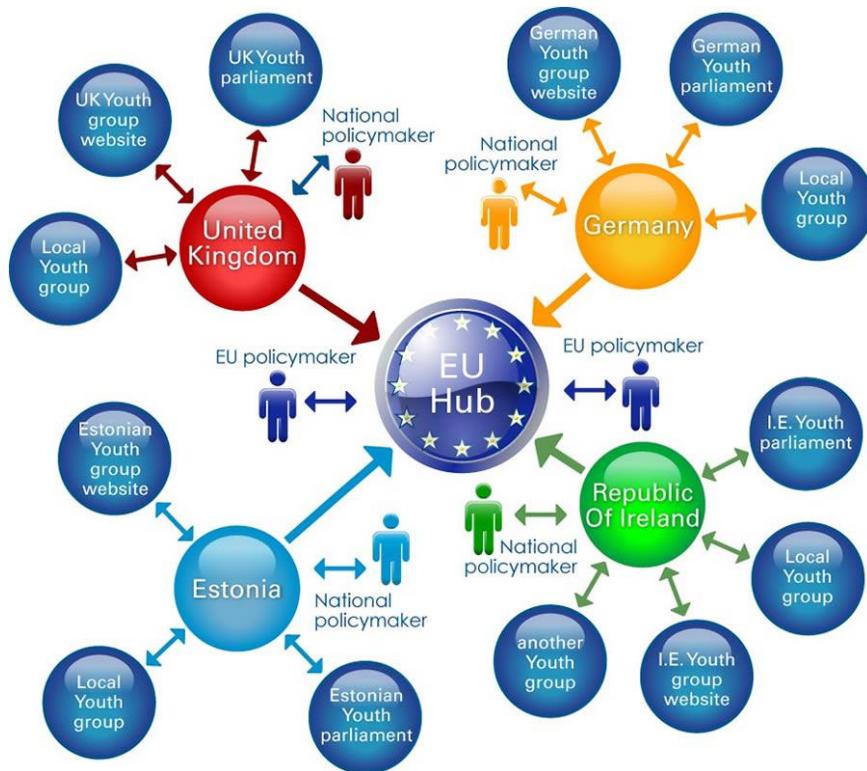


Hub Websites for Youth Participation: HuWY <http://huwy.eu>

HuWY supports young people to influence policies related to the Internet.



The HuWY project aims to support young people's eParticipation in policies about the Internet and its governance, through a distributed discussion. HuWY partners provide information, support and organise influential audiences for young people's suggestions. The Hub websites hold supporting information and structured space for results and feedback from policy-makers. Young people choose the topics and questions, host the discussions on their web pages and post the results on the Hubs.

- HuWY partners work with young people and policy-makers to devise the central themes and questions, related to Internet policies. UK topics are *cyberbullying, child abuse, ID theft, privacy and phishing, file-sharing*, plus an open topic.
- Youth groups consider these questions, using their own online spaces: youth group forums, social networking spaces, multimedia gatherings etc.
- HuWY Hubs provide information, on the chosen themes, to support the youth groups' discussions.
- HuWY partners inspire and support the youth groups through national and local workshops.
- Hubs provide structured space for youth groups to post the results of their discussions and their suggestions.
- Policy-makers access these collated results and suggestions, using them to inform policy and tagging them to increase their usefulness to other policy-makers.
- Policy-makers add feedback to the Hubs about the young people's input into policy.
- Suggestions, tags and feedback from the national Hubs are collated into an EU Hub for international policy-makers.

The HuWY project aims to pilot an effective way for young people to be involved in decision-making. This model of distributed discussions could be used by people of various ages, focused on a range of topics.

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