16th ESDN Workshop 2018
Session 4: Good Practice Examples
Pulse of Europe: HausParlamente Project
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**Nov 2016** first gathering in Frankfurt a.M.
**Jan 2017** demonstrations in Frankfurt, Cologne, Freiburg
**from Feb 2017** more cities joined every week
**June 2017** demonstrations in 126 cities in 19 countries
Challenge:

Create something more sustainable
INITIAL POSITION

• No specific political program – but a clear pro-european attitude
• Connect to our self-conception and experiences:
  • Talk about Europe, listen to each other
  • Create an „offline“ / shared experience
  • Spread knowledge about Europe and its institutions
  • Reduce the „gap“ between the EU and its citizens
• Make use of our positive and nonparty reputation
• 500+ activists plus hundreds of supporters
Europäische HausParlamente

1. Host invites 5 to 8 friend or acquaintances
2. Host prepares HausParlament with DIY toolkit, provided by PoE
3. Debate on the topics of the HausParlament, vote on the questions
4. PoE processes results into formal advice for EU politician
5. EU politician gives substantial feedback
Round 1

Political Partner: Staatsminister Michael Roth

Should the EU substantially change its Foreign and Security Policy in the light of „America First“?

• Does the EU need a foreign secretary with decision-making authority?
• Should a European army replace the national armies?
• If no consensus can be reached among all member states, should member states that agree on certain positions be allowed to formulate EU foreign policy?
• Is a closer relationship with other strategical partners (China, Russia) advisable?
Results round 1

211 HausParlamente
Ca. 1.200 participants
84% positive feedback
54% think a new Foreign Policy is needed
Final event with Michael Roth on 30th Oct
LET’S BE THE PULSE OF EUROPE!