



Equal membership and evaluation (updated)

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Background

- EUDEC is about collaboration & co-operation
- We have a definition of democratic education
- Only democratic schools can be full members
- EUDEC is also about transparency & information



The problem

- Creating first- and second-class members
- Scaring away potential member schools
- Discouraging full participation of some schools
- Heating up discussion of definition



The Basic Idea

- Open the door to all kinds of members, but
 - be very clear on what Eudec is about, and
 - very open on how our member schools work.
- Scare away who is not convinced of our goals!



The Basic Reason

- Extend the circle of Eudec members
 - from truly democratic schools
 - to schools Interested in democratic education
- Encourage discussion from all points of view
- Not just to drive growth



Three Part Proposal

1. Open up and simplify membership:
Any member in Europe can be a full member
2. Schools' democracy evaluated and published:
Which criteria for democratic education satisfied
3. Explicit agreement with EUDEEC's goals and ideals
and dialog about reasons for joining EUDEEC



Open Membership

- Simplify and unify membership rules
 - All schools can be full members
 - Organisations in Europe are full members, too
 - Any kind of member has exactly one vote



School Evaluation

- Chart for (self-)evaluation of schools
- Non-judgmental, multi-dimensional evaluation
 - Everybody can see (most) evaluation results
 - Members can discuss them in forum
 - School can update it and comment in wiki
- Ensure chart is up-to-date; periodic refresh?



Agreement with Eudec

- Let new schools ratify a statement with our idea(l)s
- Let schools explain why they are joining Eudec
 - Could be part of the evaluation chart
- Start a dialog to get a feeling for how they work



Agreement with Eudec

“We acknowledge and support the definition of democratic education as defined in the Eudec guidance document and agree to being publicly associated with supporting democratic education...”



Details needing work

- Finalise wording for simplified membership rules
- Finalise the list of criteria for the evaluation chart
 - Use previous work in this direction
 - Use feedback from the survey process
- Create a statement for the school signup process
- Decide on how schools ratify the statement
- Decide on concrete Logo abuse prevention



Associate Members

- Keep associate membership, but
 - for lower-fee supporting members, rather than
 - ~~for schools that are not democratic enough~~
- Stuff for a different, future proposal...

