

JuniorVoting 2009 at a glance

Occasion:

European Election 2009

Target Group:

Schools with adolescents aged 12 to 20.

Concept:

JuniorVoting is a concept of political education. At first, students study the subjects of democracy and European Election and at the end they participate in a simulated Europe-wide election one week prior to the European Election 2009.

Support:

Specially compiled documents on the European Election 2009 as well as help with the organization of the election.

Scientific effects of JuniorVoting:

- Increased voter participation
- more political discussions between family members
- increased the interest in European affairs amongst adolescents

Organization:

JuniorVoting is a Europe-wide network of various organizations, all of which carry out the project on an individual basis.

**JuniorVoting 2009 needs your support:
Encourage organizations in your country to
participate in this project!**

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JuniorVoting 2009: Europe in a different way – Inviting to Integrate and Participate!

The concept

JuniorVoting turns the European Election into a school subject: instead of writing an exam at the end of the project, there will be JuniorVoting. Primarily JuniorVoting is about experiencing and practicing democracy.

The project is based on two columns: the teachers prepare the lectures using specially created study material. The students organize the election: they hand out election announcements, compile an electoral register, and form an election board and vote for their European Parliament.

Goals of the JuniorVoting project are to raise awareness amongst the younger generation of the significance of Europe and to make a lasting contribution to encouragement to participate in elections.

Scientific effects

JuniorVoting is not an election: it is a project for political education. This is backed up by scientific research results:

- ...❖ **voter participation amongst parents increased** by 4% on average, at times even up to 9%
- ...❖ increase in voting participation amongst first voters and young voters
- ...❖ more political discussions between family members – especially in deprived families
- ...❖ increased the interest in European affairs

The idea

The idea of Europe being a union of variety is the idea of JuniorVoting 2009: institutions in various European countries are networking in order to organize and implement individual elections.

- ...❖ **Increase** the participation of voters in your country for the European Election 2009!
- ...❖ **Encourage** organizations in your country to carry out the project!
- ...❖ **Help** JuniorVoting 2009 turning into the largest European school project ever!

Further information as well as documents available for download can be found at:

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