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Project Brief

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An Internet Tool for Global Debate, Voting and Elections (GDVE-it)

The World Parliament Experiment (WPE) and Democracy Without Borders (DWB) are pleased to announce that they will be collaborating on the development and promotion of an Internet Tool for Global Debate, Voting and Elections (GDVE-it) and that they are seeking additional partners to implement this project.

GDVE-it is a practical bottom-up approach to promoting global democracy. The internet platform will allow for a biometric registration as a world citizen and the allocation of a unique world citizen's ID. GDVE-it will be a scalable and flexible platform ready to be used for different purposes.

Initial subjects

In a first step, registered world citizens will be able to vote on resolutions considered at the UN Security Council. Making these resolutions the subject of public voting is viewed as a symbolic counterbalance to the unrepresentative and undemocratic nature of the UN's most important body. The goal is to achieve large public participation and to help build popular momentum for a reform of the UN and to promote global democracy in general. Other purposes of the platform may include to allow registered users to endorse symbolic World Citizen Initiatives.

Technical development and operation

In close consultation with the project's partners, WPE will be responsible for the technical development and operation of GDVE-it as the successor of an internet tool having been implemented in the year 2000. This "old" World Parliament Experiment internet tool included functionalities and features relevant to GDVE-it but needs a thorough technical upgrade. Also, some important features will need to be added, e.g. for secure personal identification. All functions and logical conjunctions will be rethought and, where necessary, improved.

Political advocacy and promotion

DWB's role will be to help coordinate all non-technical aspects of the project. In particular, this concerns the creation and coordination of an international network of experts and project partners as well as political advocacy and public outreach. Generally, DWB supports GDVE-it as a sandbox that allows to explore the feasibility and dynamics of global participation and elections.

About WPE and DWB

WPE is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the idea of a democratically elected parliament and other forms of global democracy palpable: by events, campaigns and tools. DWB supports an even more holistic approach to democracy promotion with a focus on global democracy. One of its goals is the establishment of a UN Parliamentary Assembly as a step towards a world parliament.

The GDVE-it Network

At present, WPE and DWB are building an informal network of experts and institutions to support the development of GDVE-it. Membership is not tied to formal responsibilities. Network members will

- receive frequent updates on the progress of the project and invitations to project meetings and conferences,
- be invited to contribute ideas, concepts or code,
- be asked for their opinion and advice,
- support the project as they see fit – e.g. by research, articles, statements, and networking.

To build an excellent GDVE-it we need to bundle the global competencies in this field.

You are kindly invited to become a member of the GDVE-it network (Google Group: <https://goo.gl/rnHh6n>)!