



European Democratic Citizenship Awards

Category : Media Initiative of the Year

Name of the initiative: VoxEurop

Description of the Media:

VoxEurop is a not-for-profit multilingual European news and debate website. It took over Presseurop.eu in May 2014, when it was shut after the EU subsidy ended. VoxEurop is run by a team of volunteer professional journalists and translators. It provides quality translations in 10 languages of the most valuable news stories and features on European topics, with emphasis on civil society, social issues, minority and migrant rights, gender equality, democracy, human rights, internet freedoms and the environment. VoxEurop has a unique feature: citizen involvement by means of discussion, article proposals, and comment translation. This way, it aims to contribute to democracy in Europe and to foster the emergence of a European public space.

Impact achieved by your Media initiative:

VoxEurop has more than 50,000 fans on Facebook and as many followers on Twitter. Its community has more than 15,000 members and it has acquired a sound reputation of seriousness and reliability as a news organisation and as a translation provider: VoxEurop is already a partner of Internazionale (Italy) as a content provider and The Guardian (UK) as a translation platform, as well as Medium (US), and is in talks with the European Journalism Fund (Brussels) and the European Journalism Centre (Maastricht). It is now in the process of setting up a public interest cooperative company that will allow other media organisations and stakeholders to join in.

What makes the initiative innovative?

VoxEurop is the only European news site to offer a multilingual commenting platform. Its readers and contributors community goes beyond national and linguistic borders. It provides news publishers with a translation platform that allows them to make their content available in other languages.

Contribution to European values:

Democracy, Inter-community dialogue, Respect for human rights, Solidarity, Tolerance, Minority rights, Pluralism, Man-women equality, Government accountability, Transparency, Ideas circulation, non-discrimination, Mutual understanding.

Website or promotional materials:

www.voxeurop.eu