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# Introducing EUDO

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# EUDO History

- 2006 independent organization
- 2008 integrated part of the RSCAS
- 2009 Launch Conference at the EUI





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# Rationale

- Lack of systematic assessments of Democracy in Europe
- Lack of diffusion of high quality research
- Lack of dialogue between academia, policy makers and civil society



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# Goals

- Translate scientific output into policy-relevant/ publicly understandable output
- Produce permanent and periodic assessment of democratic practices within the EU
- Propose practical suggestions for improving democratic performance in the EU
- Offer expertise, information and policy reports
- Create a forum to exchange ideas & best practices



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# EUDO Structure



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# EUDO Expertise and Output

## 1. Training and Debate

Workshops  
Seminars

Summer School  
EUDO Café

## 2. Publications

Working Paper Series  
EUDO Reports

Spotlight  
Book Publications

## 3. Data Centre

Online archive of democracy datasets

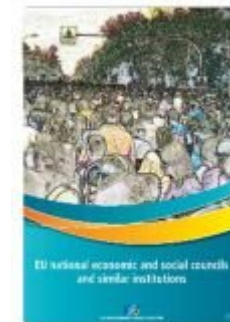


# EUDO Projects

- PIREDEU
- EU Profiler
- Puzzled by Policy
- ElecDEM
- Range of Studies and Reports



ELECDEM  
Training Network in Electoral Democracy





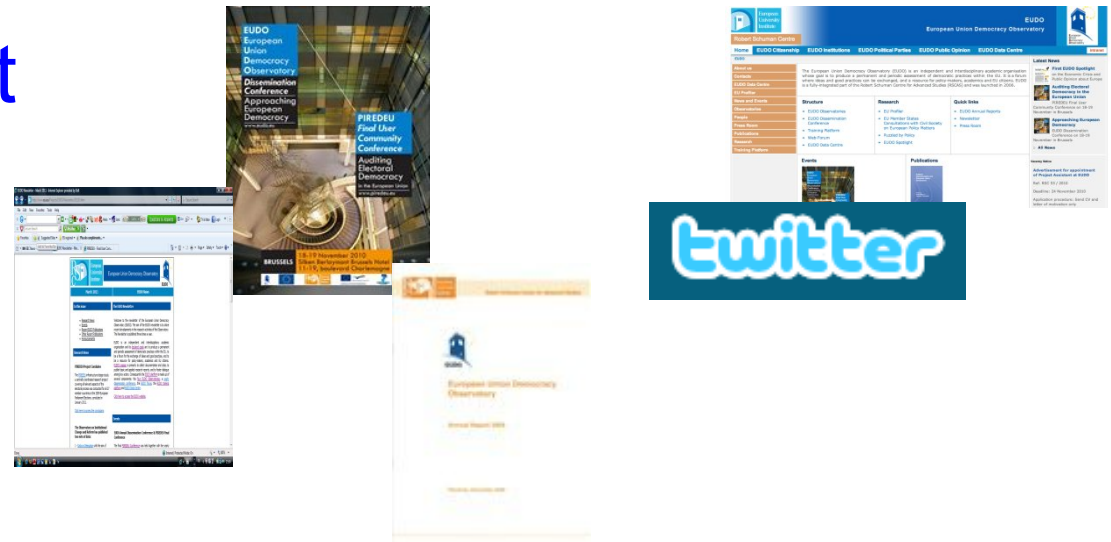
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# EUDO Communication

- EUDO Website, Facebook and Twitter
- Annual Dissemination Conference
- Annual Report
- Newsletter





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# Outlook

- Strengthen links between academia, policy makers and civil society
- Hub on European democracy
- European Democracy in a global perspective
- Strengthen EUDO's structure and funding



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