



SIA4Y CONVENTION

EU BEST PRACTICE IN ACCESS TO PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION



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WECITIZENS' PROGRAM

- Voters' association
 - Vote Advice Application : https://www.wecitizens.be/electoral_gps/
- A 'wikipedia' of the political players
 - Political Directory: www.PoliticiansOnline.be
- A quality surveyor of public management
- An institute for citizenship education
 - Pedagogical tools, etc.



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WECITIZENS : KEY FIGURES

- Date of foundation: 2012
- Associations that are member of WeCitizens' general assembly: 15
- Subscribers to newsletter : 68 000
- Vote advice application in 2014 : 63 000 consultations
- PoliticiansOnline: 6687 active politicians recorded



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WHICH IS FOR ME THE PRIORITY CONCERNING CITIZENS' CONTROL

Accountability of individual politicians

- Importance of restoring personal responsibility
- Eliminate parliamentary immunity
- Politicians recoverable on personal property in case of corruption and bad faith
- Tracking their position on key issues



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL/PROMISING 'CONTROL' ACTION

- The case 'Publifin'

Cedric Halin, alderman, started the investigation

Politicians earned +10 000 euro/h

- Rating of political parties on their transparency

Based on a check-list of information concerning the party that should be easily available on Internet



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TRANSPARENCY INDEX OF POLITICAL PARTIES

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ELECTEURS ET CONTRIBUABLES, OBSERVONS NOS ÉLUS!

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CENTRE D'ÉTUDES

Indice de Transparence des Partis Politiques en 2016 (ITPP16)

[Communiqué de presse.](#)[Rapport complet.](#)

Sondages des acteurs politiques

Partant d'une affirmation à caractère politique, NousCitoyens fait un inventaire de tous les acteurs politiques et de leurs positions (ou non) sur les différents thèmes.

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| Open VLD | 76% | Transparent |
| PS | 75% | |
| Ecolo | 70% | Translucide |
| CD&V | 61% | |
| N-VA | 60% | |
| DéFI | 55% | |
| PTB- PVDA | 54% | |
| Groen | 54% | |
| sp.a | 54% | |
| cdH | 42% | Opaque |
| PP | 42% | |
| MR | 41% | |
| V. Belang | 40% | |

HOW CAN WE INVOLVE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP?

Involvement of young people:

- 42% of young people (<25years) voted in last EU elections. Compared with 28% in 2014.



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1. ?
2. Civic education
3. Funding of civic initiatives/organizations
4. Develop political games
5. Pedagogical video clips explaining politics
6. Contacts between politicians and young citizens
7. ...



HOW CAN WE INVOLVE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP?

Remove the withholding tax : direct tax paid directly by the employer to the State



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| 8.340 € | Net salary 3.229 € = 39% |
| Taxes and social contributions 5.111 € = 61% | |



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