

## A multimedia platform for virtual debates

b-involved is a multimedia platform that enables a small group of people to meet, through a internet connection, in a virtual room and have a focused discussion about a pre-defined issue.

### Participants Table

Graphical representation of the people participating in the event. Each venue is composed of, at least, one moderator and of several participants, ideally not more than ten.

### User Status

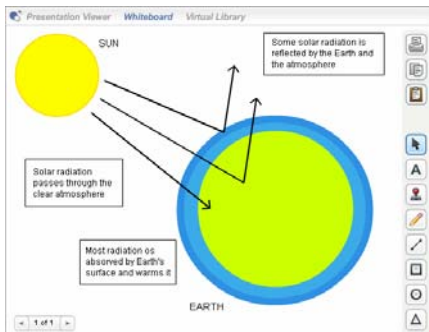
### Event name

### Presentation Viewer

The place where you can view a presentation about the issue of concern.

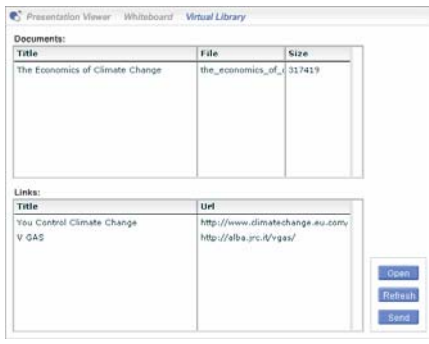
### Whiteboard

Place where the participants can contribute with real time drawings and schemes.



### Virtual Library

Shared space where everybody can view and send different types of material and links relevant to the discussion.



### Audio and Video

### Pre-written Sentences

### Discussion Chat

Area where the main discussion takes place.

- Allows remote and distributed e-participation sessions
  - ➔ Distance related restrictions are overcome;
- Effective in providing on-screen visual stimulate to participants
  - ➔ The debate can easily include links to web-sites and uploaded documents (ex.: multimedia files);
- No need to install any specific software
  - ➔ You just need to have an internet connection and a compatible browser;
- The discussion is automatically stored in a database and can be saved, printed and analysed later on by the Moderator
  - ➔ Avoids the time demanding task of audiotape transcriptions;
- No cost associated
  - ➔ You just pay your internet connection.

### On-going Developments

- Collaborative Multi-Criteria Evaluation
- Scenario Development