

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	2 - Institut fur den Donauroum und Mitteleuropa - IDM
PIC number:	936793603
Project name and acronym:	“Towards Democratic and Inclusive Europe: EP Elections and Active Citizens Participation and Contribution”— EUact2

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	17
Event name:	EUact2 Small Scale Debate 1: “ONE YEAR TO GO European Parliamentary Elections 2024: What Themes and Narratives?”
Type:	Small Scale debate
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Austria, Vienna
Date(s):	6 June 2023
Website(s) (if any):	<p>Project website: https://www.globsec.org/what-we-do/events/one-year-go-european-parliamentary-elections-2024-what-themes-and-narratives</p> <p>Event announcement + program ONE YEAR TO GO European Parliamentary Elections 2024: What Themes and Narratives? - IDM</p> <p>Recording: https://www.youtube.com/live/2SddGq7cMAA?feature=share</p> <p>Summary: https://www.idm.at/one-year-to-go-european-parliamentary-elections-2024-what-themes-and-narratives/</p>
Participants	
Female:	12
Male:	15
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Austria]:	16
From country 2 [Germany]:	3
From country 3 [France]:	3
From country 4 [Poland]:	2

From country 5 [Italy]:	1		
From country 6 [Czechia]:	1		
From country 7 [Romania]:	1		
From country 8 [Slovakia]:	1		
Total number of participants:	28	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The small scale debate titled “ONE YEAR TO GO: European Parliamentary Elections 2024: What Themes and Narratives?” took place precisely one year prior to the upcoming European Parliamentary Elections on the 6 June 2023. Three Member of Parliament from different EU-countries (Czechia, Slovakia and Austria) were invited to engage in a discussion on the main topics and narratives, that will influence and shape the next EP elections at both a general EU level and within their respective nation states. Some common themes are emerging such as the ongoing Russian war in Ukraine, foreign and security policy issues, migratory issues, and the European Green Deal. Additionally, so-called „Bread-and-butter issues,“ such as inflation, which directly impact the daily lives of EU citizens, will hold significant relevance.

The debate also explored methods to increase citizens involvement and motivation for voting in EP elections. Disinformation campaigns are threatening elections. However, active leadership and responsiveness, especially in times of crises and uncertainty can impact positively citizens and motivate their engagement. Work with young people is essential, even if the effects of their participation are seen only in later years.

After brief statements by each MEP, the floor was opened to questions from the audience. The participants brainstormed with the speakers on ways to foster and increase participation of EU citizens and to deepen awareness and knowledge among EU citizens.

The event took place in Vienna at the IDM's premises and lasted 1,5 hours. Austrian MEP was in person and the two other MEPs joined online. The gender ratio in the panel was 40% women, 60 % men. The audience was exclusively on-site. The debate was recorded and is available on IDM's youtube channel. The average age of participants was 33, the youngest was 21, and the oldest 76. The majority of participants were men (53%) vs women (43%), with 4% non-binary. They came from the following fields: history, political science, international relation, medicine, law, economy.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).