



EDUbox Politics Contextualisation & validation

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Politics

From vote
to policy



Contextualisation

- EDUbox Politics = main box
- Easy to adapt to Belgian political context
- We didn't made to many changes
- But, we made two extensions
 - EDUbox Persuasion and EDUbox Ideology

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Happy to have you on my team!

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Message from the school

Use the gym for your party. There is room for max. 150 people. The principal does not allow alcohol and wants you to also consider classmates with little money, and classmates with disabilities. And don't forget that some of your friends are metal fans.

Checklist for the organisation of a school party

- Theme**
What is the theme of the party? Is there a dresscode?
- Date and time**
When will the party take place?
- Target audience**
Who do you invite? Is there a minimum age?
- Entrance fee**
Do you sell tickets or is it for free?
- Publicity**
How will you promote the school party?
- Decoration**
How do you want to decorate the venue?
- Music**
Hire a DJ? What music do you choose?
- Food & drinks**
What do you offer and at what price?
- Technics**
What do you need for light and sound?
- Workers**
Who works the bar and the till?

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To organise our way of life.

To find a balance between different opinions and interests.

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Politiek versus politici

Politiek is geen synoniem voor politici. **Politiek is het systeem** waarin beslissingen genomen worden voor de samenleving, **politici zijn de mensen** in dat systeem. Zij hebben niet altijd een goede naam: sommige politici gooien met modder naar elkaar en niet iedereen blijkt te vertrouwen. Daardoor heeft **politiek een negatieve bijklank** gekregen, terwijl dat niet terecht is. Politiek is veel groter dan enkel politici.

Burgemeester neemt ontslag na belangenvermenging

Spanning over migratie loopt op:
[redacted] stelt kabinet deadline

Enorme afgang voor het
Belgische kibbelkabinet

Onderzoek naar mogelijke fraude: politicus
[redacted] twee keer verhoord

Vergadering loopt volledig uit de hand:
'Er werd gescholden en geschreeuwd'

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Politics is not a synonym for politicians. **Politics is the system** in which decisions are made for society, **politicians are the people** within that system. They do not always have a good reputation: some politicians throw mud at each other and not everyone appears to be trustworthy. This has given **politics a negative connotation**, but that is not justified. Politics is much bigger than just politicians.

Mayor resigns after conflict of interest

Tension rises on migration:
[redacted] government sets deadline

Potential fraud investigation: politician
[redacted] interrogated twice

Defeat for Belgium's
bickering government

Meeting goes out of control: "There
was swearing and shouting."

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Video

Bekijk nu de volgende video.

Politiek betekent voor iedereen iets anders. Enkele jongeren vertellen hoe zij naar politiek kijken.



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Video

Now watch this video.

Politics means something different to each person. Several young people tell us how they look at politics.

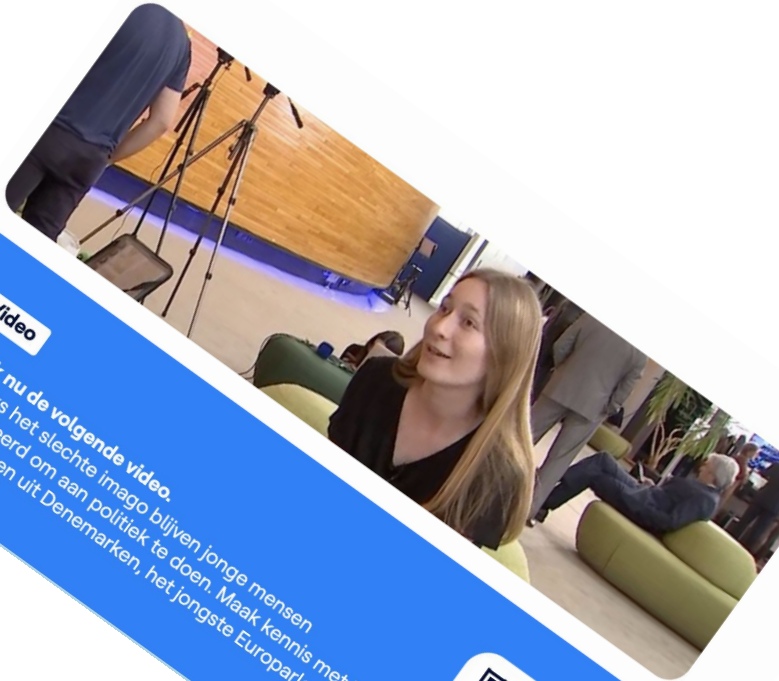




Video

Now watch this video.

Despite its bad image, young people remain committed to getting involved in politics. Meet Kira Peter-Hansen from Denmark, the youngest member of the European Parliament.



Video

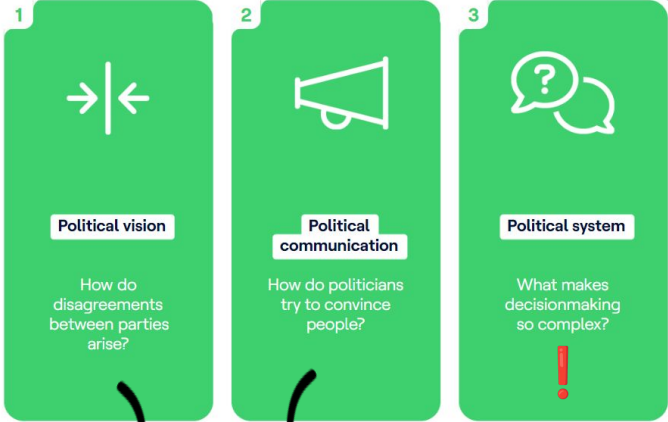
Bekijk nu de volgende video.

Ondanks het slechte imago blijven jonge mensen geëngageerd om aan politiek te doen. Maak kennis met Kira Peter-Hansen uit Denemarken, het jongste Europees lid.



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02 The journey of your vote



Want to know more?
Check the EDUbox Ideology!



Want to know more?
Check the EDUbox Persuasion!





Video

Bekijk nu de volgende video.
Elke politicus heeft een eigen communicatiestijl.
Welke stijl spreekt jou het meest aan?



Om hun boodschap goed te verpakken, gebruiken politici bepaalde **technieken**.

- Ze gebruiken **beeldspraak** om iets duidelijk te maken.
- Ze houden hun **boodschap beperkt** en zonder context.
- Soms verzinnen ze **simpele en pakkende slogans** voor op sociale media of maken ze **sprekende affiches**.

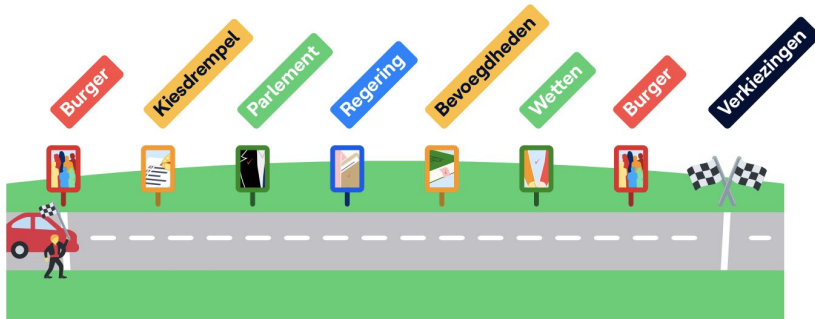


Meer weten? Check dan de EDUbox Overtuigen!



De weg van je stem

Maar wat gebeurt er dan met je stem na de verkiezingen? Hoe wordt je stem omgezet in beleid?



In the European Union, **3 Institutions** play an important role in making a European law.



European Parliament

The European Parliament consists of elected **Parliament members from all EU member states**. The number of seats each EU member state gets is decided before the elections. The more votes a party gets, the bigger its share in seat distribution.



European Commission

The European Commission works **like a government**. It consists of 27 members with 1 commissioner from each member state. Each commissioner has their own competence.



Council of the European Union

The Council consists of **one minister from each member state**. The ministers vary depending on the topic being discussed. For example, when the discussion is about energy, each country sends its energy minister.



Video

Now watch this video.

The universal charger for your smartphone became a reality thanks to one man's battle. How did this take shape?



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Aan de slag

2. Hoe kan je je stem laten horen?

Door te **stemmen of als lid van een politieke partij** neem je een actieve rol op. Maar hoe kan je je stem nog laten horen, los van de politiek?



Word lid van een jeugdraad. Die vertegenwoordigt jongeren in hun gemeente of provincie. Op Vlaams niveau heb je de Vlaamse Jeugdraad, een officiële adviesraad van de Vlaamse regering. De Youth Hub van het Europees Parlement wil jongeren ook inspraak geven.



Sluit je aan bij **een actiegroep, drukingsgroep of beweging.** Deze organisaties zijn het **middenveld**. Ze brengen burgers samen rond bepaalde maatschappelijke doelen, zoals mensenrechten of werknemersbelangen.



Start een petitie als je het niet eens bent met politieke beslissingen. Je verzamelt handtekeningen van andere mensen die het met je eens zijn. De inzet van zo'n petitie moet wel in het algemeen belang zijn én een concreet voorstel bevatten.



Laat je horen **in bevestigingen en enquêtes**. Deel je mening.



Kom zelf in actie door mee te doen met **vreedzame protesten of betogingen**. Zo maak je een statement. Sociale media kunnen je helpen een evenement aan te maken en mensen op te roepen.

Validation and impact



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- **Evaluation of EDUbox**

- Conducted with 3 teachers and 34 students (3 classes) in the third grade of secondary education in Flanders. Overrepresentation of labor market-oriented students.
 - **Scenario 1:** Teachers use EDUbox without modifications, following the provided materials and structure strictly. (40%)
 - **Scenario 2:** Teachers customize EDUbox, adapting it to their lessons with additional materials (e.g., tests, tasks, lesson bundles). (60%)

Validation and impact

- **In addition:**
 - Further **interview questions** were asked to both students and teachers.
 - **Field notes** were taken on teachers' and students' experience.
 - A **questionnaire** was distributed to both students and teachers to quantitatively assess the general use of EDUboxes.
 - 26 teachers and 87 students responded.

Graph 2. Ways of using EDUbox (teachers).



Note. Take into account that these answers are given by teachers who specifically used EDUbox about “Politics” or “Persuasion”.

Results: The methodology of the EDUbox

- **General reception:**

- Both teachers and students find EDUboxes enjoyable and engaging.
- No modifications: It's ready to use
- With modifications: Easy to modify because of the structure

- **Student preferences:**

- Students prefer the interactive assignments within EDUboxes over traditional lessons.
- EDUbox Politics: Students appreciated the larger assignment for offering more "freedom" and challenge.

Results: The content of the EDUbox

- **EDUbox effectiveness:** Successfully achieves educational goals for both teachers and students.
- **Key student takeaways:**
 - EDUbox Persuasion: Remembered persuasion techniques used to convince people.
 - EDUbox Politics: Understood politics as a complex system requiring the convergence of diverse opinions into cohesive policies.
- **Knowledge retention:**
 - Students retained the core lessons despite the complexity of the topics.

Results: The content of the EDUbox

- **Teacher feedback:**

- 6 out of 8 teachers felt they successfully conveyed knowledge about politics and persuasion to their students.

- **Teacher beliefs:**

- EDUbox helps students understand political and persuasive aspects of current events, complex news issues, societal matters, and diverse perspectives.
- Most progress noted in understanding different perspectives on various matters, aligning with EDUbox objectives.

Conclusion and recommendations

Students

- EDUboxes are well-received by students: **enjoyable and educational**
- They would prefer **more videos to explain the theory**

Teachers

- **easy to use** and a good learning method for their students.
- The **interactive assignments** are really appreciated for keeping students engaged, as well as the videos.
- it is crucial that **teachers** come to class **prepared**.

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Thanks