



Bayerische Landeszentrale  
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# Political and Media Education in Germany

## Insights from Bavaria

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“The liberal, secularized state lives by prerequisites which it cannot guarantee itself.” (E.-W. Böckenförde)

guiding premises

“Democracy needs Democrats” (F. Ebert)

historical obligation

## Political Education in Germany

no indoctrination

controversy

ethical basis:  
„Beutelsbach Consensus”

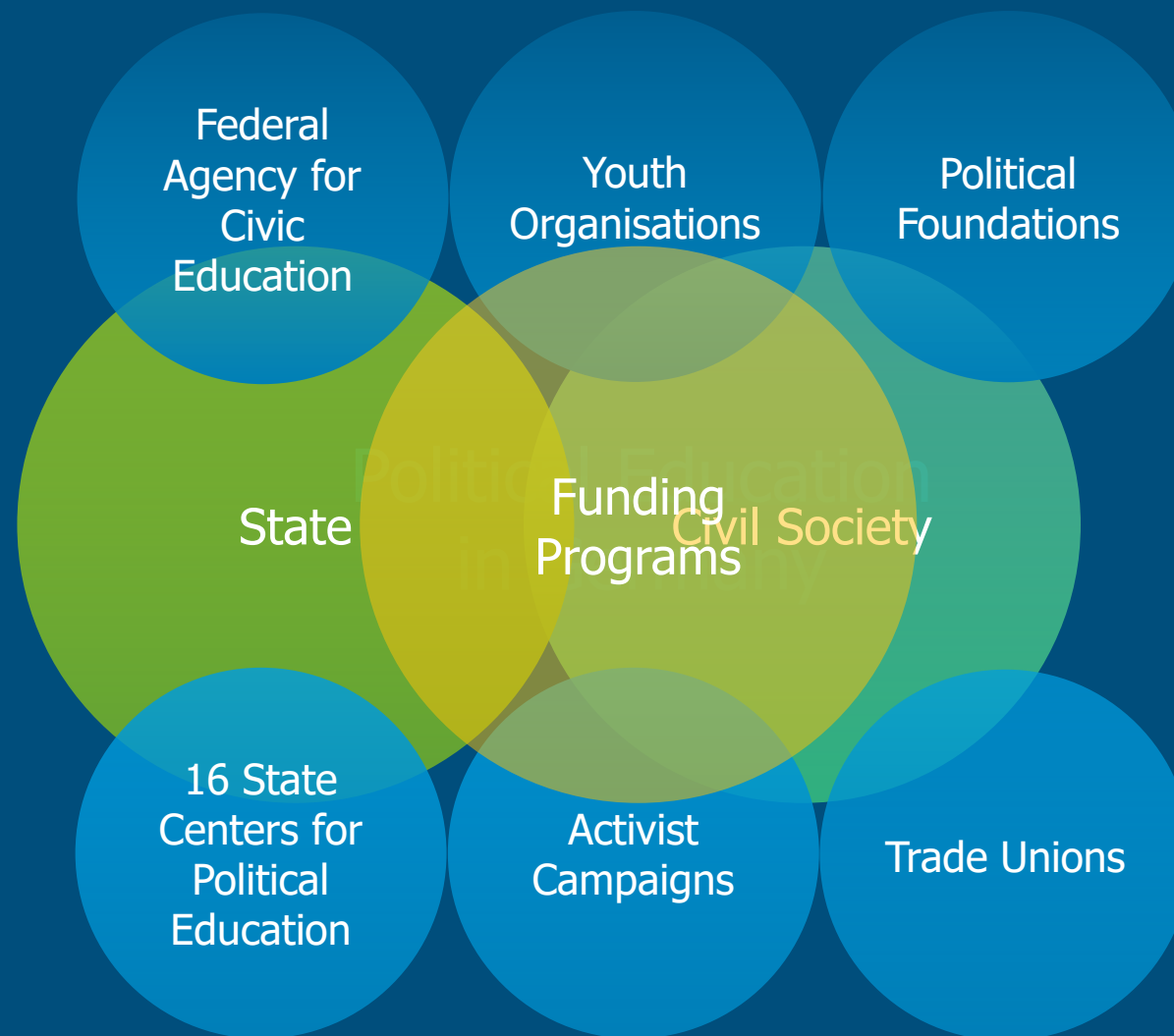
participant-oriented approach

convey knowledge

enable judgment

key goals

encourage participation







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History  
Social Studies  
Religion/Ethics  
IT

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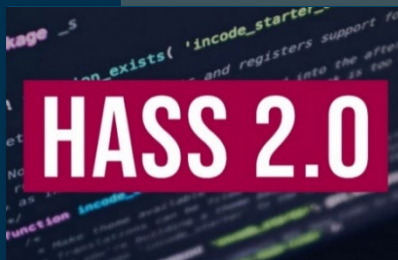
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## Some of our projects

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Extremism on Social Media · Perspectives I–III  
Workshops for pupils and teachers



Network Policy & Democracy · Pupils' Media Day  
Countrywide Collaborative Action Days



Elementary · Time for Politics  
Teaching material series