EXPERIENCES IN YOUTH CONSULTATION IN LUXEMBOURG

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Conférence Générale de la Jeunesse Iuxembourgeoise

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- National Youth Council of Luxembourg
- * Umbrella organisation of youth organisations in Luxembourg
- * 27 member organisations
- Strong voice for luxemburgish youth on national, european and international level
- Mission: promote participation and active and responsible citizenship of young people

Consultation instruments

Development of different consultation instruments during the past years:

- Youth Conventions
- > Online and paper youth surveys
- > Infomobil
- Youth Parliament

Youth Conventions

 Gathering of young people from all over Luxembourg traditionally in the National Parliament

 > Organised once a year in collaboration with the National Youth Information Service

> 4 to 5 workshops framed by experts

The general theme and the subjects for the different workshops are defined on the basis of demands of former participants and in a working group with youngsters

> Results are presented and discussed in a plenary session with national politicians

The Youth Council is in charge of follow-up and lobbying activities

→ Punctual participation event for young people
→ Brings good results on specific subjects



Working group



Plenary Session



Presentation of results



Discussion with national politicians

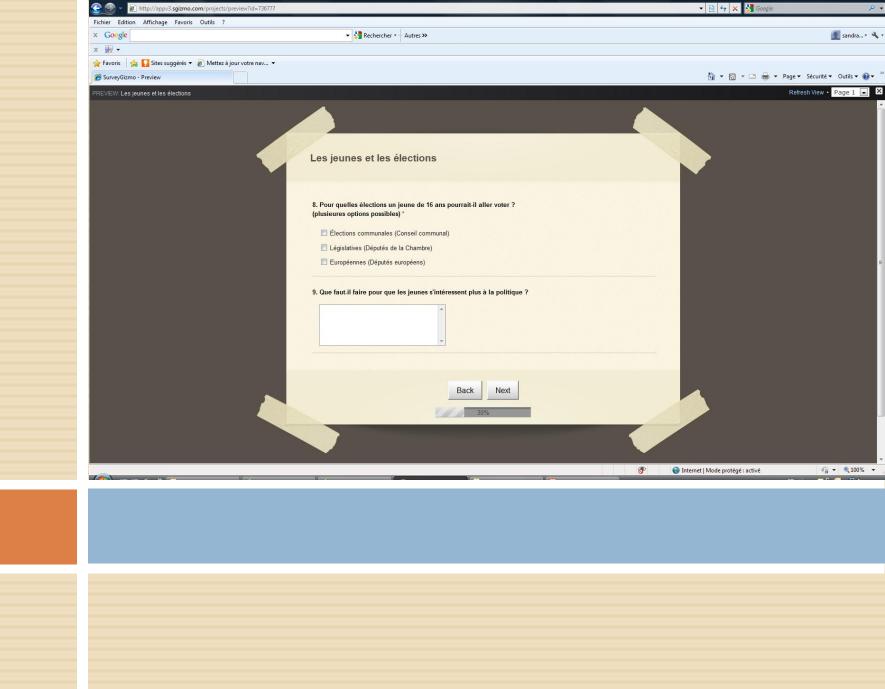
Online and paper surveys

- Mostly used in the framework of the Structured Dialogue of the European Commission
- > First experience in 2010: « Youth and employment »
- > Using the programme for online surveys « SurveyGizmo » and paper questionnaires
- Collected 1752 answers in the period between the 4th of March and the 30th of April

→ Quick results
 → Coding, analysis and interpretation are time-consuming

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Exemple for an online survey



Youth Parliament

- > 4th of July 2008: law creates a « National Assembly of Youth »
- > CGJL is charged with the planning and framing of the project
- > Youth Parliament is launched in 2009
- Three pillars and consultation instruments: Youth Parliament, web site, Infomobile

Objectives

> Give luxembourgish Youth a commun voice on political level

Give young people the opportunity to express their thoughts, ideas and needs

Create a link between Youth and politics

> Give young people space for a longterm participation

Two diffent working levels:

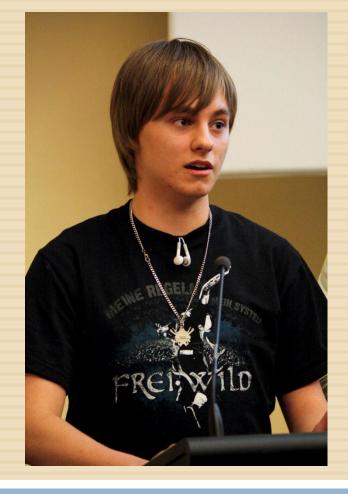
Plenary session (1 session and 1 summit in July)

> Thematic commissions (4 commissons, meet every two weeks)

→ Direct link to national politics, youth lobby
→ The members themselves decide about the contents they work on



Vote during the first plenary session in 2009



Member of the Youth Parliament presents a resolution



Meeting of the Youth Parliament and the representants of the National Parliament

Infomobile

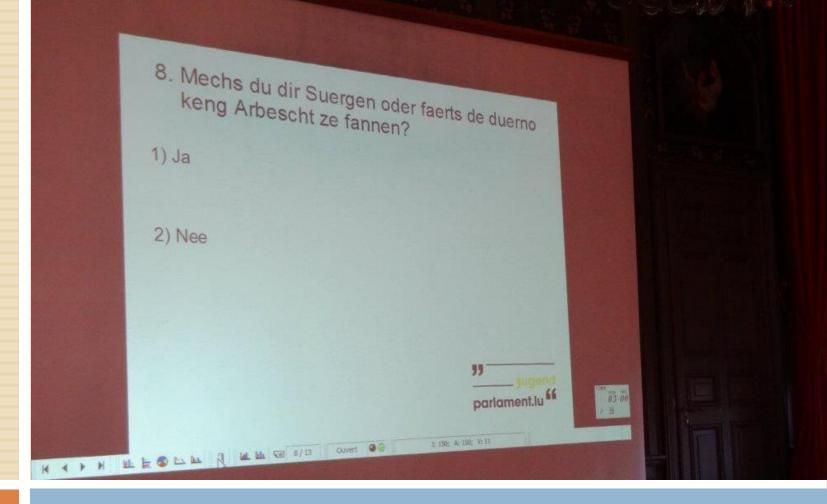
- > Well equiped vehicle (stereo, microphone, buzzers, tv screen, laptop...)
- Mobile intervention all over the country
- Gives us the possibility for a great variety of activities (quizz, information sessions, consultations)
- Consultations are often related to the work of the National Youth Parliament and are organised using an electronic voting system.

→ Consultation of young people with different backgrounds
 → The electronic voting system creates immediate statistics

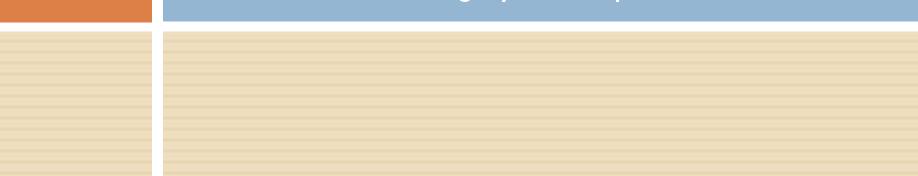




Information session in the Infomobile



Voting system: question





The voting pad

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