

METHODS MATERIAL

Method 1

E-Participation

Start online initiatives yourself / participate in online initiatives

eParticipation means internet-based procedures that enable the population to participate in political processes. In addition to the legally defined forms of participation, communication between citizens and politicians as well as communication between citizens with each other represent an important participation opportunity. Initiatives, actions, online petitions, and the exchange of opinions on social networks are instruments to actively and passively participate in political events. This exercise deals with the topic of e-participation/ online initiatives/ online platforms/ online petitions.

Tasks

The following is intended to familiarize you with the platform www.change.org and the website www.ecit-foundation.eu

At www.change.org, online initiatives can be initiated by citizens. At www.ecit-foundation.eu, citizens can participate in initiatives initiated by the ECIT Foundation. You now have the task of researching the questions listed below and creating an information sheet in the form of a mind map.

TIP: Use a helpful tool to create a mind map.

Start your own online initiatives

What options are available to citizens to initiate a petition, campaign, or initiative on local, national, and global concerns? (Information on this can be found at www.change.org)

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www.change.org:

- What does Change.org stand for?
- How many people use this platform
- Which campaigns have been initiated via change.org?
- How can I start a petition?
- On which topics can I start a petition?

Write a short guide: Important elements of a good campaign (info on this can be found at <https://changeverein.org/kampagnentraining/>)

Participate in online initiatives!


What opportunities are available for citizens to actively support European citizenship? (Information on this can be found at <https://ecit-foundation.eu>)

www.ecit-foundation.eu:

- What does the ECIT Foundation stand for?
- What initiatives has the ECIT Foundation already supported?
- Go to <https://ecit-foundation.eu/voters-without-borders> and find out how many people in your country have already supported this initiative.
- Go to <https://europa.eu/citizens-initiative/select-language?destination=/home> to find out which initiatives are currently running.

Describe three initiatives and find out how you too can participate in such initiatives.

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