



REGULATION FOR THE CHOICE OF THE IOPD PRESIDENCY AND HOST OF THE CONFERENCE 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to regulate the choice of the host city for the conference organised on an annual basis by the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD).

The IOPD is a space open to all cities, local and regional governments and organisations which wish to find out about, exchange and apply experiences in participatory democracy at the local level. This main objective is materialised by holding an annual conference. It enables progress to be made in the debate on participation in local democracies and facilitates the access to learn about projects from the various cities concerned.

2. PARTICIPANTS

Any local or regional government member of the IOPD may submit a bid. A LRG non-member of the network can submit an application for membership and then apply to host the conference.

In accordance with the principle of alternation in the cities where the conference is held, each year the host city should be from another continent. As the host of the 2022 International Conference is a European city (Grenoble, France), the host of the 2023 Conference should preferably be a non-European city.

3. BID SUBMISSION

Local and regional governments wishing to submit a bid must send the following documentation to the Technical Secretariat of the IOPD via info@oidp.net:

- A letter from the political head of the local government presenting the bid
- General description of proposed contents of the Conference (maximum two pages)
- General description of the technical and financial resources of the local government submitting the bid (maximum two pages)

The deadline to submit the applications is the 26 of November 2026



4. CHOICE OF THE 2023 HOST

The election of the host city for the 2023 conference will take place during the General Assembly, which will be held in virtual format on December 2, 2021. Candidate cities will have the opportunity to present their candidacy.

The choice shall be made by consensus; if this consensus is not achieved, there shall be a vote. The electors will be the local and regional governments members of the IOPD accredited to the Assembly and may cast only one vote per local/regional government.

** If no nominations are received by the deadline, the Assembly will discuss how and when to open a new call for nominations.*

5. ACCEPTANCE

The city which accepts to coordinate the Conference shall also be appointed the President of the IOPD for that year. Likewise, it shall undertake to defray financial costs, to prepare the contents, to take charge of the event logistics in partnership with the Technical Secretariat and to participate in IOPD activities which require the presence of the Presidency of the network.