EUROSCEPTICISM: ONLINE CAMPAIGN

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The main aim of this online campaign is to lay down the foundations to fight Euroscepticism, hence improving the process of European integration.

Four topics will be addressed:
– European Elections 2024: The European Parliament
– The European Commission and its workings
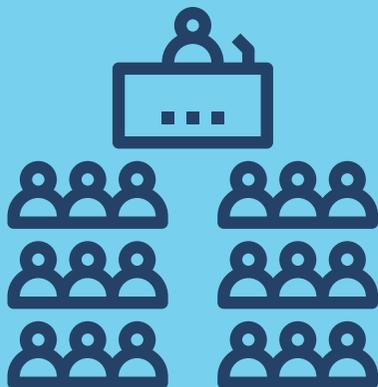– Powers and responsibilities of the Council
– What the EU can do for you

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European Elections 2024:
The European Parliament

Eurosceptic people claim that the EU is not democratic. Nevertheless, European elections represent a moment of true democracy, even when compared to elections in Member states.

They refuse the common claim of lack of bottom-up involvement in the formation of a decisional organ at European level.

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Time: the entire tool is going to last about 1 hour and 45 minutes

Materials needed: a list of internet links to websites and other online resources.

Methodology and Techniques: the tool is based on a learning-by-doing methodology. It is the answer to a specific accusation addressed to the EU; the participants will have to work out answers to why the accusation is false/wrong/misplaced in the first place.
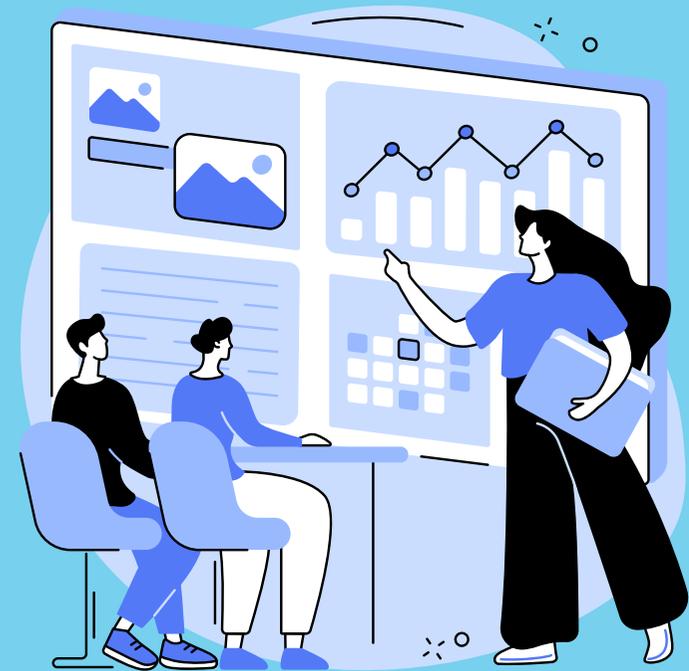
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Preparation: the facilitator will explain to the participants how the training will take place, listing in order:

- The concept of the training: how it is going to work and why
- Kahoot quizzes: how the software works
- Group division: how participants are going to be divided into groups
- Resources: where and how to access resources useful to answer Kahoot quizzes.

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Schedule of the session:

1. Explain the meaning of Euroscepticism, putting much emphasis on the traditional accusations usually addressed to the EU.
2. Divide all participants into groups, trying to separate people who are usually part of previously established groups, so to force them to create new links in order to solve the puzzles.
3. Give participants all materials and internet access. They should be able to navigate on Kahoot (through a QR code or any other method made available by the software).
4. Start the Kahoot-based training.
5. At the end of the session, points are collected, and the group with more points win the session.

Expected Outcomes

- Knowledge of the electoral system of the EU and formation of the Parliament;
- Getting information for participating in EU elections in an informed and aware manner
- Navigating EU institutional sites to retrieve information
- Spotting weaknesses in Eurosceptics discourse and debating against it
- Following a legislative procedure of the EU

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