

Revisting Local Democracy

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Local level

- Local level as the first to adopt new forms of participatory democracy
- Long tradition of deliberative democracy (citizen's assemblies, citizen's jury's) and methods like participatory budgeting on the local level





Opportunities

Move away form one off events that are method driven and move toward more long-term, sustainable engagement. Moving towards implementing democratic infrastructure.

democratic society **Example:** Vorm3010 in Leuven. Process about public space in Kessel-lo. Randomly selected citizens panel with broader engagement, online and offline.



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Challenge: how can this democratic infrastructure provide an answer to the complex challenges of today?





