

# HUWY Hub Websites for Youth Participation EP-08-01-011























# Social Networking Tools supporting constructive involvement throughout the policy-cycle

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• Erika Porquier, from CTTS Italy....



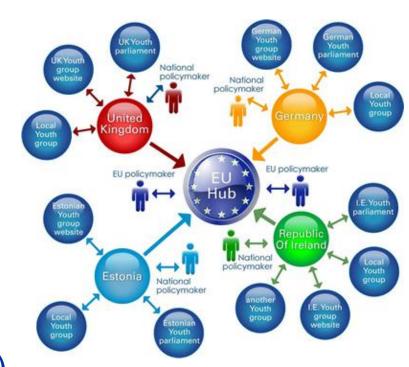
# SN sites in the HUWY project





# **HUWY** project: overview

- HUWY supports young people to influence policies related to the Internet
- Pilots a distributed discussion
- 4 countries: Estonia, Germany, Republic of Ireland and UK
- Jan 2009 Jan 2011 (25 months)
- Sponsored by the European Commission





#### Aims: 1

Get young people talking about policies and laws which affect the Internet

- > experts
- may not be fully aware of laws, rights and best practice





#### Aims: 2

- Channel ideas to people in governments and parliaments
  - better Internet laws and culture

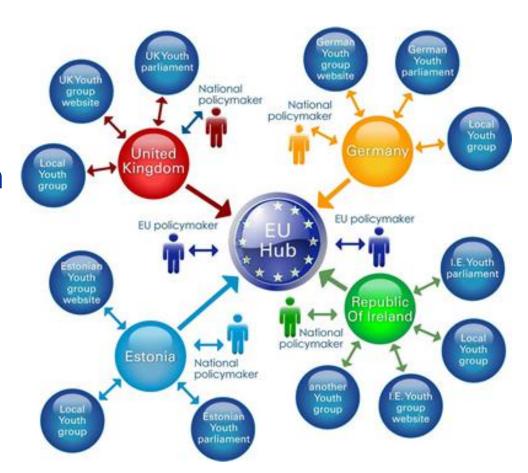




#### Aims: 3

Pilot a new way to improve debates and enhance democratic participation

- distributed (networked) discussion
  - SN sites for discussions / whatever





#### Some set up by HUWY team to start things off

- Twitter, Facebook, Orkut, Wer kennt wen etc.
- Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YuMgPoDSZ0



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# Your examples

 Any good examples of using SN tools in eParticipation?

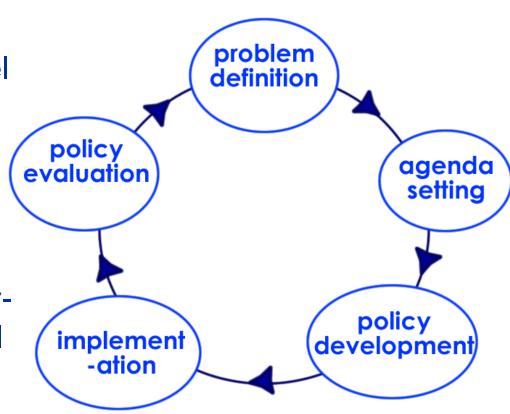


# Policy-cycle and eParticipation

#### Policy-cycle:

 Simplified, ideal-type model of policy process

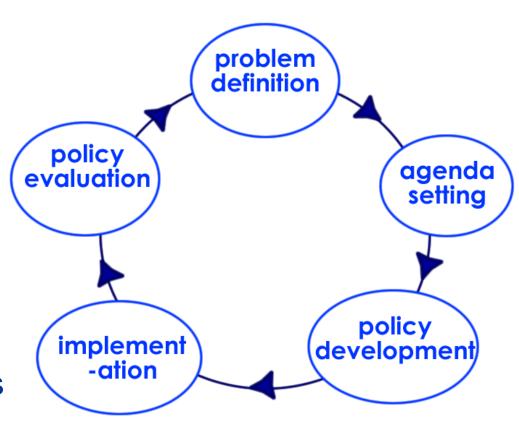
- Useful to structure/ systemise complex processes of policy-making
- Critique: real-world policymaking does not follow clearcut stages and chronological sequences





# Policy-cycle and eParticipation

- eParticipation can be relevant in any policy phase
- Most eParticipation initiatives focus on phases 1 & 2, other stages largely ignored
- → Closer analysis of policycycle and eParticipation helps to better assess political impact of elnitiatives



name/ URL	type or brand	making target (type and level)			measure its impact?	so far
example	Bebo	Parliamentar y Committee/ Minister (National or EU)/ Local council	1 Problem definition 2. Agenda setting 3. Policy development 4. Policy	the same SN tool, provide text for response page, no method	e.g. usage statistics, feedback from users, change in policy.	

Citizen target Policy-

Project

Tool/ widget

How do

How do you Problems

Policy life-

Project name/ URL	Tool/ widget type or brand	Citizen target	Policy-making target (type and level)	Policy life- cycle stage	How do policy-makers respond?	How do you measure its impact?	
	1. Digg www.digg.com 2. Twitter - "following" mechanism	Young people	EP Temporary Committee on Climate Change and energy	<ul><li>2. Agenda</li><li>setting</li><li>3. Policy</li><li>development</li></ul>	They did not respond	1.Usage Statistics 2.feedback from users	
ww01.regione .toscana.it/pa	2. Twitter -	Tuscany Region's citizens	Local councils	<ul><li>2. Agenda</li><li>setting</li><li>3. Policy</li><li>development</li></ul>	using the same SN tool		scarse engagemen t by the promoter Tuscany Region
PARTEMP		health- care associatio ns of Prato	public health authority	development 4.implementa	<u>-</u>		small number of involved participants
HUWY	Facebook (Germany)	young people	according to Internet policy topics		On HUWY websites	Comments on sites, feedback from young people and policy makers, statistics	•





#### **Discussion**

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#### Your ideas

to use SN tools in eParticipation....



# Thank you



















