

eParticipation Systems for Cross-Societal Deliberation on various Thematic Issues Demonstrator (Online)

FEED constitutes a Citizen-Driven trial project, that provides the corresponding tools and engages a critical mass of public involvement in the initial stages of the legislative process, taking into consideration also any internal sub-stages that the deliberation procedure may introduce while exploiting the on going results from other, pilot eParticipation Legislation-oriented projects run by members of the FEED Consortium.

Focus on

- Empowering the legislation proposal formation stage.
- Support the debate at municipal level, but with a truly Pan-European orientation
- Target the legislative and policy issues of Energy and Environment
- Test in practice novel approaches for user involvement.



FEED Platform

G.I.C. followed the project implementation and collaborated with the project team to strengthen the interoperability considerations in the design and development of the platform. The core interoperability features mainly apply to the legal and semantic aspects through enabling common understanding and reaching consensus on legal framework, and through providing seamless interconnection between heterogeneous data sources (including geodata, text, multimedia and news feeds).

Business Case

The FEED Platform supports local and cross-country deliberation processes by providing the following services:

- Introduction of issues to be debated in the platform.
- Interrelation (through the corresponding annotation) of existing content with legislative information and specific Environmental and Energy issues that are deliberated.
- Introduction of "rich" informative material (video or audio) that explains and/or refines aspects of the deliberation procedure.
- Retrieval of content and expression of opinions about specific issues through comprehensive and easy to use interfaces - i.e. visualizing the structure of a legal act and enabling users to state opinions upon specific passages.

Interoperability Features

- Extensive use of Open-Source standards and technologies
- Seamless interconnection between heterogeneous data sources (including geodata, text, multimedia and news feeds)
- Ease of adaptability to different pilot scenarios

Standards & Technologies

RDF repositories and use of ontologies

Google Maps API

PHP

.NET modules (in certain pilots)

RSS feeds

Geospatial front-end

Map-associated queries

Discussion Forum

e-Petition system