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WEEKLY UPDATE

Transeuropa Caravans: Connecting Local Alternative Voices

Our friends from European Alternatives have launched a new website for their Transeuropa Caravans Project. Starting on April 25th, six Transeuropa Caravans will travel from one European city (Prague, Cluj, Barcelona, Berlin, Birmingham, Bologna) to another (Budapest, Athens, Lisboa, Lublin, Amsterdam, Rome), passing through more than 30 spots previously identified in the research and mapping phase, with the intention of engaging with people involved on the ground in political struggles or initiatives for democracy, solidarity and equality.



This journey is a way of connecting different initiatives amplifying their voices through the platform European Alternatives provides. Will they be near you? Follow them and find out!

Polish migrants ready to shape the future of the UK, survey says

Poles living in the UK want to stay there permanently and take part in political processes in the country, according to a joint research by renowned pollster Ipsos, Polarity UK and the Polish City Club's Aspire project. The results of the survey have been share by the Polish City Club and are available here.

No Hate Campaign!

Α brand new online campaign, #NoHateEP2014, by ENAR (the European Network Against Racism) and ILGA-Europe (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association) denounces racist. xenophobic and homophobic candidates in this year's European Elections. The video explains the choices given to Emma, an EU voter, in the May elections. Emma faces an important decision between candidates who oppose her friends' rights, or who care about both Emma and her community. Check out the campaign video here, and share widely!



The League of Young Voters

Ask your question to presidential candidates on TV: The League of Young Voters has launched a competition for the first European Presidential Debate on Euronews (April 28th). Participants will be able to submit a question to be asked to the candidates, and the winner will be selected based on the post that gathers the most attention of young people. The prize is a trip to Maastricht (all costs covered) to ask the question to the candidates live on Euronews TV. Help us spread the word by sharing this information!

The French League of Young Voters:



Last week, <u>CNAJEP</u> launched *La Ligue des Jeunes Electeurs en France*, a campaign that aims to amplify young people's concerns and

expectations in the run-up to European elections, in this case presenting not only general information but also information specific to France. You can visit their website (in French) following this link: http://liguedesjeuneselecteurs.fr/.

<u>Social Platform Website – European</u> Parliament Elections

Social Platform, the platform of European Social NGOs, has created a <u>special section</u> in their website for the European Elections, where you will find a collection of social justice manifestos, and very interesting information related to the topic.

VoteWatch Europe: Electio 2014

Last week, <u>VoteWatch Europe</u> was featured in this update, as it provides valuable information related to the activities of the European Parliament and Council.

They have recently launched <u>Electio2014</u>: a platform in 24 languages designed to help the voters decide which candidate or party to vote for in the 2014 European Parliament elections. Congratulations on achieving this milestone!

Vote, You Are at Home!

Over 700 Poles waiting in line to get their tickets for a concert during the *Cooltura Days* in London were informed on how to register and vote for the European Elections. For more information about this campaign, which aims to inform Poles living in the UK, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy, France and

Hungary how to vote, you can visit their website (in Polish). The School for Leaders Association and the Polish City Club are also engaged in this initiative.



5th Grantee Meeting: Transparency and Accountability

On April 7 and 8, a grantee meeting took place in Brussels entitled 'Promoting Transparency in Europe: Using European **Elections** to Increase Accountability'. The following organizations were represented: GONG, KFIB (Fiscal Responsibility Institute), SOMO, Access Info, Transparency International – Latvia, Transparency International – Hungary, Transparency International – EU, K-Monitor Association (Hungary), Alter-EU, Finance Watch, and Corporate Europe Observatory.



This report contains some updates and information related to the European Elections Projects. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Francisco Malavassi (fmalavassi@gmail.com).