



## F2F and On line citizen engagement

Visions for Future Interaction: An Online Hearing for Europe's  
National Parliamentarians

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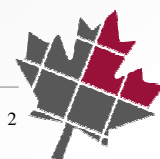
## Outline summary (1)

- CPRN and Ascentum: sharing our experience
- CPRN
  - F2F citizen engagement
    - Citizens' dialogues: learnings & challenges
    - Success criteria
    - Strategies for institutionalization

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## Outline summary (2)

- Ascentum
- Dialoguecircles Toolkit
  - Project Examples:
    - Senate Mental Health Consultation; Commons Sub-Committee on Status of Persons with Disabilities; Elected officials dialogue on voter turnout
- Vision statement, elements and pilot

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## Vision Statement

- Parliamentarians and their publics have reclaimed and elevated 'politics' as a public good (dialogue and debate are vigorous but civil with widespread confidence in democratic procedures). Civic literacy is high and opportunities for participation (local and upper levels) are widely known and well used. Parliamentarians have the skills, supports and a variety of effective means, both face to face and on-line, to engage with their publics, including parliamentary and constituency public engagement resource centres, adequate budgets, ongoing research and evaluation on public engagement, rotational citizen reference groups and interactive online forums.

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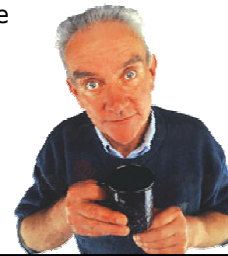


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## Elements of a Vision

- Elected officials will be involved with online events with a similar frequency as at dinner events
- Every elected official be equipped with an E-Team to support electronic engagement with constituents.
  - Research, Communication, and Technology skills
- Public (and electronic) involvement will be a meaningful, informative, and deliberative experience.
- Public involvement will be a part of the legislative process.

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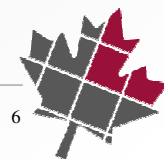


## Potential Pilot Project

- Goal: Elected Official Success Story
- Small sample of elected officials from different perspectives and regions.
- Find an issue that is relevant/top of mind for constituents.
- Start with individual (workbook) and group deliberation (dialogue) online.
- Followed up with in person dialogue.
- Mix will allow broad participation online and momentum to continue in person.
- Ensure team has policy, communications, analysis, project management and technology skill sets.

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