

European Movement Germany: our areas of work

Governance & Participation

This area of our work develops European Movement Germany (EBD) measures in the realm of European affairs. It includes the Europeanisation and democratisation of governance in the multi-level system of the EU on the basis of a structured dialogue between social forces and political institutions. The association directly implements these measures itself according to its statute, in integration. This is done by committee statements background discussions, working groups, public events, publications and online activities. Article 11 of the European Treaty on participatory democracy provides the background.

Actors and Networking

This area of our work conceives and coordinates measures for the identification and sustainable networking of EU actors in administrative positions, in EBD member organisations and more. One such thing are the meetings of the network "Bussels Alumni in Berlin" or the College of Europe alumni, as well as cooperation projects, strategic activities between allies and the EBD database. These activities achieve our organisation's aim of supporting the EBD members' various European information, cooperation and education activities and thus illustrating the meaning of European unification to a broad public.

Education and Information

This area of our work combines EBD's education and information measures. The offer aims to reach teachers and learners in particular, as well as multipliers from civil society. The implementation of all measures achieves the statutory purpose of the organisation to promote European integration through information and education work. Specifically, this involves establishing and developing European education in schools, for young people and students, as well as disseminating the European idea through information campaigns and cross-border education projects.

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Networking for more Europe EBD-Summary 2016/17

The European Movement Germany (EBD) is Germany's largest network for European policy. It has been campaigning since 1949 for European integration, and currently has 249 stakeholders from economic and social, educational, cultural and political spheres.

For the EBD, European integration means Europeanising and connecting structures and actors on all levels. As an intermediary organisation of the Foreign Office, the EBD initiates and organises dialogue on European policy between representatives from politics and civil society.



Find out more in our film
"Inform - connect - change"

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The network...

“Think, act and govern in a European way”: EBD policy makes its mark

The Brexit shock continued to reverberate as the EBD determined its stronger political profile at its General Assembly 2016 four days after the referendum. The resolution to “Think, act and govern in a European way” counts on the continuity and strengthening of the EU27 community – with great openness for the concerns of people across the whole of Europe. EBD policy was discussed in direct contact with decision-makers and in public. In this respect, the European Ombudswoman requested that within the “EBD dialogue” there should be the greatest possible transparency and democracy required by EU law.



In the hierarchy-free EBD Network: our trainees with the Commission President. Picture: BDA/Christian Kruppa

For the EBD, campaigning for great European solutions remains in the foreground: retaining Schengen, having a fair way of overcoming the refugee situation, and a humane asylum system. The newly formed alliance “ALL for Democracy” has set itself the objective of strengthening Europe’s values and democracy.

European policy is domestic policy: the EU in bumper election year

“The silent majority must stop being silent”, demands EBD President Dr Rainer Wend in January on the 70th birthday of EBD member ‘Europa-Union Deutschland’.



60 years since the Treaty of Rome: in many cities there was a March for Europe on 25 March. The EBD supported the event in Berlin, the EMI the one in Rome.

It was all the more encouraging when it happened: prompted by Brexit, Trump and the feared sweeping victories of the right in neighbouring countries, thousands of people took to the streets to show their solidarity for Europe. What is more – it was not only in Warsaw and Bucharest that the European flag was being rediscovered as a symbol of freedom and democracy. Of course, the EBD supported grassroots movements such as March for Europe, Pulse of Europe and others. Activists were introduced in “EBD updates”. In addition, contacts were formed and the multipliers campaign “It’s YOUR Europe” was launched. In June the EBD Secretary General Bernd Hüttemann spoke at “Pulse” in Berlin about the strengthening of European “small-scale democracy”.

Expertise on Europe: intensive media work

As guests on the politics talk-show “Phoenix-Runde”, in interviews with “Bild” or the German Press Agency, on “Deutschlandfunk” radio or as commentators in the Guardian on the Brexit vote: leading figures in the EBD are competent contact persons for domestic or international media focusing on Germany’s European policy. The new map “Europe in Berlin” is also sought after: it gathers together at a glance European actors in Berlin. The dialogue-based and networking-oriented approach of the EBD’s work is presented in the new promotional film. It was premiered in autumn at the EBD Executive Board reception and is also being used internationally in English and French. Our social media channels are developing nicely: with 4,200 subscribers on Facebook, 5,200 followers on Twitter and in some instances comments reaching five-figure numbers, the EBD account is one of the most successful regarding European policy in Germany.



Shooting at “Europa-Hof”: the new promotional film introduces the EBD’s work and staff

...and its most important projects 2016/17

International networking: social forces in dialogue

The EU Ambassadors in Berlin normally keep to themselves, but they did invite EBD President Dr Rainer Wend to their meeting in June, in order to discuss Public Diplomacy and the role of social forces in democracy.



Plea for European Public Diplomacy: Malta’s ambassador Dr Albert Friggeri invited EBD President Wend to speak at the EU-Ambassadors’ breakfast. Photo: Maltese Embassy

With closely coordinated activities, together with the European Movement International and our sister associations in France, the Netherlands and Austria, we were able to set the focus ahead of important elections. Two intensive, international workshops on Public Affairs and Public Relations in autumn in Berlin gave participants the opportunity beforehand to network with one another and develop joint campaigns. The EBD also supported the reorientation of the European Movement Austria, with whom there have since been numerous forms of cooperation and synergies in our German language media work.

Record number of participants in 64th European Competition

“Chill out Europe! Loosen up, already, Victims in a small war are also too many” „Europa chill’ mal! Mach mal locker, auch ein kleiner Krieg fordert viele Opfer!”

Whether rap, hip hop, classical music or indeed a poem – the entries in the 64th round were as colourful as the artistic means were varied. In moving, serious but also funny works, 85,229 pupils from more than 1,000 schools took on the subject of Europe. “United in diversity – Europe between tradition and modernity”: with this motto, the Euro-



Prize-winning picture entry by Isabell-Kathrin Diehl

pean competition inspired participants of all ages to produce creative journeys through Europe’s past, present and future – and in addition set a record for the number of participants. The results can be seen in the “Best of” film:

vimeo.com/216403603

Our annual report 2016/17 gives detailed information: www.netzwerk-ebd.de/ueber-uns/jahresbericht/

Women power for Europe: 25 years of the Women of Europe award

A big celebration and two ‘reunification’ children at its centre: there was a lot of discussion about walls overcome between east and west, as the Minister



The “Women of Europe” have a summit meeting at the ceremony with the Minister for Women, Manuela Schwesig.

for Women, Manuela Schwesig, gave a speech in honour of the “woman of Europe” Adriana Lettrari. In her award speech, Lettrari explained what the ‘reunification’ children born before the fall of the wall have to give Europe: “We are used to change, we anticipate the unexpected on a daily basis. We just get on and create something new from a crisis.” She was honoured for her dialogue project “Third Generation East Germany” that was also aimed at Eastern Europe. The “Women of Europe Award” was conferred once more by the European Movement International and so the project is now established internationally again.