Candidats.fr is an initiative led by April, the main Free Software advocacy organization in France.

It aims at educating the election candidates in France to issues related to Free Software and digital freedom, and get them to commit to action.

It provides resources and tools for citizens and organisations to participate in that effort.

Presidential elections

April 2007

12 candidates

8 answered !

- 34 questions were sent to the candidates.
- Issues like usage of Free Software in public administrations, open standards, DRM, interoperability, software patents...
- Documentation was sent along on all those topics (the real objective of the campaign)
- Gentle political pressure applied... ;)
- 8 out of 12 candidates answered, including the 5 top scores.

Parliamentary elections

June 2007

6,000+ candidates

577 seats

600+ volunteers

69 MPs signed the Pact !

- A short "Pact of Free Software" was written.
- The pact contains acknowledgement of the nature of Free Software and commitment to take action to protect and encourage it.
- A collaborative platform was built to allow volunteers all around France to register their candidates and have them sign the Pact.
- Precise documentation was made available.
- 521 candidates, out of which 69 got elected, signed the Pact.

Local elections
(mayors and district councils)

March 2008

10,000+ candidates

work in progress....

- Adaptation of the Pact for local elections.
- Commitment to use Free Software and Open Standards in all local administrations, and to inform the general public.
- Target: cities of 10.000+ inhabitants.
- Results on March, 16th

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(volunteers needed for translating and packaging the collaborative platform ;)