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## **Project Brief: A Global Voting Platform (GVP)**

The World Parliament Experiment (WPE) and Democracy Without Borders (DWB) are pleased to announce that they have been collaborating on the development and promotion of a Global Voting Platform (GVP) which is now in its beta test, and that they are seeking additional partners to further develop, test, and deploy this internet tool.

GVP is a practical bottom-up approach to promoting global democracy. In a structured way it allows for creating initiatives, debating them and voting on them, the latter also with vote delegation options. In a further step, GVP will include a state-of-the-art personal identification function allowing also for a personal world citizen's ID. GVP will be a scalable and flexible platform apt for different purposes.

### **Initial subjects**

In a first step, registered world citizens will be able to vote on resolutions considered at the UN Security Council. Making these resolutions the subject of public voting is viewed as a symbolic counterbalance to the unrepresentative and undemocratic nature of the UN's most important body. The goal is to achieve large public participation and to help build popular momentum for a reform of the UN and to promote global democracy in general. Other purposes of the platform may for example allow registered users to endorse future World Citizen Initiatives.

### **Technical development and operation**

In close consultation with the project's partners, WPE will be responsible for the further technical development and operation of GVP as the successor of an internet tool having already been implemented in the year 2000. This "old" WPE internet tool already included most functionalities and features of the new platform, so there is a lot of experience built into the GVP. All functions and logical conjunctions as well as further amendments will be subject of debate among the GVP users.

### **Political advocacy and promotion**

DWB's role will be to help coordinate all non-technical aspects of the project. In particular, this concerns the creation and coordination of an international network of experts and project partners as well as political advocacy and public outreach. Generally, DWB supports GVP as a sandbox that allows to explore the feasibility and dynamics of global participation and voting.

### **About WPE and DWB**

WPE is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the idea of global debate, voting and elections as well as other forms of supranational democracy palpable: by events, campaigns and tools. DWB supports an even more holistic approach to democracy promotion with a focus on global democracy. One of its goals is the establishment of a UN Parliamentary Assembly as a step towards a democratic world parliament.

## **The GVP Network**

WPE and DWB are continually enlarging an informal network of experts and institutions to support the further development of GVP. Membership is not tied to formal responsibilities. Network members will

- receive frequent updates on the progress of the project and invitations to project meetings and conferences,
- be invited to beta testing – **please send an email to [team@world-parliament.org](mailto:team@world-parliament.org) for access,**
- be asked for their opinion and advice and also to contribute ideas, concepts or code,,
- support the project as they see fit – e.g. by research, articles, statements, and networking.

**To build an excellent GVP we need to bundle the global competencies in this field.**

**You are kindly invited to become a member of the GVP network  
(Google Group: <https://goo.gl/rnHh6n>)!**