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**- Questionnaire -
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Introduction

Dear party representative,

Thank you for taking up our invitation to self-place your party for euandi. Before you start to position your party on the 30 political statements we have formulated, let us explain again what the euandi is about and how the self-placement works.

euandi is a Voting Advice Application (VAA) or party profiling website that we intend to use for the elections to the European Parliament in May 2014. It is likely to attract millions of European users and potential voters. euandi has been developed by the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence and it will be available in all EU Member States in all national languages.

euandi contains 30 statements on political issues and users are asked to evaluate these by making use of a scale that runs from 'completely agree' to 'completely disagree'. Once users have evaluated all the statements, the program then goes on to indicate which political party is closest to the political preferences expressed by the user.

In order to position the parties and to subsequently determine how close the user is to the parties, we must locate all parties on the 30 issue statements. Rather than begin with our own coding of your positions, we would like to give you the opportunity of specifying your party's own position on the statements, and we therefore invite you to take part in a self-placement exercise.

Just click through the upcoming 30 statements (grouped in nine different categories) and indicate to what extent your party agrees/disagrees with each statement (by using the five point scale than ranges from 'completely agree' to 'completely disagree'). If you have no opinion on that statement, please use the 'no opinion' answer. Once you have evaluated each statement, please then provide evidence for each answer, for example, by quoting from your election manifesto, or from your party leader's speeches, or by making use of any other literature or statement (either in English or Maltese). We would ask that you make every effort to do this as such documentation is very important as it in effect provides concrete evidence of your position. You will see that, in the pages that follow, there is a box after each statement into which you can type or paste your documentation (e.g. short extracts from your manifesto, links to interviews with your party leader etc). This documentation will be visible to users of the system. As you make your way through our statements, please do bear in mind that you can always exit the questionnaire and return to it later by using the link you have received.

If you are unable to document your position we will have to locate your party for you, by making use of what your party has said or has written (e.g. your manifestos, platforms and other policy statements). Of course, in this event, our positioning might differ slightly from yours, and so if this is the case, we will contact you to discuss any conflicting positioning.

We would ask you to complete this self-placement by 10 March 2014. After that date we will have to locate your party for you, which is something we would rather not do, given that you are clearly best placed to position your own party on the statements and on crucial election issues. In any case, we reserve our right to make the final decision about both individual party positions and the inclusion or exclusion of a party in our application.

We appreciate that completing this questionnaire and providing the appropriate documentation will take a little time. But we hope that you will help us produce the most valuable tool for citizens in view of the upcoming EP elections – and we are convinced that the information you will provide us will be, indeed, most valuable. Moreover, we believe that completing the self-placement will be very worthwhile because it will mean that citizens who use euandi will be aware of your positions on different issues, and will therefore be better placed to consider giving your party their support.

For more information on euandi, please visit <http://www.eui.eu/Projects/EUDO/EUandI/Index.aspx> or contact us directly. Should you have any questions on the tool or the self-placement, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Malta's country-team leaders

on behalf of Prof. Alexander H. Trechsel, euandi project leader

General information on your party

Please provide the following general information on you and your party.

Your name(s)

Your position(s) in your party

Complete name and abbreviation of your party

Contact details

Welfare, family and health

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

Social programmes should be maintained even at the cost of higher taxes

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

It should be harder for EU immigrants working or staying in Malta to get access to social assistance benefits than it is for Malta's citizens

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Pension benefits should be reduced to limit the state debt in Malta

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Migration and immigration

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

To fight the problem of illegal immigration, the European Union should take responsibility in patrolling its borders

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Immigration into Malta should be made more restrictive

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Immigrants from outside Europe should be required to accept our culture and values

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Society, religion and culture

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible [www-link...](#)).

The legalisation of same sex marriages is a good thing

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Embryonic stem cell research should be stopped

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

The legalisation of the personal use of soft drugs is to be welcomed

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Euthanasia should be legalised

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Finances and taxes

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible [www-link...](#)).

Government spending should be reduced in order to lower taxes

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

The EU should acquire its own tax raising powers

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Bank and stock market gains should be taxed more heavily

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Economy and work

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

Governments should reduce workers' protection regulations in order to fight unemployment

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

The state should provide stronger financial support to unemployed workers

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

The EU should relax its austerity policy in order to foster economic growth

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Environment, transport and energy

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

The promotion of public transport should be fostered through green taxes (e.g. road taxing)

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Renewable sources of energy (e.g. solar or wind energy) should be supported even if this means higher energy costs

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Law and order

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

Restrictions of personal privacy on the Internet should be accepted for public security reasons

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Criminals should be punished more severely

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Access to abortion should become more restricted

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Foreign Policy

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

The European Union should strengthen its security and defence policy

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

On foreign policy issues the EU should speak with one voice

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

European integration

Please position your party on the following statements in the above-mentioned category and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

European integration is a good thing

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

To tackle the sovereign debt crisis, the member states of the Eurozone should be allowed to issue common bonds (Eurobonds)

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

The single European currency (Euro) is a bad thing

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Individual member states of the EU should have less veto power

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Any new European Treaty should be subject to approval in a referendum in Malta

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Country-specific

Please position your party on the following statements and document your position (clearly indicating reference, source, page number and if possible www-link...).

Malta should be free to adopt a policy of sending migrants back to country of origin (pushback)

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

The sale of Maltese citizenship should be promoted

- ☐ Completely agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Completely disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Please document and specify your position

Conclusion

You have reached the end of the self-placement.

Thank you very much for completing the self-placement. In the event that we disagree with or have any questions about your positioning we will get in touch with you.

Any comments can be inserted in the box on the right.

Best regards,

The euandi team

Please insert any comment here