u lokali fl-Istati Membri. Dan ikkonferma l-importanza ta' kuntatti personali u li “jitpoġġa wiċċ uman” fuq l-UE.

B'mod partikolari, proġetti tas-soċjetà ċivili kienu kofinanzjati mill-Kummissjoni bħala parti minn Pjan D. Intgħazlu ċittadini b'mod każwali u ltaqgħu flimkien kemm fuq skala nazzjonali kif ukoll bejn il-fruntieri. Huma ġew ipprovduti b'informazzjoni rilevanti (eż. dokumentazzjoni dwar kwistjonijiet li se jkunu diskussi, eżaminati minn bord rappreżentattiv ta' Membri tal-Parlament Ewropew) u bil-mezzi biex jgħelbu d-diffikultà fil-lingwa sabiex humu jkunu jistgħu jużaw l-lingwa nattiv tagħhom matul il-proċess ta' konsultazzjoni. Bħala

⁶ KUMM(2007) 568, 03.10.2007.

⁷ http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/wallstrom/communicating/conference/dialogue/index_en.htm.

rizultat, huma kienu f'pożizzjoni li jidhlu f'diskussjonijiet sostanzjali ma' dawk li jiehdu d-deċiżjonijiet u jagħmlu suġġerimenti għall-futur ta' l-UE. B'kollox, madwar 40 000 ruh ħadu sehem f'sitt proġetti transnazzjonali ta' Pjan°D billi kienu hemm personalment u mijiet ta' l-eluf huma stmati li pparteċipaw virtwalment permezz ta' l-Internet.. L-organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili li jamministraw il-proġetti servew bħala multiplikaturi u xerdu l-opinjoni espressi miċ-ċittadini permezz tan-netwerks politiċi u tal-medja tagħhom, fi stadji differenti tal-proġetti.

Il-proġetti tas-soċjetà ċivili ta' Pjan°D urew li demokrazija deliberattiva u parteċipattiva tista' tissupplimenta d-demokrazija rappreżentattiva. Huma kkonfermaw l-informazzjoni li rċevew minn programmi ta' tipi oħra ta' ċittadini, jiġifieri li l-okkażjonijiet konsultattivi joffru lill-parteċipanti esperjenza kemm umana kif ukoll politika. Irrispettivament mill-opinjoni tagħhom dwar l-UE, l-opinjoni ta' ċittadini evolwew b'mod sinifikanti waqt il-konsultazzjonijiet. Fl-aħħar tal-proċess, huma kienu anzjużi biex jirċievu r-rispons minn dawk li jiehdu d-deċiżjonijiet, b'mod partikolari istituzzjonijiet u korpi ta' l-UE.

Għalhekk, f'Diċembru°2007, il-Kummissjoni organizzat konferenza ta' konklużjoni għas-sitt proġetti ta' ċittadini ta' Pjan°D. Kien intitolat "Il-Futur ta' l-Ewropa — L-Aġenda ta' Ċittadini". Għall-ewwel darba, fl-ivell pan-Ewropew, iċ-ċittadini li kienu ħadu sehem f'diversi proġetti ta' demokrazija parteċipattiva transnazzjonali kellhom iċ-ċans jissintetizzaw ix-xewqat tagħhom u jartikolawhom direttament lil dawk li jiehdu d-deċiżjonijiet.

Ir-rakkomandazzjonijiet li jidheru kienu ndirizzati f'forma ta' ittra miftuħa lill-Kapijiet ta' l-Istat u l-Gvern ta' l-UE, il-parlamenti nazzjonali, l-istituzzjonijiet Ewropej u partiti politiċi Ewropej, qabel il-Kunsill Ewropew ta' Diċembru (Anness 2). Hi tappella lill-partiti politiċi Ewropej biex jindirizzaw ir-rakkomandazzjonijiet fil-programmi tagħhom u jiddiskutuhom ma' ċittadini matul il-perjodu li jwassal għall-elezzjonijiet tal-Parlament Ewropew fl-2009. Hi appellat ukoll lill-Kapijiet ta' l-Istat u l-Gvern biex jinkoraġġixxu l-iżvilupp ta' ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea fil-livelli kollha tal-governanza.

Il-proġetti ta' ċittadini wrew diversi modi kif isir dan minhabba li ttestjaw:

- Websajt li tiddiskuti l-Ewropa konnessa ma' netwerk ta' sotto-siti ta' diskussjonijiet nazzjonali, kkombinati ma' okkażjonijiet ta' diskussjonijiet lokali, nazzjonali u Ewropej;
- Websajt multilingwa, interattiva ħafna, li l-kontenut tagħha kien determinat minn gruppi speċifiċi f'pajjiżi differenti fl-UE u adattat skond l-informazzjoni minn gruppi ta' diskussjoni għal pubbliku mmirat;
- konsultazzjonijiet nazzjonali dwar l-istess argumenti fl-Istati Membri kollha, li se jsiru bejn wieħed u iehor fl-istess hin, li jwasslu għal sinteżi Ewropea;
- stħarriġ deliberattiv pan-Ewropew, fejn kampjun każwali tal-popolazzjoni mistħarġa ngabar għal tlett ijiem u ddiskuta wiċċ imbwiċċ;
- okkażjonijiet ta' diskussjonijiet lokali f'diversi Stati Membri ta' l-UE kkombinati ma' stħarriġ u reġistrazzjoni bil-video ta' l-opinjoni ta' ċittadini.

Dawn il-proġetti wrew li l-iżvilupp tad-demokrazija parteċipattiva dwar kwistjonijiet relatati ma' l-UE fl-ivell lokali, reġjonali, nazzjonali u transkonfinali hu possibbli, kemm f'termini ta' kwalità u ta' loġistika.

F'termini ta' sustanza, huma wrew li xi kultant kien hemm differenza bejn l-aspettattivi ta' ċittadini u l-oqsma reali tal-kompetenza ta' l-UE, pereżempju fil-qasam ta' l-affarijiet soċjali, edukazzjoni u diplomazija/difiża. Bil-parteciċipazzjoni fil-konsultazzjonijiet, in-nies saru aktar familjari mal-proċess tat-teħid tad-deċiżjonijiet ta' l-UE. Fl-aħħar tal-proċess, huma kellhom stampa aktar ċara ta' kif jisfidaw lil dawk li jiehdu d-deċiżjonijiet u jnaqqsu d-differenza bejn min qiegħed ifassal il-politika u ċ-ċittadini tal-futur.

Mill-proġetti jistgħu joħorġu tagħlimiet importanti f'termini ta' ħin, l-ghazla tal-parteciċipanti, taħriġ tal-moderatur, il-logistika ta' dibattitu transkonfinali u multilingwu u t-tip ta' informazzjoni u l-kompetenza meħtieġa biex jiżguraw li ċ-ċittadini minn kull aspett tal-ħajja huma f'pożizzjoni li jsejgħu dibattitu nfurmat dwar kwistjonijiet Ewropej. Għandu jkun hemm b'mod partikolari aċċess faċli għal parir xjentifiku u kompetenza fi proċessi parteciċipattivi li jinvolvu l-partijiet kollha nteressati li mhumieks esperti u dawk li jfasslu l-politika.

2. MIXJA 'L QUDDIEM — “NIDDIBATTU L-EWROPA”

Fl-ewwel fażi tiegħu, Pjan^oD iffoka fuq il-parti ta' “dibattitu u djalogu” tal-proċess. Il-prosegwiment għal Pjan^oD se jiehu dan il-proċess pass 'l quddiem u jiffoka fuq “D għal demokrazija”, biex iċ-ċittadini jkun jistgħu jartikolaw ix-xewqat tagħhom aktar b'mod dirett lil dawk li jiehu d-deċiżjonijiet u jagħmlu użu aħjar mill-medja fl-istess waqt. Għalhekk il-fażi l-ġdida se jkun jisimha “Niddibattu l-Ewropa”, bħall-websajt apposta ta' Pjan^oD tal-Kummissjoni.

Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jagixxi kif ġej:

1. Jartikola l-konsultazzjonijiet ta' ċittadini li saru mis-soċjetà ċivili mal-politiċi li jiehu d-deċiżjonijiet. Il-konkluzjonijiet milħuqa mi' ċittadini se jkun sintetizzati mi' ċittadini nnifishom u jintbagħtu lil politiċi eletti, partiti politiċi u fondazzjonijiet. L-oghla punt se jkun dibattitu bejn ċittadini u politiċi dwar il-proposti li jinsabu fil-pjattaformi ta' ċittadini. F'dan il-proċess, Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jiehu vantaġġ mill-kuntest politiku u istituzzjonali Ewropew il-ġdid, inkluż ir-regolament ġdid⁸ li jirregola partiti politiċi u fondazzjonijiet fl-ivell Ewropew.
2. Jinvolvi koperazzjoni fil-qrib u, fejn possibbli, azzjoni kongunta bejn l-istituzzjonijiet u l-korpi Ewropej sabiex ikabbar l-impatt tal-prova tagħhom biex jippromwovu ċittadinanza Ewropea attiva (forums ta' ċittadini; l-istrategġiji ta' komunikazzjoni tal-Parlament Ewropew qabel l-elezzjonijiet ta' l-2009 u d-dibattiti Agora ma' organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili; uinizzjattivi mill-Kumitat tar-Reġjuni u l-Kumitat Ekonomiku u Soċjali).
3. Izid il-poter lill-inizzjattivi eżistenti ta' l-UE, inklużi programmi tal-Kummissjoni li jippromwovu ċittadinanza attiva — eż. il-programm ta' “L-Ewropa għa' Ċittadini”, l-programm INTI biex jgħin lil dawk li mhumieks Ċittadini ta' l-UE jintegraw, programmi ta' koeżjoni soċjali u kontra l-faqar, inizzjattivi oħrajn ta' darba biex ifakkru Is-Sena Ewropea tad-Djalogu Interkulturali (2008) u s-Sena Ewropea tal-Kreattività u l-Innovazzjoni kif ukoll l-Azzjoni Preparatorja tal-Parteciċipazzjoni elettronika u attivitajiet relatati u l-inizzjattiva ta' l-eInkluzjoni. B'hekk, Niddibattu l-

⁸ Ir-Regolament (KE) Nru 1524/2007 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill ta' l-18 ta' Diċembru 2007.

Ewropa se jsaħħaħ l-isforzi tal-Kummissjoni biex jispjega l-valur miżjud ta' politika ta' l-UE liċ-ċittadini (eż. stejjer ta' suċċess relatati mas-suq intern – hlasijiet tar-roaming tal-*mobile*, titjiriet bi prezz baxx, protezzjoni ambjentali u l-ġlieda kontra l-bidla fil-klima).

4. Ikompli azzjonijiet oħrajn ta' suċċess ta' Pjan^oD (dibattiti fl-internet, iġib l-uffiċjali u ċ-ċittadini ta' l-UE aktar qrib xulxin; kooperazzjoni bejn l-uffiċini ta' informazzjoni tal-Kummissjoni u l-Parlament Ewropew, billi juża trażmissjoni ta' informazzjoni biex “immorru fil-lokal”).

2.1. Dibattiti li jgħaqqdu liċ-ċittadini u lil korpi politiċi rappreżentattivi

Hemm xewqa generali biex titnaqqas id-differenza fl-ivell nazzjonali u Ewropew. Il-partiti politiċi Ewropej għandhom bżonn l-appoġġ waqt li huma jagħmlu hilitom biex jieħdu sehem fid-dibattiti li jsiru f'kull sfera pubblika nazzjonali. B'mod partikolari waqt il-kampanji ta' l-elezzjonijiet Ewropej, kwistjonijiet Ewropej għandhom jittressqu u ċ-ċittadini għandhom iħarsu lejn l-impatt fuq il-ħajja ta' kuljum tagħhom ta' l-għażliet politiċi li huma jagħmlu fl-ivell Ewropew.

Niddibattu l-Ewropa se tagħti fondi b'mod kongunt lill-proġett ta' konsultazzjonijiet taċ-ċittadini pan-Ewropej mmexxi minn organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili fi shubija ma' organizzazzjonijiet ta' esperti, organizzazzjonijiet ta' riċerka u universitajiet, partiti politiċi u fondazzjonijiet. Se tippromwovi wkoll azzjonijiet fil-livell tal-pajjiż biex iċ-ċittadini minn kull aspett tal-ħajja jkunu jistgħu jiddibattu, jissintetizzaw l-opinjonijiet tagħhom, jiddiskutuhom ma' dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet u jinvolvu l-medja.

Dan se jibbenefika mir-Regolament ta' l-UE l-ġdid dwar partiti politiċi u fondazzjonijiet, li hu wiehed mill-miżuri prattiċi li jirriżulta mill-ewwel fażi ta' Pjan^oD. Ir-regolament iwessa' l-ambitu ta' attivitajiet tal-partiti politiċi Ewropej u jagħti l-appoġġ lill-iżvilupp tal-fondazzjonijiet politiċi Ewropej, li se jkollhom rwol importanti fl-involvement taċ-ċittadini fi djalogu politiku permanenti, ġenwin u infurmat.

Fl-2007, dawk il-fondazzjonijiet ssottomettew pjanijiet ta' azzjoni lill-Kummissjoni mmirati lejn l-iżvilupp ta' attivitajiet bi prova fl-2008 iżid l-għarfien taċ-ċittadini dwar l-elezzjonijiet Ewropej li ġejjin permezz ta' sessjonijiet ta' taħriġ, immirati lejn inizzjattivi ta' komunikazzjoni, siti ta' l-Internet, katalgi u l-holqien ta' networks mal-fondazzjonijiet nazzjonali u organizzazzjonijiet ta' esperti Minn Settembru 2008 'il quddiem, il-fondazzjonijiet politiċi se jkunu sussidjati fuq bażi permanenti.

Niddibattu l-Ewropa għandu jissupplimenta dawk l-isforzi billi jistieden lill-fondazzjonijiet politiċi biex jagħtu l-kontribut tagħhom fil-konsultazzjonijiet maċ-ċittadini organizzati mis-soċjetà ċivili.

2.2. Titjib tal-kooperazzjoni mal-Parlament Ewropew

Il-konferenza ta' Pjan°D ta' Diċembru°2007 “Futur ta' l-Ewropa — l-aġenda taċ-ċittadini” wriet li l-istituzzjonijiet ta' l-UE għandhom aktar impatt meta *jingħaqdu* u jieħdu sehem *flimkien* f'okkażjonijiet ta' djalogu maċ-ċittadini. Din hi opportunità għalihom biex juru spettru sħiħ ta' demokrazija ta' l-UE. Din min-naħa tagħha tippermetti liċ-ċittadini biex jifhmu aħjar il-proċess tat-teħid tad-deċiżjonijiet ta' l-UE. Din il-forma ta' kooperazzjoni inter-istituzzjonali se tkun inkorporata fil-proġetti Niddibattu l-Ewropa flivell Ewropew u nazzjonali u/ reġjonali.

Fl-istrategġija tagħha tal-komunikazzjoni ta' l-elezzjonijiet, il-Parlament Ewropew isejjah għal kooperazzjoni mill-qrib bejn l-istituzzjonijiet ta' l-UE. Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jikkontribwixxi biex jiġi ssodisfat dan il-bżonn. Tabilhaqq, il-kooperazzjoni mhux biss mal-Parlament Ewropew imma mal-Kumitat tar-Reġjuni u l-Kumitat Ekonomiku u Soċjali Ewropew hija kruċjali f'dak li jikkonċerna t-tneġġig ta' ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea. Kull istituzzjoni/korp kiseb esperjenza konsiderevoli fl-organizzazzjoni tal-forums taċ-ċittadini.

Il-Kummissjoni qegħda lesta biex taħdem mal-presidenzi ta' l-UE li diġin li jixtiequ jorganizzaw summits għaċ-ċittadini li jinvolvu istituzzjonijiet u korpi differenti ta' l-UE, b'hekk jipprovdu pjattaforma biex jagħtu perspettiva taċ-ċittadini dwar kwistjonijiet konkreti lil dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet Ewropej.

2.3. Jinholqu sinerġiji bejn programmi tal-Kummissjoni

Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jikkomplementa u jopera f'sinerġija ma' programmi oħra tal-Kummissjoni li jippromwovu ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea. Il-karatteristika distintiva tal-proġetti Niddibattu l-Ewropa se tkun id-dimensjoni inter-istituzzjonali, politika u tal-medja tagħhom — ir-riżultat ta' l-okkażjonijiet ta' konsultazzjoni organizzati flivell reġjonali, nazzjonali u pan-Ewropew se jkun dibattitu pubbliku nfurmat, bejn iċ-ċittadini u dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet mill-Istati Membri u mill-istituzzjonijiet kollha ta' l-UE.

It-termini ta' referenza ta' Niddibattu l-Ewropa jsejju għal proposti li jiżguraw li l-proġetti magħżula jikkunsidraw l-isforz politiku ġenerali tal-Kummissjoni biex jippromwovu ċ-ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea, b'mod partikolari:

- Il-Programm l-“Ewropa għaċ-ċittadini”, li jippromwovi ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea billi jipprovdi għajnuna lil firxa sħiħa ta' atturi (awtoritajiet lokali, organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili, ċittadini), biex dawn ikunu jistgħu jaġixxu, jiddiskutu u jagħmlu network flimkien f'diversi modi, kemm tradizzjonali (attivitajiet ta' ġemellaġġ bejn l-ibliet, proġetti transnazzjonali tas-soċjetà ċivili) u innovattivi (eż. dibattiti taċ-ċittadini);
- Is-Sena Ewropea tad-Djalogu Interkulturali fl-2008, li fih l-istituzzjonijiet/korpi kollha ta' l-UE huma nvoluti, u s-Sena Ewropea ta' l-Innovazzjoni u Kreattività fl-2009;
- il-fondazzjonijiet politiċi Ewropej u l-partiti li qed jagħmlu hilitom biex iżidu l-għarfien taċ-ċittadini għall-elezzjonijiet Ewropej li ġejjin bl-appoġġ tal-Komunità;
- INTI, il-Fond Ewropew għall-Integrazzjoni taċ-Ċittadini ta' Pajjiżi Terzi. L-integrazzjoni ta' l-immigranti huwa proċess fejn sħubiji fil-qrib jeżistu bejn livelli differenti ta' atturi governattivi u mhux governattivi bħal minn iħaddem, trejdnjins, organizzazzjonijiet reliġjużi, soċjetà ċivili, assoċjazzjonijiet ta' l-immigranti, il-medja u NGO(s) li jappoġġjaw l-immigranti;

- l-Azzjoni Preparatorja tal-Partecipazzjoni elettronika, li timmira li żżid l-involvement taċ-ċittadini fil-proċessi leġislattivi u tat-teħid tad-deċiżjonijiet flivell ta' l-UE, billi tuża teknoloġiji godda. Numru ta' provi diġà ġew implimentati fuq forom godda ta' interazzjoni bejn iċ-ċittadini u l-Istituzzjonijiet Ewropej;
- riċerka u akkumpanjament ta' inizzjattivi ffinanzjati mis-Seba' Programm Kwadru ta' Riċerka fl-oqsma ta' governanza u ċittadinanza (Programm ta' Hidma dwar Xjenzi Soċjali u Studji Umanistiċi) u l-involvement tal-pubbliku fix-xjenza (Xjenza fi Programm ta' Hidma tas-Soċjetà)⁹

2.4. *Żvilupp ulterjuri ta' inizzjattivi ohra ta' Pjan D*

Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jaġixxi flimkien ma' inizzjattivi kontinwa fl-Istati Membri, li ħafna minnhom għandhom potenzjal ta' valur għal kooperazzjoni inter-istituzzjonali. Dawn jinkludu:

- Networks ta' Informazzjoni bi Prova (PINs) — in-networks diġà ġew kuntrattati. Huma se jgħibu qrib xulxin komunitajiet ta' parlamentari Ewropej, nazzjonali u reġjonali, ġurnalisti u nies ohra influwenti Ewropej biex jaqsmu tagħrif, għarfien u ideat dwar l-UE. Il-PINs se jgħibu d-dibattitu Ewropew aktar viċin tal-parlamenti nazzjonali. Huma se jużaw l-Internet, għodda ohra onlajn u laqgħat biex jizviluppaw “networks ta' ideat” u jgħinu biex jgħaqqdu l-politiċi u l-medja ma' proġetti innovattivi tas-soċjetà ċivili.
- Spazji Pubbliċi Ewropej — Rappreżentazzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni u Uffiċini ta' Informazzjoni tal-Parlament Ewropew f'Madrid, Talinn u Dublin ħadmu flimkien biex johlqu Spazji Pubbliċi Ewropej li jakkomodaw eżibizzjonijiet, dibattiti, seminars u sessjonijiet ta' taħriġ dwar materji ta' l-UE. Huwa previst li dan il-proġett pilota jiġi estiż għal bliet kapitali ohra, jibda b'Ruma, Londra, Copenhagen u Berlin.
- Il-fora taċ-ċittadini — il-Parlament Ewropew, il-Kumitat Soċjali u Ekonomiku Ewropew u l-Kumitat tar-Reġjuni jorganizzaw il-fora taċ-ċittadini fl-Istati Membri. Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jinkoraġġixxi membri ta' diversi istituzzjonijiet u korpi ta' l-UE biex jingħaqdu u flimkien jintervjenu f'din il-fora, fuq il-bażi tal-kunċett ta' Pjan°D “Round Tables Ewropej għal Demokrazija”¹⁰
- Żjarat fl-Istati Membri — iż-żjarat tal-Kummissarji ta' “Pjan°D” fl-Istati Membri laħqu l-parlamenti nazzjonali, awtoritajiet reġjonali u lokali, il-medja u s-soċjetà ċivili. L-uffiċjali tal-Kummissjoni ġew imhegġa biex iżuru l-iskejjel antiki tagħhom. Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jizviluppa aktar il-kuntatti ta' “wiċċ imbwiċċ”, f'konformità ma' l-istrategija ta' l-involvement ta' l-istaff tal-Kummissjoni¹¹ li tinkoraġġixxi l-istaff tagħha biex ikollu rwol attiv fil-qasam ta' komunikazzjoni bħala ambaxxaturi ta' l-Istituzzjoni. Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jhegġeg ukoll membri u uffiċjali ta' istituzzjonijiet u korpi ohra biex jingħaqdu magħhom.

⁹ Deciżjoni nru°1982/2006/KE tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill; Deciżjonijiet°2006/971/KE u°2006/974/KE tal-Kunsill.

¹⁰ KUMM(2005) 494, taqsima 4.1.5.

¹¹ SEG(2007) 912

- Li jmorru anke aktar fil-lokal — flimkien mar-Rappreżentazzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni, iċ-ċentri ta' l-Ewropa Diretta organizzaw dibattiti, okkażjonijiet u seminars ma' ċittadini fl-irhula u fl-ibliet lil hinn mill-bliet kapitali ta' l-Istati Membri. Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jkompli jiżviluppa dawn l-attivitajiet, billi jiehu vantaġġ bil-fatt li t-“tieni generazzjoni” ta' ċentri ta' l-Ewropa Diretta se jiġu mnedija fl-2009, billi jwittu t-triq għal aktar razzjonalizzazzjoni tat-trasmissjonijiet ta' informazzjoni tal-Kummissjoni.
- L-irfinar ta' l-istharrig ta' l-opinjoni ta' l-Ewrobarometru — l-opinjoni ta' l-Ewrobarometru tal-Kummissjoni se tikkunsidra esperjenzi mill-ewwel fażi tal-proġetti ta' Pjan^oD, li esperimentaw ma' tekniċi ta' stharrig deliberattivi dwar il-futur ta' l-UE fuq skala pan-Ewropea.
- Dibattiti fl-Internet — il-websajt “Niddibattu l-Ewropa” ddedikata lil Pjan^oD iġġeddet f'Jannar^o2008 biex iżżid il-potenzjal tagħha għal dibattitu interattiv ma' l-utenti ta' l-Internet dwar kwistjonijiet ta' rilevanza ta' l-UE, bil-partecipazzjoni tar-Rappreżentazzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni. Is-sejha riċenti li reġgħet infetħet għal diskussjonijiet fuq l-Internet se tkun segwita minn diskussjonijiet simili onlajn aktar tard fl-2008 u fl-2009.

3. SEJHA GHAL PROPOSTI U AZZJONIJIET DEĊENTRALIZZATI

Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jiżgura li l-isforz globali tal-Kummissjoni biex tippromwovi ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea issir parti minn sforz integrat inter-istituzzjonali li jilhaq lil dawk li jiehdu d-deċiżjonijiet fil-livelli kollha ta' governanza.

Strategija fuq żewġ livelli giet sugġerita, b'appoġġ ta' baġit ta' EUR^o7.2 miljun:

- Fil-livell pan-Ewropew: Sejha għal proposti ċentralizzata biex tikkofinanzja proġett transnazzjonali komprensiv ta'^o27^oStat Membru ma' baġit ta' EUR 2 miljuni;
- il-livell nazzjonali u/reġjonali: azzjonijiet u sejhiet ddeċentralizzati li jappoġġaw il-proġetti lokali b'baġit ta' EUR^o5.2 miljun¹²

F'livell pan-Ewropew, it-termini ta' referenza se jiddikjaraw li, filwaqt li tiġi kkunsidrata l-esperjenza ta' l-ewwel serje ta' proġetti ta' demokrazija parteċipattiva transnazzjonali, Niddibattu l-Ewropa se:

- jsejjah konsultazzjonijiet taċ-ċittadini f'kull Stat Membru;
- se jistabbilixxi grupp ta' konklużjonijiet f'livell Ewropew u jibgħathom lill-organizzazzjonijiet politiċi Ewropej;
- jinvolvi ċ-ċittadini fi djalogu ma' rappreżentanti eletti u organizzazzjonijiet politiċi Ewropej.-b'involvement mill-qrib tal-Parlament Ewropew, il-Kumitat Ekonomiku u Soċjali Ewropew u l-Kumitat tar-Reġjuni.

¹² Deciżjoni tal-Kummissjoni C(2008)^o924 dwar il-programm tax-xogħol annwali fuq għotjiet u kuntratti fil-qasam tal-komunikazzjoni għall-2008, adottata mill-Kummissjoni fit-12^ota^oMarzu^o2008 (Tabella^o2.6.2).

F'livell nazzjonali u reġjonali, ir-Rappreżentazzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni:

- ippjanaw bejn wiehied u ieħor¹⁴⁰azzjoni fl-2008 biex jistimulaw id-dibattitu pubbliku dwar l-UE;
- se jikkofinanzjaw azzjoni mfassla għal bżonnijiet speċifiċi (eż. azzjoni li għandha fil-mira skejjel u ċentri taż-żgħażaġh, fieri u festivals, konferenzi, seminars, okkażjonijiet ma' NGO(s) eċċ.) permezz ta' sejhiet lokali għal proposti;
- ser jagħmlu azzjoni bħal din ma' istituzzjonijiet u korpi oħra ta' l-UE, pereżempju, Spazji Pubbliċi Ewropej, is-Sena Ewropea tad-Djalogu Interkulturali, is-Sena Ewropea tal-Kreattività u l-Innovazzjoni ppjanata u istituzzjonijiet nazzjonali tal-kultura ta' l-UE.

Skond il-kuntest nazzjonali, anke finanzjament limitat għall-NGO(s) fil-livell tal-pajjiż jista' jirriżulta fi djalogu siewi dwar kwistjonijiet ta' l-UE. Ir-Rappreżentazzjonijiet se jżidu l-impatt ta' okkażjonijiet ta' djalogu bħal dawn billi jinvolvu awtoritajiet reġjonali u lokali.

Dawn l-inizzjattivi jistgħu jinkoraġġixxu networks eżistenti u networks ġodda reġjonali u lokali u jgħinu biex tinfirx l-aħjar prattika, bl-użu ta' l-għodda tal-Parteċipazzjoni elettronika¹³. Huma jistgħu wkoll ikunu ta' interess għal politiċi li herġin għall-elezzjonijiet Ewropej, li jistgħu jużaw dawn id-diskussjonijiet fuq bażi ta' djalogu mal-kostitwenti tagħhom.

4. KONKLUŻJONI

L-involviment tač-ċittadini

Appoġġ pubbliku għall-UE jista' jinbena biss permezz ta' dibattitu energiku u miftuħ u billi č-ċittadini jkunu involuti b'mod attiv fl-affarijiet Ewropej. Minbarra l-konsultazzjonijiet ta' hafna partijiet interessati u l-pubbliku ġenerali li saru mill-Kummissjoni fuq kwistjonijiet ta' politika speċifiċi, l-UE teħtieġ aktar dibattitu politiku u għarfien jekk hi se tikseb l-għanijiet tagħha u twassal l-aħjar politiki. Dan hu wiehied mill-għanijiet ċentrali tal-politika tal-komunikazzjoni tal-Kummissjoni¹⁴ *li tingħata s-setgħa lič-čittadini, billi ssir promozzjoni tač-čittadinanza attiva Ewropea.*

Ninghaqdu ma' dawk li jfasslu l-politika

Partiti politiċi u r-rappreżentanti eletti tagħhom qegħdin f'pożizzjoni privileġġgata biex iqajjmu kwistjonijiet Ewropej f'dibattitu nazzjonali u biex iqanqlu dibattitu pubbliku transkonfinali madwar l-Ewropa. Kanali ta' komunikazzjoni transkonfinali huma meħtieġa li jippromwovu d-dibattitu u d-djalogu dwar kwistjonijiet ta' tħassib komuni dwar l-aġenda Ewropea. Il-Kummissjoni tat kontribut biex tiżviluppa dawn il-kanali permezz ta' proposti leġiżlattivi ddisinnjati biex jiffaċilitaw l-iżvilupp tal-partiti politiċi Ewropej, permezz ta' serje ta' programmi tač-čittadini u attivitajiet ta' komunikazzjoni ta' NGO u permezz ta' Pjan^oD.

¹³ Bħal dawk deskritti mill-Komunità tal-Parteċipazzjoni elettronika f' www.epractice.eu.

¹⁴ KUMM(2007) 568, 03.10.2007.

Wara s-serje ta' proġetti pilota li saru, l-isfida hi li jiġi żgurat li r-riżultat tagħhom jimraħ fil-proċess politiku tat-teħid tad-deċiżjonijiet. L-ewwel fażi ta' Pjan°D ikkonfermat li hemm domanda ċara għal miżuri biex isaħħu u jespandu djalogu politiku dwar kwistjonijiet Ewropej u li demokrazija deliberattiva u parteċipattiva tista' b'mod utli tissupplimenta demokrazija rappreżentattiva.

Fil-fażi li jmiss, li tkopri l-2008 u l-2009, u wara l-elezzjonijiet Ewropej, “Niddibattu l-Ewropa” se jipprovdi qafas operazzjonali biex jilhaq, jidhol u jaġixxi fi shubija. Izda wiehed irid jara dan fuq perjodu twil: “Niddibattu l-Ewropa” ifittex li jibdel il-perċezzjoni li l-kwistjonijiet ta' l-UE huma wisq astratti u maqtugħa mill-isfera pubblika nazzjonali biex ikunu ta' interess għaċ-ċittadini, u jagħti l-opportunità biex iwaqqaf il-firda artifiċjali spissa bejn kwistjonijiet nazzjonali u Ewropej.

- Anness 1: Deskrizzjonijiet tal-proġett Pjan°D
- Anness 2: Ittra miftuħa / rakkomandazzjonijiet minn parteċipanti fil-konferenza tat-tmiem tas-sitt proġetti taċ-ċittadini ta' Pjan°D
- Anness 3: Abbozz ta' sehja ċentralizzata għal proposti
- Anness 4: Abbozz ta' sehja deċentralizzata għal proposti

ANNEX 1

Citizens' consultations projects co-funded by the Commission in the framework of Plan D in 2006-2007 projects

Speak Up Europe

- Co-ordinator: European Movement International
- Amount of the project: EUR 1,039,310.63
- Grant from the EU budget: EUR 719,375.70
- Pan-European
- An integrated approach combining virtual and face to face communication, both on a European level and on a national level.
- Virtual: each partner created a national web site. Web animation (e.g. cartoon "What has Europe ever done for us?").
- Face to face: a series of local, national and European events.
- 27 000 people had taken part physically in the project by the end of September 2007.
- Specific multimedia site targeting youth, called "European Vibes".
- Specific site launched by one of the partners, Euractiv, called "EU debates and opinions" to promote the outcome of Speak Up Europe had received 110 000 viewers by end of September 2007.

European Citizens' Consultations

- Co-ordinator: King Baudouin Foundation
- Amount of the project: EUR 2.715.376,60
- Grant from the EU budget: EUR 1.895.751,95
- Pan-European.
- Deliberative consultation of citizens on a national level, on the basis of an agenda set at European level by a sample of citizens.
- European synthesis of the outcome of the national consultations and a European web site.
- 1 800 citizens participated in the project altogether.
- Feedback from 1 000 out of the 1 800 citizens involved via an evaluation survey.

Tomorrow's Europe

- Co-ordinator: Notre Europe
- Amount of the project: EUR 1.352.500
- Grant from the EU budget: EUR 849.500
- Pan-European
- Europe-wide deliberative poll.
- 3 550 citizens polled on the future of the EU.
- 362 of them were randomly selected to deliberate for three days in Brussels, with the help of experts.

- They filled in a questionnaire at the beginning of the deliberative phase and were polled at the end to measure the evolution of their views.

Our message to Europe

- Co-ordinator: Deutsche Gesellschaft e.V.
- Amount of the project: EUR 358.000,00
- Grant from the EU budget: EUR 250.000,00
- Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland.
- 4 000 participants altogether.
- 70 intensive dialogue events (54 in Germany, 4 in Austria, 4 in Slovakia, 4 in Czech Republic, 4 in Poland) with panel discussions.
- Opinion polls carried out during those events: 2600 people polled altogether, under 21 and over 21.
- In 20 of the events people had the opportunity to have their individual "message to Europe" recorded on video - 300 audiovisual messages collected altogether.

Radio Web Europe

- Co-ordinator: CENASCA-CISL
- Amount of the project: EUR 794.475,03
- Grant from the EU budget: EUR, 556.132,50
- Italy, Lithuania, Austria, UK, Spain, Portugal, Malta.
- Creation of a multimedia and interactive website targeting 18-35 years old. Content determined by face to face meetings with target audience through focus groups (two per country). At a second stage, workshops to collect feedback.
- National reports served as a basis for a synthesis report.
- Users can view and download audiovisual products and post their own (comments, videos, interviews, games, cartoons...). At the end of the project, website hosted 200 multimedia products. Average number of monthly visits: 5 000.

Our Europe-Our Debate-Our Contribution

- Co-ordinator: European House Budapest
- Amount of the project: EUR 364.000
- Grant from the EU budget: EUR 254.500
- Hungary, Austria, Italy, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- Fostering debate at grass-root level by meeting people in the streets and public transport, asking them to reply to a questionnaire (also posted on the project's English-language website).
- A "regional events" dimension (face to face meetings).
- A European bus touring the five countries, displaying a "European labyrinth" at every stop which people were invited to enter with a "European passport". People's views were recorded on video at every stop.
- The aim was to collect 2 500 people's views on Europe either through the questionnaire or by video.

Projects co-funded by the Commission Representations in the framework of Plan D in 2007-2008

Representation	Project
Bulgaria	Regional Dialog Open Forum: Women for Social Inclusion
	The Tender Europe: targeting more marginalised social groups – meetings and debates in schools, youth organisations, municipalities, chambers of commerce etc.
	An Investment for Creating Qualified and Internationally Educated Young People Corresponding to the Requirements of the European Single Market: Advertise the possibilities provided through European funding under the ERASMUS Program.
	No to Discrimination in United Europe: Let us Talk about the Different! Civic debate on issues related to discrimination and dissemination of EU best practices in the field of anti-discrimination measures in the cross-border region Svishtov (BG) - Zimnitch (RO).
Czech Republic	Gender Studies OPS: Flexicurity/labour market/ professional-private life - survey, video, discussions, leaflets, audit of pre-school establishments.
	Klub mladých Evropanu, o.s.: Generation EU: Target group - young people 15-19years. Workshops on labour market, education, security, freedom, future, European social model, European identity/values, 1 national conference.
Denmark	Your Europe
	Food Safety in the Consumers' EU
	Gender Divided Labour Market and Violence against Women
	Global Citizen and EU
	The Model Parliament
Estonia	Federation of Estonian student unions - Estonia in the EU's higher educational system (seminars, conference, articles in student press, discussions on internet forums, publication).
	Junior Achievement Estonia - Youth Entrepreneurship Conference on gender equality Project activities.
	NGO umbrella organisation in Viljandi - promotion of equal opportunities of local level citizens in the EU (conference, seminars, youth forum, study visit to Finnish rural areas).

France Paris	Europe , the future and citizenship in the Aquitaine region.
	Brittany youth's contribution to a European strategy to limit the scale of climate change.
	Know more about Europe to understand it better.
	Young European prize.
	Les Eurois, citizens of Europe.
	Europe for and by the young.
	A silent majority: women in the EU. Awareness raising among women, a major stake for the future of Europe.
	Etats généraux de l'Europe.
	Etats généraux de l'Europe.
	Deedale – Vendée region.
Hungary	Launch of the Hungarian chapter of the European Youth Parliament (Pillar Foundation)
	National consultation of women (Partners Hungary Foundation)
	Climate Change Youth Campaign (WWF Hungary)
Ireland	Institute of European Affairs (Future of Europe including immigration; crime and terror; climate change; Reform Treaty; Citizens Europe; EU@50; What has Europe done for citizens; use of overall theme "Europe 2.0". Use of web based products to widen and deepen the debate; meetings and debates across colleges, and other centres; production and dissemination of publications; explaining the new Treaty to different groups and especially the target groups; specifically target young professionals. Virtual tools and meetings, debates, high visibility events; dedicated Europe 2.0 website; podcasts; production of "6 Pack" information items for use with the target groups; production of a book "What the Reform Treaty Means", pamphlets; Young Professional network; high profile discussions and debates.
	Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA) : legal rights in Europe; Irish farm Families; Quality of Life in Europe; Migration; Social Reality. Regional Seminars; training of co-ordinators; use of co-ordinators for training and organisation of seminars; use of expert speakers. Focus is on 16,000 families.
Latvia	Regional debates on social reality
	Youth observers in local and district authorities on cohesion and regional policy
	Training of multipliers - schoolchildren and teachers - on corruption and transparency issues

Malta	Fondazzjoni Temi Zammit
Portugal	Porto, Coimbra, Santarém, Évora and Faro Environment protection / Energy- Youth
	National: Future of Europe; Europe in the world; Migrations; Security - Youth
	All islands of the archipelago of Azores European integration; Future of Europe; Europe in the world
	Vila Real district Prosperity; Solidarity; Security and Freedom e Liberdade; Future of Europe; Europe in the world
	Beira Interior Solidarity – European Year Equality; European Year of Intercultural Dialogue; Cohesion and Rural Development Sept.2007 to August 2008
Spain Madrid - Barcelona	Fundación Ciudadanía Euro activos. ex:talleres para jóvenes que quieren darle la vuelta a Europa
	Europa Action and Lobby Development of a multilingual forum.
	Infocentro de Zaragoza Europa Joven, 50 años de logros
	Casal d'Europa de Sabadell Euroactive,T
The Netherlands	Communicado Foundation Le Camping: Development of a pilot episode for six broadcastings for NL school TV. EU is visualised as a campsite; Member States are tents with their habitants. EU cooperation issues (enlargement, environment etc..) are explained through interaction of the actors in a comprehensible and educational way.
	ETV NL Europe is Fun! : Production of an educational project for secondary education scholars. A competition for digital EU stories, study materials and teachers training.
	Stichting Eggietalk (io) Eggietalk. Communication translation programme: pupils can communicate in their own language with pupils in other EU languages.
	Click on Europe. "Debatainment" with website and educational material for lower secondary education. Organisation aims at stimulating hard-to-reach target group to debate Europe in a competitive way.
	Nationaal oorlogsmuseum/ CHO Consultants Freedom and Democracy: Fundamental rights in Europe. Creating awareness and stimulating debate among youth in the national war museum. Electronic info pillars will be placed in the museum (including a voting system), and a website will be launched with small clips on 4 basic rights.

	<p>Passage Christelijk-Maatschappelijke Vrouwenbeweging Living together in Europe: Project proposed by the 4 largest woman movements in NL combined. The target group is approximately 120.000 female members, including many housewives. Newsletter, symposium, study days and an EU crafts contest. spin-off through family, friends etc. Create awareness of European issues among the members and to promote woman participation (use of voting right) in the 2009 European Parliament elections.</p>
	<p>Nationale Jeugdraad All about Europe.nl: website aiming at providing youth with a complete overview of the EU, to facilitate a structured dialogue. Bundle all relevant info for youth in one website. Nationale Jeugdraad (National Youthcouncil) portal website: Allesovereuropa.nl. This portal will bundle all relevant EU information for youth and youngsters in an understandable manner. Advertising campaign.</p>
	<p>CED Groep Europe in the news: 8 special topics on the EU. Communication with pupils in other EU countries. EU section added to existing website. Website is part of "learning by discussing/debating" teaching method.</p>
United Kingdom London	<p>Women in Northern Ireland – Connecting to Europe. Northern Ireland Women's European Platform. The platform aims to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of women in Northern Ireland including the advancement of their education and development.</p>
	<p>My Voice in Europe The Community Development Foundation is a leading source of intelligence, guidance and delivery on community development in England and across the UK. The overall aim of the European and International Unit of CDF is to link and feed into practice and policy within the European and International arena by acting as a bridge between the UK and relevant international mechanisms.</p>
	<p>Voicing young people's views on climate change Inspire, support and celebrate young people as agents for change in society. Their aim is to create a generation of young, active citizens, drawn from all sectors of the UK population who will be a force for change in achieving global social and environmental justice.</p>
	<p>Flexicurity: young workers' views in a cohesion region Bevan Foundation, at the forefront of new thinking about achieving a fair and just Wales by carrying out research, organising conferences and debates, and by publishing articles and reports.</p>
	<p>Fem e-U Link, FATIMA Women's Network Innovation Centre. Fatima is a socially responsible minority ethnic-led organisation supporting the social and economic empowerment of all women through inter alia personal development, education and training, networking and engagement, as well as research and consultation.</p>
	<p>Forward Ladies Limited Non-profit business support network for women -networking opportunities, inspirational speakers, training, mentoring, coaching, business support and facilitates international trade missions.</p>

People and Politics Day-Europe: promoting democracy and active citizenship. Research, conferences, reports, promotion of democratic change.

Decentralised communication actions planned by Commission Representations in 2008

Plan D decentralised actions planned for 2008						
Action type			Member State	Associated communication priority	€	
1. Local calls	Programmed		UK	Energy & CC	150 000	
			Italy	Intercultural Dialogue	150 000	
			Netherlands	None	142 000	
			Austria		203 000	
			Germany		200 000	
			Sub-total			
	To be programmed	Amounts confirmed	Netherlands	None	258 000	
			Malta		150 000	
			Germany		100 000	
			Slovakia		50 000	
			Czech Rep.		50 000	
			Lithuania		20 000	
		Sub-total				628 000
			Amounts TBC	Latvia	None	TBC
				Slovenia	Reform Treaty	TBC
	Total				1 473 000	
	2. Other actions					3 429 867
	Total Plan D	Allocated				5 200 000
Requested				4 902 867		

ANNEX 2

Open letter / recommendations from the participants at the concluding conference of the six Plan D citizens' projects

The future of Europe-the citizens' agenda

Open letter to the EU Heads of State and Government, the National Parliaments, the European Union Institutions and European political parties

Brussels, 9 December 2007

Next week, the Heads of State and Government of the European Union will sign the Lisbon Treaty. The EU celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year. Since 1957, the European Union has progressed from economic cooperation to a political union that affects the lives of almost 500 million citizens. This evolution also brings responsibilities for the political leaders of Europe. The permissive consensus that existed at the beginning has to be turned into an actively earned consensus in dialogue with the European citizens.

Associating citizens to the European construction is more than ever a fundamental issue. If we do not want the citizens to desert once more the European elections in 2009, political leaders need to regain the citizens' trust and confidence in the European project and show they care about citizens' involvement in the decision-making machine.

Plan D launched by Commission Vice-President Margot Wallström responded to this challenge in a novel manner. It co-financed a series of projects to learn how ordinary citizens can be involved in the EU decision-making and how they view the EU's future. This exercise responds to a basic value of the EU in the 21st century: active citizenship.

The European Movement International, the King Baudouin Foundation, Notre Europe, Deutsche Gesellschaft, European House Budapest and CENASCA-CISL, with a large network of partners across Europe have engaged actively in Plan D. A series of grass roots debates, consultations, polls and events aimed at consulting citizens on their visions of Europe have been carried out in a number of Member States, while deliberative polling and consultation has taken place on a pan-European scale.

Thousands of citizens took part in those projects throughout the European Union in 2007. Over 250 of them have assembled in Brussels on 8 and 9 December to debate on the major concerns which have emerged through Plan D. There was a clear consensus among participants that more opportunities of this kind should be provided to involve citizens in the debate over Europe's future.

They have structured these concerns into three themes:

1. The human aspects of globalisation
2. Enlargement, political integration and EU citizenship
3. The EU's role on the world stage.

They have consolidated their conclusions into a single set of recommendations (annexed to this letter).

They have debated those recommendations with decision-makers representing the EU institutions as well as the present Portuguese and future Slovenian Presidencies of the EU:

- Mrs. Margot Wallström, Vice-President, European Commission.
- Mrs Jillian van Turnhout, Vice-President, European Economic and Social Committee.
- Mr. Ivo Opstelten, Mayor of Rotterdam, Member of the Committee of Regions,

- Mr. Pierre Jonckheer, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr. Valter Lemos, Portuguese Secretary of State for Education,
- Ambassador Igor Sencar, Permanent Representative of Slovenia.

They call on the European political parties to address those recommendations in their programmes and to discuss them with citizens in view of the elections to European Parliament in 2009.

They call upon the EU Heads of State and Government, both in their capacity as European but also as national leaders, to heed those recommendations and thereby encourage the development of active European citizenship, without which there cannot be a truly political Union.

They call for the dialogue with citizens on European issues to be continued and deepened in the future.

The participants to the conference on "The future of Europe-the citizens' agenda"

Twenty-seven recommendations

1.

As work is considered a crucial dimension for individual emancipation, the **welfare systems** should protect citizens' life conditions during periods of transition for example by providing people with an unemployment indemnity when changing jobs.

2.

Citizens expect more action from the EU in the area of **social policy and social cohesion** in order to fight the black market, reduce salary gaps, promote gender-equality, ease unemployment and to make it attractive to work longer before retiring.

3.

The EU should promote **equal rights, comparable standard of living** in all EU member states and foster equal opportunities through harmonised social and economic policies and a welfare model for all member states.

4.

*The Member States and the EU should make sure that **migrants** enjoy equal rights and opportunities and have access to education and work if they observe the laws, rules and values of the host country and commit to learning the language.*

5.

The **European migration policy**, so far based only on restrictive measures, should adopt a more sophisticated approach aiming at the social and economic development of the involved countries. The EU needs to clarify its approach to economic refugee status.

6.

Migration needs to be acknowledged as one of today's most pressing issues, and cannot be tackled without a coherent development aid strategy.

7.

*The EU should ensure that part of each country's national curriculum, in both **schools and universities**, requires a section on Democracy and European Citizenship, to ensure a greater understanding of the EU, its history, and its opportunities.*

8.

The EU should show more commitment to educational promotion in general but also specifically regarding European issues, e.g. through the expansion of existing educational EU programmes or the establishment of new EU programmes as well as the incorporation of the European integration process as a central topic in the national school curricula.

9.

Exchange projects need further support to encourage young people to recognise the importance of their EU citizenship in the global context.

10.

The EU should help preserving, appreciating and respecting the **diversity** of peoples, knowledge, customs and languages identities - while recognising common and shared European values.

11.

Integration strategies such as the **educational policy** incorporating the EU into school curricula will favour the development of a European identity.

12.

The EU should prioritise creating and communicating a **new ‘memory’ about Europe**, to move away from the stereotypes associated with certain countries and history, so that all citizens can be valued and we can understand each other better.

13.

*The EU should increase opportunities for a more active, **direct participation of European citizens** from all walks of life in policy-making through regular citizen Plan D-type participatory projects, debates, public hearings, etc. at EU but also at regional and national levels. More transparency-more influence for European citizens!*

14.

*The EU should make sure that the **current citizen recommendations** are considered and discussed not only by the EU but also national policy-makers or become part of existing policy-making processes (e.g. impact assessments, public consultations). The EU should not only listen but also learn.*

15.

The EU should become more interactive, citizen friendly and inclusive, recognising the growing significance of regional approach and identity. New and innovative information technique should be used to improve communication with citizens especially young people. Specific attention has to be paid to the frequently neglected gender issues.

16.

***Climate change and energy security** cannot successfully be dealt with at the national level alone. The EU should be given stronger powers to develop a common energy policy and ensure that Member States live up to the commitments they have made at European level.*

17.

In a global world, it makes sense for the EU to take greater responsibility than today in the fields of **military action, foreign aid and diplomatic relations**. The EU should be able to speak with one voice on a global level to defend its values.

18.

The EU can be more efficient than national governments in **security, police and struggle against drugs traffic and cartels**.

19.

The EU should lead the world in **protecting the environment** and promoting clean energy.

20.

Europe should develop a strong voice on the global stage with **common foreign and security policies that promote peace**, security in regional conflicts democracy and the respect for human rights providing for a strong role model across the world, whilst recognizing the importance of the nation state.

21.

The EU should show **a united front in international affairs**; the current practice is influenced too much by national short-term interests and considerations.

22.

The EU should tackle the impact of Europe's energy use on both the economy and the energy and foster the transition to environmentally clean, safe and sustainable energy sources.

23.

European citizens want the EU to **take the lead when it comes to social, energy and environmental standards** on a global level.

24.

The EU should develop **specific educational and action-oriented programmes for citizens on global issues** such as trade, energy and the environment.

25.

The EU should **coordinate its aid programmes with** NGOs engaged in humanitarian work to bring timely and efficient relief to crisis regions or to promote sustainable development.

26.

The EU should **lower barriers to international trade** as, overall, freer trade benefits developed and developing countries.

27.

The EU should show **more commitment in the fields of international peacekeeping** as well as humanitarian aid during catastrophes.

ANNEX 3

CENTRAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS - DG COMM No < A2-1/2008 >

Financial support for an initiative emanating from organisations with a significant trans-national dimension as provided by the European Commission's Debate Europe Communication

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

On 13 October 2005 the Commission approved its Communication to the Council, to the European Parliament, to the European Economic and Social Committee and to the Committee of the Regions: Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate.

This was a listening exercise so that the European Union can act on the concerns expressed by its citizens. The Commission aimed to stimulate debate and widen recognition for the added value that the E U provides.

It was a two-way process which:

- informed the public about the EU's role, with examples of its projects and achievements,
- identified their expectations for the future in return.

On 29 November 2006 Vice President Wallström presented an information note to the College of Commissioners on Plan D – Widen & deepen the debate. The purpose of this was to take stock and further widen and deepen the debate in the period of reflection.

On 2 April 2008, the Commission adopted a Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Debate Europe-building on the experience of Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate". It noted that the first phase Plan D focused on the "debate and dialogue" part of the process. The next phase of Plan D will take this process one step further and focus on "D for democracy", further enabling citizens to articulate their wishes directly to decision-makers and making better use of the media in the process. This new phase has been named "Debate Europe".

In October 2005 the Commission launched a series of Europe-wide civil society projects for 2006, which it co-financed. In 2007, it promoted a further series of initiatives, targeting young people and women in particular.

2. OBJECTIVES

One of the key lessons from this first round of projects and the concluding conference of Plan D is that the interface between citizens and EU decision-makers needs to be strengthened to ensure that issues of interest and concern Europe-wide are debated and addressed at a European level. There is a need to communicate those Europe-wide issues and concerns which affect to a large degree all of Europe's citizens identified from consulting on a pan-

European basis and to communicate these to European political decision-makers and media especially in view of the June 2009 European elections.

As a result, the Commission wishes to strengthen the existing debate about the future of Europe and its impact on citizens' daily lives by launching one or more pan-European projects with the following objectives:

In a first phase;

- Carry out a Europe-wide dialogue between citizens, political decision-makers and other key opinion formers through a series of debates/conferences/consultations and other events, with a view to ascertaining citizens' principal issues and concerns at a European level which touch their daily lives. This dialogue will ensure a close involvement of the other EU institutions (EP, EESC, COR) and European political parties' foundations.
- The conclusions arising from these events would be synthesised and made public. At a concluding event they should be presented to European decision makers to give them the opportunity to react and take into account the concerns of the European electorate. This phase of the project should be completed ideally before the June 2009 European elections.

In a second phase, the contractor could continue with a series of meetings with newly-elected MEPs and representatives from the principal European media (television, radio, press).

In carrying out both phases, the contractor will take into account the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and on-going Commission programmes such as Europe for Citizens and e-Participation.

The resulting projects will involve consortia of civil society organisations with a view to replying to these objectives on a Europe-wide scale. These consultations will complement those planned to be held at local level designed to address concerns focused on European issues with a more local impact.

3. TIMETABLE

3.1. Submission of applications

Publication of call beginning April 2008.

Applications must be submitted by end June 2008 at the latest.

Contracts will be signed September 2008.

Please read carefully section 10 of this call for proposals concerning the procedures for submitting applications.

3.2. Duration of projects

The project should begin between 1 September and 1 October 2008 and will be in two phases as described above.

The first phase will be completed by mid-May 2009 (before the European elections) and the second phase by 1 November 2009.

Applications must clearly state the project's starting and finishing dates (dd/mm/yy).

The maximum duration of projects is 14 months.

However, if, after the signing of the agreement and the start of the project, the beneficiary observes that, for fully justified reasons beyond his control, it becomes impossible to complete the project within the scheduled period, an extension to the eligibility period may be granted. A maximum extension of 3 months will be granted, provided that this is requested before the deadline specified in the grant agreement. The maximum duration will then be 18 months.

The period of eligibility of expenditure resulting from implementation of a project will begin on the day of signature of the grant contract by the last of the parties. If the nature of the project requires the project to start before the contract is signed, expenditure may be considered eligible before the signature of the contract. Under no circumstances can the eligibility period start before the date of submission of the grant application.

3.3. Information on the results of the selection

It is planned that applicants will be informed of the outcome of the selection procedure in July 2008.

The lists of selected projects will be published on the following website:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm

Applicants whose applications have not been selected will be informed in writing.

4. FINANCING

The budget initially available for part-financing projects is estimated at € 2 000 000.

If during the 2008 budget year, additional amounts are allocated to boost the initial budget for this call for proposals, they might be allocated to co-financing projects which were adopted at the selection phase but not given priority for co-financing in the overall budget initially available. The Commission therefore reserves the right to set up a “reserve list” of proposals evaluated positively in order to take account of the resources actually available in the 2008 budget.

The grant awarded may not exceed 70% of the total eligible project costs.

Community contributions are meant to facilitate the implementation of a project which could not otherwise be implemented easily without the support of the European Union. They are based on the co-financing principle.

Consequently, a minimum of 30% of the total estimated eligible expenditure of the project must come from sources other than the European Union budget. Applicants must include evidence that co-financing is available (secured) for the remainder of the total cost of the project.

The Commission intends to finance 1 to 2 projects for a budget of € 1 or € 2 million in total..

The European Commission reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

The amount allocated by the Commission may not in any circumstances exceed the amount requested. Moreover, the Commission reserves the right to award a grant lower than the amount requested by the applicant.

An organisation is not entitled to receive more than one grant from the Commission for the action covered by the selected project.

After approval by the Commission, a “grant contract”, a draft of which is reproduced at Annex VI, expressed in euros and specifying the conditions and the financing level, will be concluded between the Commission and the beneficiary. The originals of the finance contract must be signed and returned to the Commission immediately for signature. The Commission will be the last party to sign.

The payment methods are detailed in the draft contract (Article I.4), with a list of eligible and ineligible costs (Article II.14 of the general conditions and Article I.3 of the special conditions of the grant contract).

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications which comply with the following criteria will be the subject of an in-depth evaluation.

5.1. Eligible countries

Grant applications are eligible if they are presented by organisations having a legal status and established in one of the 27 Member States.

Organisations established in countries other than the countries listed above are not eligible.

5.2. Types of cooperation eligible

The types of cooperation eligible include partnerships. The term partnership/partners implies full or partial active intellectual collaboration in the execution of the project. In no case will financial support alone (sponsorship) be deemed to constitute a partnership. However, any financial support accompanied by active intellectual collaboration in the execution of the project will be accepted as a partnership. In all cases, the purpose of partnership is to add value to the project.

6. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Applicants must certify on their honour, by signing the application form, that they are not in one of the situations mentioned in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002), which are listed below.

Applicants will be excluded from participating in this call for proposals if they are in one of the following situations:

- a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of *res judicata*;
- c) they have committed serious professional misconduct recorded by any means that awarding authorities can justify;
- d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- e) they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- f) following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Community budget, they have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations.

Applicants will not receive financial support if, during the grant allocation procedure:

- a) they are subject to a conflict of interests;
- b) they are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the European Commission as a condition of participation in the grant award procedure, or fail to supply this information.

In accordance with Articles 93 to 96 of the Financial Regulation, administrative and financial penalties may be imposed on applicants who are guilty of misrepresentation or are found to have seriously failed to meet their contractual obligations under a previous contract award procedure.

To respect these provisions, the applicant and his partners must provide evidence that they are in none of the situations listed in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation.

7. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria are designed to demonstrate the applicant's capacity to see the project through to a successful conclusion.

Applicants must provide evidence of stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activity throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and/or grant-aided, as well as evidence of their financial participation. The applicant must also provide evidence of professional competencies, qualifications and/or experience relevant to the proposed project.

7.1. Technical capacity

Candidates must show that they have the operational (technical and management) capacity needed to complete the proposed action and provide evidence of their capacity to direct a large-scale activity corresponding to the dimension of the project for which the grant is requested. Particular attention will be devoted to the capacity for integration in society in the Member States, to the mobilisation of the public and to the analysis of their contributions. The capacity to operate in a large number of Member States (ideally in all of them) would be an advantage.

Applicants must attach to the grant application a curriculum vitae for the project leader and for the personnel of their organisation who will actually do the work. They must also enclose a recent activity report .

7.2. Financial resources

In order to permit assessment of this criterion, applicants must submit with their application the following documents:

- annual accounts for the last complete financial year;
- the “financial identification” form (bank details) (Annex III), completed by the beneficiary and certified by the bank (with original signatures).

If, on the basis of the submitted documents, the Commission assesses that the financial capacity of the applicant is not sufficient, it may:

- reject the request for a Community grant;
- ask for further information;
- ask for the deposit of a guarantee;
- propose a grant agreement without a pre-financing payment.

7.3. Audit

Where the cost of the project to be financed exceeds €300 000, the grant application must be accompanied by an external audit report produced by an approved auditor.

This report must certify the accounts for the last year available and give an assessment of the applicant's financial viability.

8. AWARD CRITERIA

Account will also be taken of other Commission programmes such as the European Year for Intercultural Dialogue in 2008, Europe for Citizens and INTI (Integration of Third-Country Nationals).

Eligible projects will be evaluated on the basis of:

- a) the consistency of the overall concept of the project with the objectives of Debate Europe, as described at point 2 of the call for proposals;
- b) the quality of the work programme and the *modus operandi*;
- c) the dynamics of networking and the establishment of pan-European cooperation;
- d) the capacity of the project to:
 - act in the largest number of Member States as possible, and ideally in all 27;
 - involve the largest number of citizens as possible;
 - ensure their diversity of origin and their representativeness;
 - provide for the use of the largest number of national languages possible;
 - generate transnational results;
- e) the likely multiplier effect through the media and civil society networks, as calculated on the basis of the measures proposed to give visibility to the project and its outcomes;
- f) the system of feedback to European political decision-makers and citizens involved, as recommended by Debate Europe;
- g) the mechanism for evaluation of the objectives pursued by the project.

9. PUBLICITY

Provided the successful tenderer agrees (unless the publication of information is likely to endanger the successful tenderer's safety or harm his interests), the Commission will publish the following information in whatever form and on whatever medium it wishes, including the Internet:

- the name and address of each beneficiary;
- the subject of the grant;
- amount awarded and rate of funding.

10. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

10.1. Publication

The text of the call for proposals, the annexes and, for information purposes, a copy of the standard agreement can be obtained from the Europa website at the following address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm

10.2. Application form

Applications must be presented in one of the official languages of the EU.

Since the call is addressed first of all to organisations operating in several Member States, DG Communication would, however, appreciate it if grant applications (which must be made out on the 2006 form devised for the purpose) are accompanied by a version in one of the European Commission's working languages (French, English or German).

This form can be downloaded from the above Internet address.

Only grant applications submitted on the application forms attached to this call for proposals and comprising all the necessary documents mentioned in Annex D will be considered.

Applications must be:

- typed; hand-written applications will not be accepted;
- duly dated, filled in and signed by the legal representative of the organisation;
- sent in quadruplicate (the original, which must be identified as such, plus three copies).

10.3. Submission of the application

Deadline for the submission of applications: end May/early June 2008

Applications submitted after will not be considered.

Applications may be submitted in one of the following ways:

Proposals must be submitted on paper:

- by registered post to the following address, for which purposes the relevant date is to be the date of dispatch by post, as evidenced by the postmark or the registered delivery receipt issued by the postal services:

European Commission
Directorate-General COMMUNICATION
Unit A2 (Communication: planning and priorities)
Debate EuropeOffice BERL 5/234

B-1049 Brussels

Belgium

- by hand delivery or courier service.

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Additional information can be obtained by electronic mail or by fax, either at the electronic address COMM-A2@cec.eu.int , or by fax number from ++ 32 2 295 24 69 , indicating clearly the reference of this call for proposals.

Annexes:

Annex A: Daily allowance scale

Annex B: Contractual obligations

Annex C: Text of the banking guarantee to be completed (only on request)

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ANNEX 4

CALL FOR PROPOSALS MANAGED BY EUROPEAN COMMISSION REPRESENTATIONS IN EU MEMBER STATES (LOCAL CALL)

- DG COMM No xxxxxx, EC Representation xxxxxxxx

**Grants for local and national civil society initiatives
to promote public debate about European issues
- part of the European Commission's "Debate Europe" initiative**

1. BACKGROUND

On 13 October 2005 the Commission approved its Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate".

This was a listening exercise to enable the European Union (EU) to act on citizens' concerns. The Commission aimed to stimulate debate and widen recognition for the added value that the EU provides.

It was to be a two-way process which:

- informed the public about the EU's role, with examples of its projects and achievements,
- identified their expectations for the future in return.

On 29 November 2006 Vice President Wallström presented a note to the Commissioners entitled, "Plan D – Widen & Deepen the Debate". Its purpose was to take stock and further widen and deepen the debate in the period of reflection. The note is publicly available and has been sent to Member States and other EU institutions.

On 2 April 2008, the Commission adopted a Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Debate Europe - Building on the Experience of Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate". It noted that the first phase of Plan D focused on the "debate and dialogue" part of the process. The next phase of Plan D will take this process one step further and focus on "D for democracy", further enabling citizens to articulate their wishes directly to decision-makers and making better use of the media in the process. This new phase has been named "Debate Europe".

In October 2005 the Commission launched a series of Europe-wide civil society projects¹⁵ for 2006, which it co-financed. In 2007, it promoted a further series of initiatives, targeting young people and women in particular.

¹⁵ "Tomorrow's Europe" introduced by the foundation "Notre Europe" (Paris)
<http://www.notre-europe.eu/>
"European Citizens' Consultations" introduced by the "King Baudouin Foundation" (Brussels)
<http://www.european-citizens-consultations.eu>
"Speak up Europe" introduced by the "European Movement International" (Brussels)
http://www.europeanmovement.org/emailing/newsletter/speakupeurope_briefing_nonote.pdf

Drawing on this experience, the Commission, through its Representations in EU Member States, will offer grants in each Member State for civil society initiatives focusing on "Debate Europe" priority issues¹⁶. These are:

- Priority issue 1: involvement of citizens with political decision-makers;
- Priority issue 2: joint action between EU institutions and bodies to promote active citizenship.

Differences in economic, social and other aspects of national life greatly affect the public's attitudes to the EU and to particular European issues. So the new round of local calls will therefore be **tailored to each Member State's needs**.

The Commission's Representations will help define the content, and manage and follow up the calls. Depending on the national context, even limited funding for country-level NGOs could result in a fruitful debate **on EU issues**.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. General

The Commission wishes to help fund national and regional initiatives by civil society organisations to:

- solicit citizens' views on European issues which have a direct impact, locally and nationally, on their daily lives; and
- encourage citizens to become more informed about these issues, and to discuss and debate them with local opinion-formers.

"Our message to Europe" introduced by the Deutsche Gesellschaft (Berlin)

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/grants/index_fr.htm

"Radio Web Europe" introduced by CENASCA (Rome)

<http://www.cenasca.cisl.it/entra.htm>

"Our Europe – Our Debate – Our Contributions" introduced by the European House (Budapest)

<http://www.europeanhouse.hu/>

All data on the 6 Plan D projects are summarized at the following address:

http://europa.eu/debateeurope/paneurope_en.htm.

¹⁶ Priorities specified in the Commission's communication entitled "Debate Europe - Building on the Experience of Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate"(2 April 2008) and in its 2008 annual work programme.

These initiatives will:

- facilitate dialogue between citizens, national and/or local political decision-makers and opinion-formers through debates, conferences, consultations and/or other events;
- closely involve local members of:
 - the European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee, and Committee of the Regions, and
 - European political parties, and those parties' foundations
- collate and publish these events' conclusions to:
 - identify specific European issues which matter to people in their particular local/national environment;
 - raise local media and politicians' interest in the debate on Europe;
 - increase understanding of the EU's impact on citizens' everyday life;
- create networks of participatory democracy which integrate the European dimension of local/regional/national debates;
- complement:
 - Commission Representations' other initiatives to target local constituencies;
 - current EU programmes with similar goals, including:
 - the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (EYID) 2008
 - Europe for Citizens
 - e-Participation
 - Integration of Third Country Nationals (INTI).
- be tailored to meet each Member State's specific needs.

2.2. Detailed

2.2.1. Form

Projects can:

- take many different forms – from public debates to online fora.
- be combined with events targeting the public
 - schools and youth centres,
 - exhibitions,
 - fairs and festivals,
 - conferences and seminars

2.2.2. Content

They should:

- define specific issues to be addressed around the overarching topic of debating the relevance of the EU to ordinary citizens lives;
- be accessible to the public and provoke their interest;
- link in with current issues:
 - of local/regional/national interest
 - at EU level.

- allow a variety of opinions to be expressed, without excluding any opinions
- include:
 - dialogue with local, national or EU political authorities;
 - participation by members of the European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions;
- use the internet to promote the project and facilitate debate.

2.2.3. *Impact*

As a result, projects should:

- make a lasting contribution to the debate on the EU;
- promote genuine local and national participation in debates on the EU;
- lead to the creation of regional and local networks or strengthen existing ones with a view to continuing and deepening the involvement of citizens in the debate on Europe;
- identify those issues at EU level of greatest local concern and how best they can be addressed on an ongoing basis.

2.2.4. *Action plan*

To allow the Commission to assess whether proposals meet these criteria, the applicant will need to present an action plan setting out:

- the issues which the project will address;
- the project's overall concept and the tools it will use;
- measures to attract the awareness and involvement of the:
- media - through partnerships and press relations activities;
- target audience
- actions to follow up the debate including the preparation of a structured summary of citizens' concerns and describe how these will be brought to the attention of local decision-makers including Members of the European Parliament;
- a detailed schedule which respects the deadlines in section 3.1 below.

3. TIMETABLE

3.1. Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted by end June 2008.

Please read carefully section 12 of this call for proposals concerning the procedures for submitting applications.

3.2. Duration of projects

The project should begin before 1 September 2008.

The project must finish no later than 01 November 2009.

Applications must clearly state the project's starting and finishing dates (dd/mm/yy).

The maximum duration of projects is 14 months.

The period of eligibility of expenditure resulting from implementation of a project will begin on the day of signature of the grant contract by the last of the parties. If the nature of the project requires the project to start before the contract is signed, expenditure may be considered eligible before the signature of the contract. Under no circumstances can the eligibility period start before the date of submission of the grant application.

3.3. Information on the results of the selection

It is planned that applicants will be informed of the outcome of the selection procedure [deadline needs to be no later than Jul. 2008]

The lists of selected projects will be published on the following website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm &

[http:// xxxxxxxxxx](http://xxxxxxxxx)

Applicants whose applications have not been selected will be informed in writing.

4. FINANCING

The budget available for this call for proposal is € [to be filled by each Representation].

The grant awarded may not exceed 70% of the total eligible project costs.

Community contributions are meant to facilitate the implementation of a project which could not otherwise be implemented easily without the support of the European Union. They are based on the co-financing principle.

Consequently, a minimum of 30% of the total estimated eligible and final expenditure of the project must come from sources other than the European Union budget. Applicants must include evidence that co-financing is available (secured) for the remainder of the total cost of the project.

Indicatively, the amount of the grant from the EU will be between 50 000 and 100 000 EUR per project.

The European Commission reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

The amount allocated by the Commission may not in any circumstances exceed the amount requested. Moreover, the Commission reserves the right to award a grant lower than the amount requested by the applicant.

An organisation is not entitled to receive more than one grant from the Commission for the action covered by the selected project.

After approval by the Commission, a “grant contract”, a draft of which is reproduced at Annex VI, expressed in euros and specifying the conditions and the financing level, will be concluded between the Commission and the beneficiary. The originals of the finance contract must be signed and returned to the Commission immediately for signature. The Commission will be the last party to sign.

The payment methods are detailed in the draft contract (Article I.4), with a list of eligible and ineligible costs (Article II.14 of the general conditions and Article I.3 of the special conditions of the grant contract).

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications which comply with the following criteria will be the subject of an in-depth evaluation.

5.1. Eligible organisations

Grant applications are eligible if they are presented by organisations having a legal status and established in one of the 27 Member States¹⁷.

6. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Applicants must certify on their honour, by signing the application form, that they are not in one of the situations mentioned in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002), which are listed below.

Applicants will be excluded from participating in this call for proposals if they are in one of the following situations:

- a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;

¹⁷ Based on the organisation's registered place of business or its place of main activity.

- c) they have committed serious professional misconduct recorded by any means that awarding authorities can justify;
- d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- e) they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- f) following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Community budget, they have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations.

Applicants will not receive financial support if, during the grant allocation procedure:

- a) they are subject to a conflict of interests;
- b) they are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the European Commission as a condition of participation in the grant award procedure, or fail to supply this information.

In accordance with Articles 93 to 96 of the Financial Regulation, administrative and financial penalties may be imposed on applicants who are guilty of misrepresentation or are found to have seriously failed to meet their contractual obligations under a previous contract award procedure.

To respect these provisions, the applicant and his partners must provide evidence that they are in none of the situations listed in Articles 93 and 94 of the Financial Regulation.

7. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria are designed to demonstrate the applicant's capacity to see the project through to a successful conclusion.

Applicants must provide evidence of stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activity throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and/or grant-aided, as well as evidence of their financial participation. The applicant must also provide evidence of professional competencies, qualifications and/or experience relevant to the proposed project.

7.1. Technical capacity

Candidates must show that they have the operational (technical and management) capacity needed to complete the proposed action and provide evidence of their capacity to direct an activity corresponding to the dimension of the project for which the grant is requested. Particular attention will be devoted to the capacity for mobilising the public and to analyse of their contributions. The capacity to involve organisations from other EU countries would be an advantage.

Applicants must attach to the grant application a curriculum vitae for the project leader and for the personnel of their organisation who will actually do the work. They must also enclose a recent activity report .

7.2. Financial resources

In order to permit assessment of this criterion, applicants must submit with their application the following documents:

- annual accounts for the last complete financial year;
- the “financial identification” form (bank details) (Annex III), completed by the beneficiary and certified by the bank (with original signatures).

If, on the basis of the submitted documents, the Commission assesses that the financial capacity of the applicant is not sufficient, it may:

- reject the request for a Community grant;
- ask for further information;
- ask for the deposit of a guarantee;
- propose a grant agreement without a pre-financing payment.

8. AWARD CRITERIA

Commission Representations will evaluate eligible projects against four criteria:

- a) consistency – is the project's overall concept consistent with the:
 - i. objectives of Plan D?
 - ii. general and detailed objectives of the call (see point 2 above)
- b) quality – are the work programme and working methods of sufficient quality?
- c) feasibility – is the project feasible, based on the action plan?
- d) visibility – what is the likely effect of the project's actions to raise awareness?

9. ELIGIBLE COSTS

For all projects, the eligibility period for expenditure relating to the implementation of a project will be stipulated in the grant agreement and will, except as described in the next point, be no earlier than the signature of the agreement by the Commission.

A grant may be awarded for a project which has already begun only where the applicant can demonstrate the need to start the project before the agreement is signed. In such cases, expenditure eligible for financing may not have been incurred before responding to the call for proposals.

The eligibility period for expenditure will not exceed the time allowed under each type of action, and **may not go beyond**.

Only the categories of expenditure listed below are eligible, provided that they are properly accounted for and evaluated in accordance with the market conditions, and that they are identifiable and verifiable. **They must be direct costs** (i.e. generated directly by the project and indispensable for its implementation, having regard to the cost/benefit principle):

- **personnel costs** incurred exclusively for the purpose of implementing the project are eligible only where the accounting systems of the applicants in question can clearly isolate and demonstrate the percentage of staff time devoted to the implementation of the project within the period of expenditure eligibility, and therefore the percentage of personnel costs which can be attributed to the project;
- **travel / accommodation / subsistence costs** associated with the project. Organisations must use their own daily scales to calculate these costs. However, these may not exceed the maximum amounts set by the Commission¹⁸;
- **the cost of organising and running conferences and seminars** (rental of rooms, welcoming and reception services, interpretation, speaker fees);
- cost of **hire or depreciation of technical equipment and services** (only the depreciable element of durable goods can be considered);
- **information dissemination** costs (production, translation, distribution and dissemination costs, etc.);
- cost of **consumables and supplies**
- costs entailed by **other contracts awarded** by the beneficiary for the purposes of the project (also see Section 10);
- costs arising from **requirements imposed by the agreement**;
- **general costs** (or "**eligible indirect costs**": office supplies, sundry consumables, depreciation of computer equipment, etc.). These costs may be eligible if incurred by the beneficiary for the purpose of implementing the project, but **may not exceed 7% of total eligible direct expenditure**.

N.B.: indirect costs will not be eligible if the applicant already receives an operating grant from the Commission during the lifetime of the project.

10. NON-ELIGIBLE COSTS

Non-eligible expenditure

The following expenditure cannot be considered eligible **under any circumstances**:

- costs of invested capital;
- general provisions (e.g. for losses, possible future liabilities);
- debts;
- interest owed;
- doubtful debts;

¹⁸ Commission Decision C(2004) 1313 of 7 April 2004: General implementing provisions adopting the Guide to missions for officials and other servants of the European Commission.

- exchange losses;
- expenditure on luxuries;
- the production of material and publications for commercial purposes; however, monographs, books, journals, discs, CDs, CD ROMs and videos will be taken into consideration if they are an integral part of the project;
- VAT, unless the beneficiary proves that he cannot recover it;
- contributions in kind.

Contributions in kind

Part of the contribution from project sponsors to the project costs may be in kind. These contributions in kind must be included in the provisional budget under the "receipts" section, expressed as a financial equivalent of the services or materials provided, and for an identical amount in the "expenditure" section, but separately from the rest of the budget. In fact, they cannot be considered as eligible costs.

Contributions in kind refer in particular to the provision of durable capital goods, raw materials and unpaid voluntary work by a private individual or corporate body.

The amount declared by the beneficiary as contributions in kind must be valued either on the basis of objective factors or on the basis of official scales laid down by an independent authority or by an outside independent professional.

The cost of private charity work must be valued in accordance with the national rules regarding the calculation of hourly, daily or weekly labour costs.

Contributions in kind will not be accounted for as eligible costs but rather as an increase in the grant in terms of value or as a percentage of the eligible costs.

The Community contribution is subject to a ceiling relating to the total eligible cost (70% maximum of the total eligible cost), excluding the value of contributions in kind.

Subcontracting and calls for tender

Where the implementation of subsidised actions requires a subcontract or the launch of a call for tender, the beneficiaries of the grant must award this contract to the tender offering the best value for money, respecting the principles of transparency and equal treatment of potential contractors and ensuring there is no conflict of interests. None of the basic activities of the project may be subcontracted, et subcontracting must account for only a limited part of the project.

For all contracts, beneficiaries must keep evidence that the selection of subcontractors was competitive, involving at least three offers, unless it can be shown that only one supplier exists in a given market. Grants may only be awarded after a project's start date (given in the application) upon prior written approval from the Commission.

11. PUBLICITY

The Commission will publish the list of successful applicants (unless the publication of information is likely to endanger the successful applicant safety or harm his interests). The Commission will publish the following information in whatever form and on whatever medium it wishes, including the Internet:

- the name and address of each beneficiary;
- the subject of the grant;
- amount awarded and rate of funding.

12. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

12.1. Publication

The text of the call for proposals, the annexes and, for information purposes, a copy of the standard agreement can be obtained from the Europa website at the following address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm &

<http://xxxxxxxxx> (Website of the Representation)

12.2. Application form

Applications must be presented in one of the official languages of the EU.

This form can be downloaded from one of the above Internet addresses.

Only grant applications submitted on the application forms attached to this call for proposals and comprising all the necessary documents mentioned in Annex D will be considered.

Applications must be:

- typed; hand-written applications will not be accepted;
- duly dated, filled in and signed by the legal representative of the organisation;
- sent in quadruplicate (the original, which must be identified as such, plus three copies).

12.3. Submission of the application

Deadline for the submission of applications: 30 June 2007

Applications submitted after will not be considered.

Applications may be submitted in one of the following ways:

Proposals must be submitted on paper:

- by registered post to the following address, for which purposes the relevant date is to be the date of dispatch by post, as evidenced by the postmark or the registered delivery receipt issued by the postal services:

European Commission

EC Representation XXXXXXXX

- by hand delivery or courier service.

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- **Information note from Vice President Wallström to the Commission – Plan D, Wider and deeper debate on Europe - SEC(2006) 1553, 24.11.2006.**
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QASAM TA' POLITIKA: KOMUNIKAZZJONI

ATTIVITÀ: AZZJONIJIET SPECIFIČI DWAR TEMI TA' PRIJORITÀ, FOSTHOM PRINCE

PROGRAMM TA' HIDMA GHALL: 2008

1. INTESTATURI TAL-BAĠIT KKONĊERNATI U TITOLU

16.0304 - Azzjonijiet speċifiċi fuq temi prijoritarji, fosthom PRINCE

2. BAŽI ĠURIDIKA

Hidma li tirriżulta mill-prerogattivi tal-Kummissjoni flivell istituzzjonali, kif stabbilit fl-Artikolu 49(6) tar-Regolament tal-Kunsill (KE, Euratom) Nru 1605/2002 tal-25 ta' Ġunju 2002 rigward ir-Regolament Finanzjarju applikabbli għall-baġit ġenerali tal-Komunitajiet Ewropej (ĠU L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1), kif emendat bir-Regolament (KE, Euratom) Nru 1995/2006 (ĠU L 390, 30.12.2003, p. 1).

3. FIGURI GLOBALI GHAS-SENA FINANZJARJA (F'EURO)

■ 3.a - Sena kurrenti

CA	CA
Appropriazzjoni inizjali ghas-sena finanzjarja (baġit)	12 830 000
Trasferimenti	0
Appropriazzjonijiet addizzjonali	0
Appropriazzjoni totali	12 830 000
Appropriazzjonijiet imwarrba minn programm ieħor ta' hidma	0
Bilanċ disponibbli	12 830 000
Ammont għall-azzjoni proposta	7 200 000 ¹⁹

■ 3.b – Trasferimenti 'l-quddiem

Mhux applikabbli

■ 3.c – Sena finanzjarja li jmiss

Mhux applikabbli

4. ID-DESKRIZZJONI TA' L-AZZJONI

Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jtaqqwajl il-Pjan^oD fl-2008 u fl-2009. Se jiżgura li l-isforz globali tal-Kummissjoni biex tippromwovi ċittadinanza attiva Ewropea huwa sforz inter-istituzzjonali, konness mal-prioritajiet ta' komunikazzjoni u politiċi ta' l-istituzzjonijiet Ewropej, li jilhaq lil dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet fil-livelli kollha ta' governanza.

Strateġija fuq żewġ livelli giet sugġerita, b'appoġġ ta' baġit ta' EUR^o7.2 miljun:

- sejha għal proposti ċentralizzata biex tikkofinanzja proġett globali transnazzjonali ma' baġit ta' EUR 2 miljuni;
- azzjonijiet u sejhiet ddeċentralizzati li jappoġġaw il-proġetti lokali b'baġit ta' EUR^o5.2 miljun.

¹⁹ L-ammont ta' l-azzjoni^o(EUR 7.200.000) jappartjeni l-appropriazzjonijiet tal-baġit ta' l-2008 għal linja ta'baġit^o16.0304 (Azzjonijiet speċifiċi dwar temi ta' prijorità, wieħed minnhom PRINCE). Għalhekk mhumix meħtieġa riżorsi addizzjonali.

Fuq livell pan-Ewropew – It-termini ta' referenza tas-sejha għal proposta se jiddikjaraw b'mod esplicitu li, meta wiehed jikkunsidra l-esperjenza miksuba bl-ewwel serje ta' proġetti ta' demokrazija parteċipattiva transnazzjonali kofinanzjati taħt Pjan^oD, Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jkun ta' appoġġ għal inizzjattiva tas-soċjetà ċivili li torganizza konsultazzjonijiet taċ-ċittadini f'kull Stat Membru, jistabbilixxi grupp ta' konklużjonijiet/proposti f'livell Ewropew u, fuq il-bażi ta' din il-pjattaforma komuni, jinvolvi liċ-ċittadini fi djalogu ma' rappreżentanti eletti u organizzazzjonijiet politiċi Ewropej, fi shubija ma' fondazzjonijiet politiċi Ewropej.

Fuq livell tal-pajjiż – Meta wiehed jikkunsidra l-esperjenza miksuba mill-proġetti tas-soċjetà ċivili kofinanzjati mir-rappreżentazzjonijiet tal-Kummissjoni fl-istess Stati Membri, Niddibattu l-Ewropa se jikkofinanzja azzjonijiet ddeċentralizzati mfassla għal bżonnijiet speċifiċi (eż. azzjonijiet li għandhom fil-mira skejjel u ċentri taż-żgħażaġh, eżibizzjonijiet, fieri u festivals, konferenzi, seminars, okkażjonijiet ma' l-NGO(s)...). Dawn l-azzjonijiet se jinkludu sejhiet lokali għal proposti u azzjonijiet oħra kif spjegat fil-qafas ta' Niddibattu l-Ewropa (eż dibattiti fl-Internet, żjarat mill-Kummissarji, attivitajiet fil-qafas ta' Sferi Pubbliċi Ewropej u Networks ta' Informazzjoni bi prova, immorru fil-lokal permezz ta' Ċentri ta' Ewropa Diretta...).

5. IL-METODU TA' KALKOLU LI ĠIE ADDOTTAT

Il-baġit ta' 7.2 miljun EUR allokat għal Niddibattu l-Ewropa hu diviż kif ġej:

- Kif diġà msemmi, sejha waħda għal proposti se tiġi mnedija mill-Kwartieri tad-DĠ COMM għal somma stmata ta' 2^omiljun EUR, sabiex tikkofinanzja proġett transnazzjonali globali.

ir-Rappreżentazzjonijiet se jillanċjaw sejha għal proposti għal ammont stmat ta' 3.1 miljun EUR. Huwa probabbli li jkun hemm sejha waħda għal proposta lil kull Stat Membru; b'baġit ta' medja bejn 100 000 u 200 000 EUR.

Dawn iċ-ċifri ġew stmati fuq il-bażi ta' esperjenza preċedenti (is-sejhiet għal proposta ta' l-2007 ta' Pjan^oD ammontaw għal 2.4^omiljun EUR għal 13-il Stat Membru).

- Dwar it-2.1^omiljun EUR li jibqa', minbarra l-kuntratti attwali, ir-Rappreżentazzjonijiet jipprevedu li jillanċjaw bejn wiehed u iehor 136 sejha għal offerta (131 minnhom ≤ 60 000 EUR u 5 minnhom > 60 000 EUR).

6. SKEDA TAL-ĦLAS (F'EURO)

Linja 16.0304	2008	2009	2010	Total
Impenji	7 200 000	0	0	7 200 000
Ħlasijiet	3 600 000	1 800 000	1 800 000	7 200 000