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Networking for more Europe Summary 2018/19

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

integration means Europeanising and connecting structures and actors on all levels. As an intermediary organisation of the Federal Foreign Office, the EM Germany initiates and organises dialogue on European policy between representatives from politics and socio-economic interest groups.



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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCY5AMvzQOA>

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The network...

At the heart of European policy: EM Germany President sets guidelines

Present and, where necessary, critical: in a year characterised by Brexit and the European elections, President Dr Linn Selle positioned EM Germany as a competent authority and reference point for European policy and has increased media attention for the association.



On maybrit illner, the EM Germany president discussed the future of the EU after Brexit

From the heads of member organisations to the German Vice-Chancellor and the new CDU leader – public appearances and background discussions between the president and the secretary general with important representatives from politics, society and business have significantly increased and further strengthened the political influence of the EM Germany.

Linn Selle represented EM Germany policy at high-circulation media such as the ARD Tagesschau, the ZDF maybrit illner politics show, and on the German World Service, among others. The hashtag #EBDpräsidentin has also become a trend on Twitter.

With networked expertise: lobbying for more European integration

The inaugural meeting of the board was dedicated to the implementation of the Political Demands 2018/19. Instead of discussions at a conference table, diagrams and small group conversations were used to complement the political agenda points, develop strategies and set priorities: Germany's role in Europe, the EU multiannual financial framework, the Western Balkans and the European elections formed the cornerstones of EM Germany's political programme.

EM Germany's expertise was in demand as never before: In 2018/19, it helped shape the public debate on European affairs through the impact of its broad network. The alliance of umbrella organisations pushing for respect of the Spitzenkandidaten principle prior to the European elections is but one prominent example.

The work of the board and consultation with members continually update and give weight to EM Germany's policy.



Policy-making in action: the EM Germany Board discusses the political demands and decides on its own key topics

Make Europe Yourope: European Elections 2019

"More European election campaigning at all levels in society" is the title of a catalogue of demands for the European elections, published on 25 February by the EM Germany together with leading associations in the network. The broad social support of the paper garnered nationwide media attention – from the front page of the Süddeutsche Zeitung to the Tagesschau.



European elections campaign by EM Germany to raise turnout through its members.

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At the same time, the EM Germany's testimonial campaign went live, during which various member organisations used their media channels to encourage participation in the European elections.

The motifs under the title "Make Europe Yourope!" were shared nationwide to an impressive extent. In the end a voter turnout of 61.4% was recorded, the highest for more than 20 years – for the EM Germany no reason for respite: since 27 May we have been working to ensure that one of the *Spitzenkandidaten* (male or female) is elected to the head of the EU Commission.

...and its most important projects 2018/19

European communication and European forecast

The EM Germany aims to allow a forum for the exchange between the federal government and representative social forces on the topic of European policy. As well as the 30 regular de-briefings, this was also made possible in 2018/19 at the 'Stakeholder-Forum Europakommunikation', which brought 200 'professional Europeans' from politics and society together with ordinary citizens to the Federal Foreign Office to discuss the topic of citizens' dialogues. 20 contributions and more than 200 guests discussed the European elections outcome the morning after ballots closed in a joint event by EM Germany and the Representation of the State of NRW – just another example of the comprehensive approach and strong interest in EM Germany events.



The EM Germany Stakeholder-Forum at the Federal Foreign Office brought together very diverse participants.

Around 700 articles published on the website by member organisations, numerous positions of the association head, diagrams and – increasingly – the use of video, all carry the discussions well beyond Berlin.

EM Germany turns 70 – and celebrates its network



At the ceremony in the Staatstheater Wiesbaden (left to right): EM Germany Secretary General Hüttemann, Treasurer Hahn and board member Fojkar

In a year rich in anniversaries, the EM Germany celebrated its 70th birthday in 2019, fully reflecting the member organisations which have shaped the work of the association since 1949. The ceremony at the location of EM Germany's founding in Wiesbaden was hosted by the local district association of the Europa-Union Germany. The EM Germany activated numerous member organisations and the Federal Foreign Minister to be congratulators on social media.

In terms of content, EM Germany wants to harness the celebration for a common view of the future: what will Europe in 2049 look like, when the EM Germany is 100 years old? What course must be set for that today? The diverse members at a democracy workshop in autumn should be able to provide cross-generational solutions: a blossoming future for European political discourse.

Shape Europe, live Europe: a selection of EM Germany projects

EM Germany networking and information work continues to be in strong demand. To take a deep breath after the European elections, 100 'Brussels alumni in Berlin' were invited by the Ambassador of Belgium to a get-together at the end of May.

Two weeks earlier, the EM Germany celebrated Katharina Wolf, who received the "Women of Europe"-Germany award for her voluntary work against nationalist and reactionary forces in Saxony. The "Women of Europe" were active in Berlin at a further event, the artistic 'Herbstsalon' (autumn salon).



Awarded an exchange: the German students at the College of Europe 2017/18 and 2018/19 at the 2018 Career Days.

The European Competition is holding its own, despite the switch to modern online procedures and has over 70,000 participants. The number of German scholarships for the College of Europe has increased by a quarter thanks to close cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Our annual report 2018/19 gives detailed information:
www.netzwerk-ebd.de/ueber-uns/jahresbericht/

European Movement Germany: our areas of work

Governance & Participation

This area of our work develops EM Germany's 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. According to its statute, the association directly implements these measures itself, supporting European integration through the development of its own initiatives. These include committee statements on European affairs, background discussions, working groups, public events, publications and online activities. Article 11 of the EU Treaty on participatory democracy provides the basis.

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 member organisations and others. Such measures include meetings of the network "Brussels Alumni in Berlin" or the alumni of the College of Europe, as well as partner projects with member organisations, strategic activities between allies and the EM Germany's database. These activities achieve our organisation's aim of supporting the 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 EM Germany's education and information measures. The offer aims to reach teachers and learners in particular, but also targets multipliers from interest groups. 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.

Executive Board 2018/19

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