

Strengthening democracy and social cohesion in digitization! New BMBF project at the M2C:

In the new BMBF project "RESet", the M2C Institute for Applied Media Technology and Culture at the City University of Applied Sciences Bremen and its partners are investigating and testing future possibilities of social participation using innovative digital tools.

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RESet: Digital Resonance Spaces to Strengthen Social Cohesion and Democratic Values

A lack of trust in state institutions, a lack of understanding of social values and, above all, breaks in social cohesion are omnipresent. This development is also reflected in the latest election results at state and federal level. The core idea of the BMBF research project "Exploring and transforming resonant spaces" (RESet), which was launched at the Zentrum für Arbeit und Politik (zap) of the University of Bremen together with the M2C Institute for Applied Media Technology and Culture at the City University of Applied Sciences Bremen (M2C) and the Bildungswerk der Niedersächsischen Wirtschaft (NBW), is to increase people's social participation in a phase of the digital transformation of social environments and to enable them to take a constructive view of society again.

Until the end of 2020, RESet will test possibilities of social participation by means of innovative

educational formats and the use of digital tools. RESet is part of the federal initiative "Strengthening cohesion in times of crisis and upheaval". Here, the project focuses on how to deal with current social change and the resulting social challenges.

Direct link between theory and practice

Together, the project partners are not only researching the reasons for breaks in social cohesion. Through the practical use of innovative educational formats and digital tools for shaping coexistence, new ways of social participation will be tested at the same time. The target group of RESet are people in our society who feel socially dependent. By creating such resonant spaces, people are directly involved and thus given new opportunities for social participation in the context of work and social affairs 4.0. RESet thus works against tendencies of apathy, isolation or radicalisation in the digital society.

M2C Institute for Applied Media Technology and Culture, with its long experience in the field of digital innovations, directly contributes the findings to practical social work together with the project partners. By the direct connection of theory and practice as core concerns of the project, innovations in educational formats and digital tools will be tested in the course of the project exemplarily in the west of Bremen by the Digital Impact Lab Bremen and at locations of the BNW in Lower Saxony. In this way, local people are involved at an early stage and the development of resonant spaces and opportunities for participation is actively promoted.

Partners:

M2C Institute for Applied Media Technology and Culture at the City University of Applied Sciences Bremen (M2C)

Zentrum für Arbeit und Politik der Universität Bremen (zap)

Bildungswerk der Niedersächsischen Wirtschaft (BNW)

Links:

<https://www.uni-bremen.de/zap/zap-forschung/reset>