

## ❖ Rationale

The importance of digital participation is being acknowledged by an increasing number of governments at a European level as well as worldwide.

In this context, and as governments try to re-invigorate representative democracy and engage with citizens, there is an overall need for all stakeholders involved to learn from the experiences of current eParticipation initiatives.

Currently, numerous relevant projects exist (both at a research and trial level) with diverse objectives, scope and expected results reflecting the stakeholders varying expectations. This fragmented approach does not enable either to collectively address the key issues of the eParticipation paradigm or (and more importantly) to identify complementarities and eventually exploit synergies thus achieving economies of scale.

## ❖ The MOMENTUM Objectives & Approach

The main objective of the **MOMENTUM** Project is to strengthen political, social, scientific, and technological excellence in eParticipation by integrating results and practices of relevant initiatives building upon the ICT research capacities of individuals and organisations spread across Europe. The intention is to consolidate and subsequently advance relevant contributions as carried out in Europe with respect to quality, efficiency, innovation and impact to overcome the currently fragmented approach to eParticipation in this important European research area.

This is achieved by:

- ❖ Identifying, bringing together and facilitating sharing of knowledge amongst the key stakeholders in the use of ICT in European legislative and decision-making processes
- ❖ Creating an interactive network of existing and new eParticipation projects in order to facilitate their co-operation, collect and consolidate results and disseminate them to all relevant institutions in the EU and to all interested civil society actors

In this context, the Momentum Project has set the following subordinate objectives:

- ❖ **Co-ordinating and Integrating** the eParticipation EU co-funded projects activities.
- ❖ **Achieving close and sustained co-operation** between the eParticipation EU co-funded projects partners (governmental organizations, academia and industry), in order to monitor, collect, evaluate and consolidate their results.
- ❖ **Assessing and comparing practices** already applied on eParticipation as addressed in the relevant eParticipation projects.
- ❖ **Providing the necessary technological infrastructure** to facilitate discussion, co-operation and data exchange.
- ❖ **Ensuring growth and sustainability** of the existing projects results by encouraging and motivating organizations, researchers and stakeholders in the areas relevant to eParticipation to take advantage of the MOMENTUM activities so as to expose their results to wider audiences and exploit synergies.
- ❖ **Ensuring dissemination** of the outcomes of MOMENTUM to the widest possible audience for the benefit of stakeholders including governmental institutions and citizens.
- ❖ **Promoting the outputs** of European Union eParticipation projects and initiatives towards stakeholders in the various member states and internationally, as identified above.
- ❖ **Ensuring** that the knowledge and experience of eParticipation that already exists is systematically exposed and shared across key stakeholders to the benefit of all.
- ❖ **Providing** a focal point for eParticipation innovation and the dissemination of best practices.

# relevant projects

## Relevant eParticipation Projects

MOMENTUM supports , co-ordinates and promotes the following eParticipation projects:



**DALOS:** Drafting Legislation with Ontology – Based Support

<http://www.dalosproject.eu>



**Legese:** Easing Participation in Legislative Processes

<http://www.legese.org>



**LEX-IS:** Enabling Participation of the Youth in the Public Debate of Legislation among Parliaments, Citizens and Businesses in the European Union

<http://www.lex-is.eu>



**LexiPation:** An advanced ICT Tool for enhancing Citizen's Participation in the Legislative Process

<http://www.lexipation.eu>



**SEAL:** Smart Environment for Assisting Legislative Drafting

<http://www.onderzoekinformatie.nl/en>



**TID+:** Smart Environment for Assisting the drafting and debating of Legislation

<http://tidywork.pbwiki.com>



**CitizenScape**

**CitizenScape:** eParticipation in Legislation Implementation

<http://www.citizenscape.wa.gov.au>



**Demos@work:** Enable European-wide discussion between elected representatives and civil society

<http://www.demosatwork.org>



**eCommittee**

<http://www.ourclimate.eu>



**FEED:** Federated eParticipation Systems for Cross-Societal Deliberation on Environmental and Energy Issues

<http://www.feed-project.eu>



**Ideal-EU:** Integrating the Drivers of e-Participation at Regional Level in Europe

<http://www.ideal-eu.net>



**VEP:** The Virtual European Parliament

<http://www.virtualep.eu>



**VOICE:** Giving European People a voice in EU-legislation

<http://www.give-your-voice.eu>

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