



**17<sup>th</sup> AWARD**  
BEST PRACTICE  
IN CITIZEN  
PARTICIPATION



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New record set in this 17<sup>th</sup> IOPD Distinction

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**117** local and regional governments

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**149** applications

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Applications according to category 1

**35** deliberation  
**28** decision  
**86** citizenship

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Applications according to the size of the municipality or region

**12** proposals < **50.000** habitants  
**38** proposals **50 k < 250 k**  
**26** proposals **250 k < 1 M**  
**35** proposals > **1 M** habitants  
**38** proposals Supralocal and Regional governments

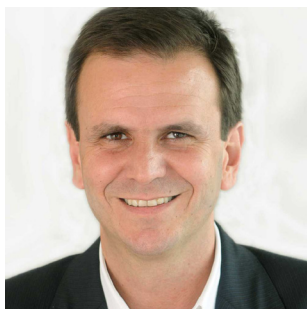
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A jury of **25** experts

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**6,433** people participated in the online voting

## FOREWORD



As the current president of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD) in 2023, I am proud to oversee its core initiatives. Among them, **the 'Best Practice in Citizen Participation' Award serves as a significant recognition of the commendable efforts made by municipalities, local and regional governments in fostering citizen engagement in decision-making processes.** It also plays a pivotal role in strengthening community cohesion and contributes to the development of sustainable cities and regions that prioritise an enhanced quality of life.

*First and foremost, I wish, then, to congratulate the city of **Rennes, winner of this 17th edition of the IOPD Award**, as well as the five special mentions awarded by the jury and the IOPD community who voted through the ParticipateOIDP platform. The experiences of Fortaleza, Goma, Lipa, Rosario and Titiribi represent, in their specific contexts, references of local work towards peace, environmental protection, urban planning and sustainable urban development.*

This award presents us with the possibility to recognise the work being done and also with a valuable opportunity to share and learn about the different initiatives in cities around the world. This year a new record number of almost 150 nominations has been achieved. I would like to thank the generous effort of all the candidates, as well as the work of the jury, the technical team that has accompanied the process and all the people who have participated in the open evaluation.

I encourage you to read this publication with the summaries of the nominations, to disseminate it and to continue contributing to this international collaborative effort also promoted by local authorities.

**Eduardo Paes**  
Mayor of Rio de Janeiro  
President of the IOPD

## FOREWORD



**It is a great pleasure to deliver the 17th Award of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD) “Best Practice in Citizen Participation.”**

The 2023 edition has seen a **new record of submissions with over 149 candidatures** from around the world. The diversity and creativity of the submissions are a true inspiration that highlights the **spirit of hope and solidarity that characterises the work of local governments** around the world, the impact of which goes well beyond the municipal movement.

*It is my great honour to congratulate the Ville and the Métropole de Rennes and Mayor Ms. Nathalie Appéré for their “European Citizens’ Initiative: Let’s ask Europe to give migrants a decent welcome.”*

This winning experience showcases the implementation of human rights and freedoms in a tangible way and at different levels. Moreover, it represents an innovative and holistic mechanism of participatory democracy that renews the architecture of governance from the local level towards an inclusive multilateralism. It provides a platform for the voices of citizens to be heard. It allows scaling up to the regional level a local initiative driven by an active and responsible community committed to the inclusion of a historically underrepresented group, in this case, migrants. **“Let’s ask Europe to give migrants a decent welcome” is also a tangible example of the values and mission promoted by our Lampedusa Charter on human mobility: a tale beyond borders and based on dignity, rights and security for all.**

**Enabling equitable citizen participation sets us on track to achieve sustainable development and to guarantee truly inclusive and just democracy. My deepest gratitude to the jury members who helped define the finalists and choose the winners along with the public voters who had a big say in the voting.**

The change of era we are facing calls for a renewed democracy with empowered communities willing to take responsibility in the collective management of emergencies. Only through a true cultural change that fosters transformation while protecting joint values, will we be able to shape a sustainable humanity for future generations. The longstanding work of IODP and our members are a testimony to the power of community and collective action caring for people, planet and government.

Join us in the celebration of local democracy as a cornerstone of our sustainable future!

**Emilia Saiz**  
Secretary General  
United Cities and Local Governments



## INTRODUCTION

In the 17th edition of the IOPD Award “Best Practice in Citizen Participation”, **149 proposals have been submitted** from the following countries:

*Argentina, Austria, Belice, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Côte d’Ivoire, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Mexico, Niger, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tchad, Togo, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia.*

**This was a remarkable year for the IOPD: our award set a new record of nominations received.** This achievement is more than just a number: **it is a reflection of the strenuous work of local and regional governments to promote a more inclusive and sustainable participatory democracy with communities in all their diversity, despite the multiple crises we are currently facing in the world.**

Moreover, new this year, we have added two **categories** to classify and evaluate the practices submitted. The first one on the most outstanding dimension of the practice: the **deliberation** process, the inclusion and role of citizens in **decision-making** and the centrality in the **citizenship** dimension of the project.

The second dimension refers to the size of the candidate city or region: municipalities with less than 50,000 inhabitants, between 50k and 250k inhabitants, between 250K and 1 million inhabitants. Cities

with more than 1M inhabitants and finally supralocal and regional governments.

The **149 applications received underwent an initial evaluation by a jury to select the 40 finalists.** A second, reduced jury deliberated on the award-winning experience and the special mentions.

The main criteria for selecting the winning experiences have been the degree of innovation in its own context, the inclusion promotion, the impacts achieved and the inspiring example **to achieve significant transformation from local and regional governments from the hand of the communities.**

The Jury decided to grant the 17th IOPD Award to the **Ville de Rennes and Rennes Métropole** for the experience **“European Citizens’ Initiative: “Let’s ask Europe to give migrants a decent welcome”.**



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A special mention was also given to five other experiences that were highly valued by the jury:

- Special Mention in the Citizenship category: **Titibirí**: “Weaving Citizenship: Training and Social Support for Democracy, Participation, and Reconciliation.”
- Special Mention in the Deliberation category: **Fortaleza** “Integrated Land Regularisation Planning in Special Areas of Social Interest.”
- Special Mention in the Decision category: **Rosario**: “Participatory Budget 2023-2024: Citizen Laboratories as Innovation Devices in Public Policy Management.”
- Special Jury Mention for a Valuable Experience in a Human Rights Violation Context: City of **Goma**: “University Citizen Program of the Democratic Republic of Congo.”
- Special Mention for the Experience Most Supported by the IOPD Community: City of **Lipa**: “Launch of the ‘Trash to Cash’ Programme.” This experience received the highest number of votes during the open evaluation through the ParticipateOIDP platform.

Through this award, the IOPD honours its *raison d’être* by offering an opportunity to showcase innovations in local and regional participatory democracy and providing a space for knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning.

In addition to being highly commended by the jury, **the 149 local and regional government practices submitted for the IOPD Award also receive our recognition through this compilation.** We encourage all those interested in promoting a stronger, more inclusive and diverse participatory democracy to enrich their practice through this document.

In this publication we present the six awarded experiences and share a brief presentation of all the nominations with links to the platform where you can find further and detailed information on each project.

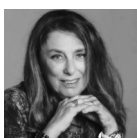
The IOPD Technical Secretariat expresses its deepest gratitude to all the local and regional governments that took the time and made the effort to submit a nomination. We also thank all the institutions and partners that have supported us to share this initiative and the network’s collaborating members who, as the Jury, took part in the evaluation of all of the different experiences presented.



In this 17th edition of the IOPD Award, two groups of juries participated in its evaluation: one for the first phase of evaluation and selection of finalists, and another for the second phase to select the winner and the special mentions among the 40 finalists.

The **first jury** consisted of 21 people and was divided into three groups per category: deliberation, decision, and citizenship. During June, this jury read and evaluated the applications received. Finally, they selected the 40 finalists who moved on to the second phase.

### Deliberation



#### **Cristina Elisabeth Bloj**

Professor and Researcher (Universidad Nacional de Rosario-Argentina), Freelance Consultant (ECLAC/UN Women/EUROSOCIAL)



#### **Savaş Zafer Şahin**

Urban planning and public participation expert, Professor in Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli, University Deputy Head of Citizen Assembly of Ankara



#### **Ousmane Gueye**

Strategic planning expert specialising in definitions, planning and development of participatory local development programs, Head of Programs and Strategic Planning Division



#### **Sven-Marten Schulte**

Project Manager, Sustainability Researcher & ESG Advisor Vice Director of DirtWater NGO



#### **Paula Fontalvo García**

Project Management Office Professional, Foro Costa Atlantica Foundation



#### **Thaís Rennó**

Architect and Urban Planner at Rio de Janeiro Municipality (Prefeitura da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro)

### Decision



#### **Diana Dajer**

Manager of Citizen Participation, Corona Foundation



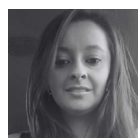
#### **Yannick Lechevallier**

Director in the Agence du Monde Commun, Expert in regional internationalisation



#### **Ibrahima Djitte**

Expert in territorial governance and public policy, President of the Yirwa Humanitarian Association (AHY)



#### **Yesenia Mojica Bravo**

Secretariat of Citizen Participation and Community Action in Chia's City Council



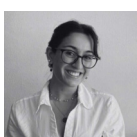
#### **Renata Klanova**

Sociologist, Public Policy Analyst Marketing & Communications, Manager at Civic Tech Company Decision 21



#### **Yves Cabannes**

Emeritus Professor of Development Planning, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London



#### **Sara Cardona Rubio**

Global Studies graduate by the University Pompeu Fabra, Specialist in Social Policy and Youth Political Participation

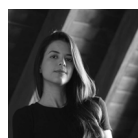


## Citizenship



### Ariane Bieou

Architect and manager, independent cultural expert, Cultural Manager of Matera 2019, the Head of project Millenium Caen 2025. She has coordinated the European Platform INSITU and managed site-specific events in Unesco World heritage sites



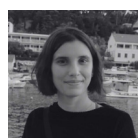
### Lina Yule Queiroz de Oliveira

PhD student in Urban Planning, University of São Paulo



### Edith Kemunto Rosasi

Urban design and Development - Urban and Regional Planning, University of Kenya



### Milagros Hurtig

PhD candidate of NTNU (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Partner at Urbanismo Vivo



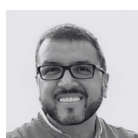
### Genezaret Hernandez

Executive Director CIEC - GSFMI International University CEO of Consultando Soluciones International



### Rosa María de la Fuente Fernández

Vice Rector of Students at the Complutense University of Madrid, Professor of urban policies and governance at the Faculty of Political Science and Sociology (UCM)



### Kléver Albán Flores

Executive President of Fundación Reto Internacional, Expert in Local Development



### Viviana Fernández Prajoux

Architect, Visiting Professor at Universidad Austral de Chile Professor at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidad de Chile, until 2020

The **second jury** was made up of eight people. This jury was in charge of evaluating the finalists between July, August and September to choose the winners:



### Amanda Fléty Martinez

Coordinator of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)



### Jonathan Moskovic

Democratic innovation advisor to the President of the French-speaking Brussels Parliament, Member of the OECD's expert network on citizen participation



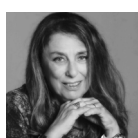
### Bachir Kanouté

Executive Director of Enda ECOPOP and Coordinator for Africa of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD Africa)



### Savaş Zafer Şahin

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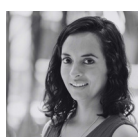
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### Greta Ríos

Community Building Director at People Powered



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# European Citizens’ Initiative: “Let’s ask Europe to give migrants a decent welcome”

Ville de Rennes and Rennes Métropole

Citizenship / Between 250.000 and 1.000.000.000 inhabitants

Rennes, capital of Brittany, is known for its economic dynamism, dense associative fabric, quality of life, cultural offer and student life. The city of Rennes (220,000 inhabitants) leads this project together with Rennes Métropole (457,000 inhabitants, 43 municipalities). Nathalie Appéré has been mayor of the city since 2014 and president of the metropolitan government.

The city has been developing processes of citizen participation and local democracy for a long time,

establishing participatory mechanisms to involve citizens in public policies, such as participatory budgets, consultations, dialogue tables, third places, etc.

Rennes also aims to be a welcoming territory for exiled persons. There are many associations that work to welcome and integrate immigrants. They provide legal assistance, access to healthcare, housing, education, etc. Local public authorities undertake to financially support these associations and develop a reception and integration policy at their scale. Rennes Métropole is collaborating with the French State in the matter (Reception Contract and Territorial Integration) and is a member of the ANVITA network: National Association of Welcoming Cities and Territories. It regularly goes beyond its formal competences to help exiled people in its territory, in particular by hosting families at its own expense.

In this context, the experience carried out is based on a European tool: the European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI). It is a participatory tool created by the European Commission that allows citizens of the Union to challenge European authorities and request changes or new community legislation. An ECI must collect 1 million signatures across the EU to be considered by the Commission.

Through its participation tools, Rennes worked for two years with residents and carried out a Rennes ICE that “demands a dignified reception for immigrants in Europe.”

*The experience is the voice of the Ville de Rennes and Rennes Métropole team.*

“Our experience is the implementation of a European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI) à la rennaise. The ECI is a participatory tool used by the European Commission to enable citizens to influence EU policies. To be considered by the Commission, an initiative must gather 1 million signatures across the EU.





Rennes is a European city. It demonstrates this every day through the actions of its associations and citizens, who are mobilised to bring the European project to life in concrete terms, for the people of Rennes, and particularly for those who are furthest excluded from it. All these people, institutions and residents' groups are united within the City of Rennes' Labo Europe, whose aim is to renew the citizen debate on Europe. The Labo is part of the "Fabrique Citoyenne," which brings together all of the city's and metropolitan area's citizen participation initiatives, and benefits from the tools available within this framework.

Our ECI is the result of an unprecedented process of dialogue launched by the Labo, enabling the people of Rennes to make their voices and demands heard in Europe.

**For almost a year and a half, everything was done to enable the people of Rennes to have their voice heard in Europe.** At the end of this grassroots approach, 12 proposals for European citizens' initiatives were put forward for local public debate, co-constructed by some 300 Rennais. The call for a dignified welcome for migrants was the clear winner of the online vote organised to decide between them in spring 2022. Over 1,000 votes were cast. **This ECI is the result of a major collective effort, coordinated and supported by various associations, students and academic players, who worked together on the basis of the work of pupils from the Rosa Parks middle school in Rennes.** An organising group was then set up, made up of citizens from seven different European countries, who are responsible for relaying the initiative in their own countries. The ECI





was registered by the European Commission in February 2023, and the campaign to collect signatures began in April and will last a year.

This project is an innovative experiment because the ECI was built directly by the citizens of Rennes, who had the freedom to put forward a cause that affected them personally and that they wanted to defend before the institutions, whereas this little-known form of citizen participation is generally used by major international NGOs.

**The Rennes European Citizens’ Initiative makes it possible to bring the voice of local residents to bear in a concrete way, from the local to the European level, showing citizens that they are being heard and supported by the city and, above all, that they have the means, at their own level, to influence European policies.”**

*DISCOVER MORE*

**Website of the European Citizen Initiative “Dignity in Europe”:**  
<https://dignity-in-europe.eu>

**Website of Fabrique Citoyenne:**  
<https://fabriquecitoyenne.fr>

**Website of Rennes Métropole:**  
<https://metropole.rennes.fr>

**The experience in the Participate IOPD website:**  
<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/280/proposals/3230>

## Comments from the jury

*Rennes is a magnificent winner of the 17th IOPD Award insofar as it meets a triple challenge:*

### *The articulation of the local level with the (supra)national level:*

very often, we observe that the issues tackled at local level are purely micro (e.g. waste treatment or traffic plans), here we see a macro issue mobilised by the local level.

### *The mobilisation of the local level in a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI):*

European Citizens' Initiatives are often mobilised by organised European players to put an issue on the political agenda and initiate a campaign on the subject. In this case, it's a local authority that takes the initiative of federating at European level - a reversal of principle that's particularly important in a climate of hostility towards EU institutions.

### *Promoting a progressive theme:*

in a current context marked by rejection of the Other and xenophobia, it is truly salutary to support an initiative that promotes the DIGNITY of human beings. A demand that goes totally against the grain of the media-political dehumanisation we are currently witnessing through the "migratory waves" "hordes/fluxes/tide of migrants."

“ It is interesting the component of **social inclusion** at different levels, it has been done on such a sensitive issue in Europe, **migrants**, and it has been **done in a neighbourhood where there is a migrant population** - I think **it is important that people who have migrated can carry out an inclusion project**. It also has a future projection: they are asking for 1M signatures so that **it can continue at a European level**. We have an example that takes the initiative to reinforce an initiative that can be European in a European context, which is an increasingly complicated issue.

“ **It is always really great when municipal territory goes far beyond in a very difficult context**. With this experience we see that we have a real local leader in Rennes who has taken things forward - they are trying to move from the local to the European level with a radiantly topical theme and this must be supported.



# Weaving Citizenship: Training and Social Support for Democracy, Participation, and Reconciliation

Municipio de Titiribí and Corporación Conciudadanía

Citizenship / Up to 50,000 inhabitants

Titiribí is located in the Southwest of Antioquia (Colombia). Made up of four townships: Sitio Viejo, La Otra Mina, La Albania and La Meseta and 16 veredas (subdivisional administrative part). It has a poverty level that reaches 23.78% and an Unsatisfied Basic Needs index of 11%.

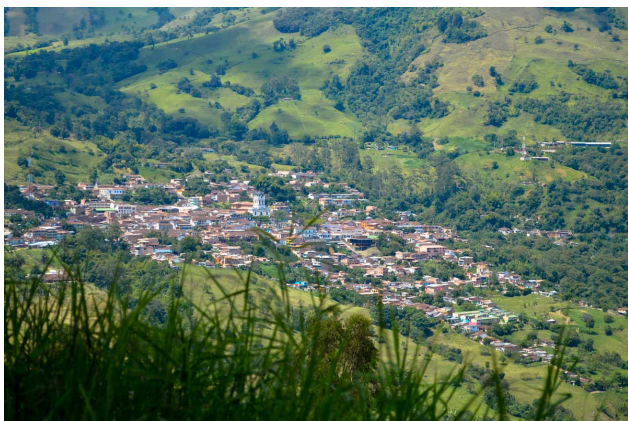
Before the 80s, Titiribí was dedicated to the agriculture of coffee, sugar cane and coal mining, among other economic activities. Starting in the 80s, the massive purchase of land by people linked to drug trafficking and money laundering assets, the agricultural vocation and the uses of the land were changing - the land was dedicated to extensive livestock farming and the construction of recreational farms. Linked to this, there was also the creation and presence of paramilitary groups, seeking to guarantee protection of the owners and their assets, which at the time were subject to robbery and kidnapping by common crime and *guerrilla* groups that

had settlements in the region. The armed conflict generated a significant number of victims, violations of their rights, with emotional and physical consequences. This is a population that still continues to seek reparation and healing for the pain left by armed violence.

Politics in this region is characterised for being very traditional, clientelist and exclusive, led by large landowners who have the power to buy votes and appoint mayors. Despite this context, the population of Titiribí seeks strategies of organisation and participation. An indicator of this is the number of groups, collectives and associations that exist in the municipality: environmentalists, observers, young people, women, promoters of memory and cultural heritage, among others. All of them are eager for knowledge, advice, and interested in actively participating in processes that contribute to improving their living conditions, strengthening democracy and peace.



Titiribí



Titiribí

“Weaving Citizenship: Training and social accompaniment for democracy, participation and reconciliation in the municipality of Titiribí,” was the result of an alliance between the municipality of Titiribí and Corporación Conciudadanía, aiming to solve problems of social organisation and the effectiveness of citizen participation in public affairs. Public participation in Titiribí was diagnosed as weak, due to the absence of new leadership, the decay of organisational processes and the lack of knowledge about the functioning of the State and the local administration.

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**The objective of this practice was to increase the quality of citizen participation for strengthening local democracy** through planning processes, political advocacy and the promotion of the conviviality in the Municipality of Titiribí.

The project consisted in the implementation of a Citizen Training School, to strengthen the capacity and the knowledge of leaders of all ages and genders in topics related to citizen participation, democracy, oversight, environmental management, memory and peace. This process enables them to develop a qualified dialogue and advocacy with decision makers at the local level, for the administration of their rights, the understanding and management of public affairs and the effective use of mechanisms for citizen participation and social control.

The work sessions were held every 15 days, with a didactic and participatory focus, with emphasis on dialogue of knowledge, respect for the word and dignity of the other, learning by doing. This was done through the replication of content and learning with other leaders, organisations and territories. Workshops and training meetings were held, as well as exchanges of experiences, replications by leaders and territorial visits. The project was permanently monitored and evaluated by the professionals in charge, with a participatory focus by the participants at the end of each work session.

Participants included leaders and members of organisations such as: community action boards, women, victims, environmentalists, overseers, school children, the youth council, youth collectives, community aqueducts, memory collective, as well as councillors, teachers, the peace council, and the coffee growers



Titiribi

committee, the Territorial Planning Council, and the Municipal Rural Development Council.

Among the results, we can highlight:

- The Territorial Planning Councils have the knowledge and tools for a good management of their functions, especially for the follow-up of the Development Plan.
- The leaders increased their knowledge about citizen participation, public management and developed social control exercises, for which they used the mechanisms for enforceability of rights.
- Women, youth and reconciliation committees have strengthened their organisations and are transcending social leadership to become proactive and involved in local public life.
- The communities are aware of and provide feedback on the memory process of the armed conflict developed in the municipality.
- The environmental collectives were strengthened organisationally and also their actions for the care and protection of water resources.

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**Website of the municipality of Titiribi:**

<http://www.titiribi-antioquia.gov.co>

**Website of Conciudadania:**

<https://conciudadania.org>

**The experience in the Participate IOPD website:**

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3085>



## Comments from the jury

“ This experience is particularly noteworthy for its objective of creating a more active and participatory citizenship.

*Above all, it is commendable that the issue of the armed conflict was taken up directly, and that the people affected by the armed conflict are one of the social sectors included in the initiative. A large number of civil society organisations are involved.*

The schools and training component is to be acknowledged. In addition, the collaboration with a civil society organisation is also exceptional, because it allows it to function as a co-government and co-initiative of the municipality.

“ It should be noted that **the armed conflict in this region** has had a high impact, with a very traditional, clientelist and exclusionary policy, led by large landowners. This **has led to a significant number of collectives aspiring to participate and play a more active role in the decisions that affect them.** One of the innovations to be highlighted is the partnership between the municipality and the corporation, which has made it possible to increase the budget and replicate the experience.



# Integrated Land Regularisation Planning in Special Areas of Social Interest (ZEIS)

Prefeitura de Fortaleza, Administração Indireta, Instituto de Planejamento de Fortaleza (Iplanfor), Diretoria de Articulação e Integração de Políticas (DIART/Iplanfor)

Deliberation / City of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants

Fortaleza, the capital of the State of Ceará, is a city located in the Northeast region of Brazil, with a remarkable cultural diversity shaped by its history of cultural exchanges during periods marked by colonisation, trade, and cosmopolitanism, without losing its indigenous roots and customs. Its avant-garde and inclusive multiculturalism earned it recognition as a “Creative City of Design,” becoming part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in 2019.

Geographically, Fortaleza is a coastal city, influenced by its connection to the sea, linking it to the interior of the state. Extensive white sandy beaches, lagoons, and mangroves drive economic and environmental development policies centred around tourism.

Historically, Fortaleza represented the connection between the Northeast region and Europe and the USA, attracting people from the interior of the state to the city’s opportunities for life and playing a significant role in the popular struggles for social development. It was an important catalyst for the national abolition of slavery, with important figures such as the fisherman Chico da Matilde, known as the “Dragão do Mar.”

In institutional terms, Fortaleza is a municipality with extensive legal infrastructure, governance, and multi-theme planning: budgetary, urban, strategic, and territorial. Its main planning instrument, the “Participatory Master Plan” of 2009, is recognised for its advancement in social inclusion and participation in





Fortaleza

its guidelines and the design of public policies for the city's growth on democratic and participatory foundations.

Socioeconomically, Fortaleza presents contrasts between the modern and formal city: it is regulated, with public and private infrastructure available, offering a wide range of services. It also presents high human development indices and a strong inclination for commerce, and a marginalised sociourban reality where most of its population lives, characterised by low human development levels and a strong social perception of exclusion and stigmatisation.

After historic local and national struggles for the right to the city, the 2009 Participatory Master Plan of Fortaleza introduced an innovation by establishing areas of the city intended for the permanence of low-income residents and for land regularisation of social interest. These areas were called Special Social Interest Zones. In 2012, the Fortaleza Planning Institute (Iplanfor) was recreated, opening a bridge for the knowledge of these areas, the mobilisation of territorial community leaders and the participatory implementation of the established design.

*The main goal of the community-based urban planning was to experience the inclusion of residents as decision-makers and urban planners, empowered in community knowledge, in the interventions and policies to be implemented or improved and in their social rights.*

The aim was to broaden the understanding and the interconnection between institutional and community players, so as to enable the exchange of experiences and the politicisation of citizenship and the search for the realisation of rights, giving priority to the community's perspective.

**The most striking innovation of this experience was the partnership with university institutions, which mobilised their pedagogical and multidisciplinary apparatus and territorial insertion to promote popular involvement and integration of knowledge.** Thus allowing joint action focused on the priorities of the communities participating in the planning, on urban political engagement, on cultural and knowledge exchanges between actors with different profiles and on the awareness of the public actors involved in front of a new model of shared territorial management.

This experience began with the participatory production of the plans after the establishment of the Special Social Interest Zones management councils, articulating various institutional and community representations. During the experience of preparing the Integrated Land Regularisation Plans, the community planning evaluation methodology involved the validation and approval of the products prepared technically by university institutions, supervised by the Iplanfor technical team and only approved after discussion and adjustments by community players, who critically questioned and recommended reforms in the Integrated Land Regularisation Plans products.

The planning of the Integrated Land Regularisation Plans promoted the approximation and integration of various social policies: transport, health, land tenure, economic development, etc. It also displayed a multi-

level approach - municipal, state and federal - to their beneficiaries, who built during meetings, visits and workshops the implementation of the “Special Areas of Social Interest (ZEIS) Policy”, associated with the municipal land regularisation policy.

The community planning of the “ZEIS Policy” is monitored and supervised by participatory and community instances and mechanisms, such as the methodology for evaluating the products of the community planning, which were only approved after discussion, adjustments and recommendations by the community actors, and the Permanent Forum of the ZEIS, an instance that brings together management councils and representatives of the public administration to monitor the PIRFs and the “ZEIS Policy” in Fortaleza.

The experience had a profound impact on knowledge and data generation about the territories, valuing community knowledge, integrating insurgent planning initiatives, strengthening neighbourhood relations, **politicising and empowering communities for a dignified life with full access to the benefits of urban living.**

Fortaleza



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**Website of the Municipality of Fortaleza:**

<https://fortaleza.ce.gov.br>

**Website of the Special Areas of Social Interest of Fortaleza:**

<https://zonasespeciais.fortaleza.ce.gov.br>

**The experience in the Participate IOPD website:**

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/280/proposals/3215>

## Comments from the jury

*This experience can help the issue of land ownership and land use suitability. Several universities have become involved and worked. They have made a leap forward on the issue of special zones, which is fundamental.*

- “ It is a real programme with many groups, this is very valuable and it is worthwhile that, once they have developed it, the results should be analysed.
- “ You can feel the care for the people, the intention to have a local leadership. It is a real project of participatory democracy with the citizenry on issues relevant to the planet, both at the universal and local level.



# Participatory Budget 2023-2024: Citizen Laboratories as Innovation Devices in Public Policy Management

Municipalidad de Rosario

Decision / City between 250,000 and 1,000,000 inhabitants

The city of Rosario (Argentina) is an urban centre of 178.7 km<sup>2</sup>, located in the southeast of the province of Santa Fe, on the right bank of the Paraná River. It was recognised as a city in 1852 and declared a municipality in 1883.

It has a population of 1,009,037 inhabitants (2023 projection according to preliminary data from the 2022 census), 75.42% of the total Metropolitan Area of which it is the epicentre. Of the population, 52.5% are women, 47.5% are men. The average life expectancy of the population is 76.46 years. The infant mortality rate is 7.14% (9.20% the national average), with 28.09% of the population being under 15 years of age (2010 census). 49.5% of the population – considering the Greater Rosario agglomerate – is eco-

nomically active, 72% are workers or employees; 23% are self-employed; 4.5% are employers, and 0.4% are unpaid family workers. The unemployment rate is 6% (below the national average of 11%). In the Rosario agglomerate, 22.8% of households are poor, and 3.7% are living in a situation of homelessness (EPH third quarter 2022).

The “Gran Rosario” area is the most important agro-export port node in the world. Rosario is a port city, where 78% of Argentina’s grain, oil and flour exports are shipped, industrial and services city for a wide region, and has great road connectivity and an international airport, in addition to railway networks for freight transportation. The area is part of the most important productive corridor in the country that extends from the city of La Plata to our town.

Rosario, Argentina, is a pioneer and international benchmark in Participation, Transparency and Collaboration policies.

For almost three decades, with the impetus of former Mayor Hermes Binner, the Municipality has been working hard to make residents feel committed to the destiny of the city, encouraging citizen participation in its government tasks.

*In 2002, Rosario had its first experience of Participatory Budgeting, an innovative instance in which citizens, through the development of citizen assemblies, debated about budgetary priorities by thematic areas.*





Over the years, the experience has changed, incorporating instances, diversifying the proposals, and innovating in voting methodologies.

With the pandemic, with the territorial teams of each District and with the different Secretariats of the Municipality, as well as with other localities that carry out the Participatory Budget, **dialogue was held to define guidelines that allow adding value to the experiences developed.** It sought to enhance them with greater availability of data to decide and complement them with virtual instances that deepen the interaction between citizens and public administration.

This process made it possible to design the new modality adopted by the 2023 and 2024 Participatory Budget.

**The objective is to strengthen collective intelligence and design opportunities for the co-creation of projects that consider the complex social and urban problems of these times, incorporating new forms of participation based on multi-stakeholder and network, taking advantage of communication technologies and the information to achieve greater impact in each territory with a comprehensive and strategic perspective.**

The Municipal Proximity Teams, through face-to-face and digital instances, are linked with neighbours and community organisations throughout the year, gathering demands and initiatives, which are configuring the map of priorities to **develop a Bank of Ideas and a Public Proposal Bank.** Thus, from the Municipal Management the priorities considered by the residents in each District are consulted, aligning the initiatives to the axes of Government.

Subsequently, the initiatives, in an iterative process, are strengthened in the Citizen Laboratories in face-to-face sessions with neighbours, which take place in each of the six District Municipal Centers. These initiatives are available in parallel on the Rosario Participa portal, to add remote opinions. **People of reference from civil society organisations; city leaders, territorial coordinators, and neighbours add concrete actions so that these projects take neighbourhood co-existence into account, are accessible, sustainable, inclusive, and with a gender perspective.**

Once the projects are closed, following a feasibility analysis, they are put to online voting for four weeks to be prioritised by the residents. The seven selected projects will be executed in the first semester of the following fiscal year (one for each District, and one that will be emblematic for the entire city). Likewise, analogue polling stations are established, to guarantee the electoral participation of the greatest number of residents. In addition, residents have access to a communication tool with which they can view the progress status of the selected projects.

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**Website of Rosario:**  
<https://www.rosario.gob.ar/inicio>

**Website of the experience:**  
<https://participa.rosario.gob.ar/processes/presupuestoparticipativo2023/f/225>

**The experience in the Participate IOPD website:**  
<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3193>

## Comments from the jury

“ There is a continuity of experience that has been going on for decades, but since the pandemic, more twists have been developed. It is interesting that they were implemented beyond digitalisation, with house-to-house visits and citizen consultations (something that has occurred at the national level), the neighbourhood councils were changed with hybrid operation and became citizen laboratories; it is an interesting innovation with the scope that these new devices have.

*The turnaround of the Participatory Budget has been a good experience.*

“ It has reinvented itself, after covid there was an effort to digitalise in general and here we see the opposite: going towards the basics of mobilisation. It is so solid and interesting that it deserves recognition.





# Programme of the Citizen University of the Democratic Republic of Congo

Jamaa Grands Lacs

Citizenship / City of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

The Programme of the Citizen University of the Democratic Republic of Congo is being carried out in the province of Nord-Kivu.

*This province is described as the hub of civic engagement in the country, with a dynamic youth population. An area characterised by inter-ethnic tensions and repeated wars for over two decades now. This has led to serious human rights violations, jeopardising the harmonious development of women and young people.*

Young people make up the majority of the population, but they are woefully under-represented in public institutions (provincial assemblies, government, divisions, etc.) and automatically excluded from decision-making. Young women are even more affected by this exclusion. Congolese society is made up of 52% women, who represent only 13% in the national assembly and 12% in the provincial assemblies. This makes the participation of young people, and women in particular, a vital issue. A space for introducing young

people to the basics of governance and civic engagement has become a necessity. This is the rationale behind the development of the Programme of the Citizen University of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**General objective of the programme: To contribute to the civic education of Congolese women and young people so that they become real actors of change and builders of a new socio-political and economic order within their society.**





### Specific objectives

- To promote the culture of social, economic and political participation of women and young people in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- To contribute to the emergence of women and young leaders who are passionate about becoming part of the country's decision-making bodies;
- To introduce women and young people to the methods and practices of good governance;
- To promote the emergence of new women leaders capable of defending and claiming their rights through non-violent techniques.

### Methodological approach

- Intergenerational dialogue for the transfer of practical skills;
- Participatory pedagogy;
- Personalised follow-up in the field of commitment.

**Results:** More than 412 young people from civil society organisations (universities, associations, citizens' movements, NGOs, media, trade unions, political parties, churches, etc.) have benefited from the Citizens' University programme throughout 2022. For the current cohort, we expect to reach 1.000 beneficiaries, as the same programme is already open in the neighbouring province of South Kivu.

Some of the young people who have benefited from this programme have become leaders and managers in public and private institutions. Many of them have developed their confidence level to engage as citizens in their communities.

**Monitoring and evaluation:** Our evaluation mechanism focuses on the collection of success stories (testimonials from participants) during and after the training period. Monitoring of indicators related to the participants' capacity for action, their level of confidence, their communication and mobilisation skills, their knowledge of good governance principles, assessment of their personal leadership, etc.



Goma

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**Website of the experience:**

[https://www.jamaa-grands-lacs.org/programme\\_university.php](https://www.jamaa-grands-lacs.org/programme_university.php)

**Video of the experience:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p\\_Bipozm2cs&t=90s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_Bipozm2cs&t=90s)

**The experience in the Participate IOPD website:**

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3054>

## Comments from the jury

- “ There are two aspects: one is democratic innovation and the other is innovation with respect to the place, the territory, the context,

*when in Goma or in Kivu there is a university for women who can study in the midst of genocide, it is so audacious and there is so much courage behind it, that we have to look for these places for building participatory democracy.*

- “ One thing is the capacity to transform on the ground and integrate people in certain conditions of human rights violations.
- “ The IOPD is a space that should be seen in a more open way to develop an approach that emphasises the most deserving nominations precisely because they are in more particular contexts. **Having a mention for innovative practices in contexts of human rights violations would be very good and could encourage initiatives that are in more difficult circumstances.**
- “ Promoting a democratic culture in a conflict territory is very difficult and **the initiative deserves international support and recognition in particular for the attempt to generate female leadership, especially of young women.**
- “ This JAMAA project differs from other candidate processes in that it is less about involving non-elected citizens in co-deciding policy directions, and **it is more about creating a university to equip future policy-makers in a structural rather than ad hoc way.** It would be extremely interesting to take a look at this university's curriculum and see **how it focuses on innovative governance methodologies.** **If so, this project really deserves to be highlighted for its innovative aspect.**



# Launch of the “Trash to Cash” Programme

LGU-Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines

Citizenship / Between 250,000 and 1,000,000 inhabitants

Lipa City is strategically located midway between the two primary international port cities of the Philippines, Manila and Batangas City. The city has a strategic location: as it is a valley located between two mountains, Mt. Malarayat and Mt. Makulot. It's in the heart of Batangas Province and Region IV. It is only about one and a half hours drive away from Manila via South Luzon Express and Southern Tagalog Arterial Road and a 30-minute drive away from Batangas City.

The ancestry of Lipa was born out of the Bornean Tribe. Their descendants later on spread towards Laguna de Bay and the Bicol Peninsula. Their presence at the site is attested by the excavations in the ancient settlements in Butong, Taal, Batangas and Calatagan Bay area in the latter part of 12th century, until the coming, Goite and Legaspi in 1570. It was influenced by the eastern civilization of India, and western civilization of Spanish Colonisation of the Philippines and the Salcedo conquest of Batangas in

1572. This led to the establishment of Malay settlements along the Taal Lake of Tagbakin inhabited by the warlike descendants of the two datos called tagalogs. In 1605, after Marshal Gabriel de Rivera received the encomienda of Bonbon, the Augustinian fathers made Tagbakin the first settlement of the Lipeños and a mission centre. The settlement was made a regular municipality in 1702. It became a city in 1947.

As of now, the City Government of Lipa in the Philippines is serving 51 out of 72 barangays (neighbourhoods or zones of the City) in waste collection. Most of the rural barangays have their own service vehicle that transfers their residual waste to the City Centralised MRF, while all urban barangays were being collected by our private hauler. The Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) of the city admitted that collection of waste must be done in all 72 barangays. However, proper segregation of waste must be strictly followed to decrease the volume of wastes





Lipa

children. Illegal dumping is also rampant resulting in a high incidence of dengue problem.

Trash to Cash Project is an inter-agency project of the City Government of Lipa in which waste segregation at source is properly practised in the barangays. In conceptualising the design, various sectors involved in this project were properly consulted. Wastes at source will be sorted into Recyclable/Marketable, and Residual Waste.

All marketable wastes are accepted and given corresponding points based on the prevailing market value. Whatever accumulated points of the participants they can exchange it by goods and/or items, the same with all single use plastics, provided that it is cut or shredded into a size not bigger than 1 x 1 inch. Bigger points are given to residual waste or single use plastic to properly compensate the participants in cutting those. Collected marketable wastes are brought to the recycling company or to the junk shop owner with the highest bid. All proceeds are remitted through the Trust fund. Meanwhile residual waste is brought to Republic Cement and Building Materials Inc. (RCBMI), a private company whom we had a Memorandum of Agreement with. All cut residual wastes brought to their office at Taysan Batangas correspond to a cement bag. As of now, we have 1,828 accumulated bags of cement. Based on the agreement, 1 ton of waste is equivalent to 10 bags of cement.

As of now, there are about 56,105 households benefited by this program of basic groceries and household necessities such as cellphones, laptops, printers for the use of online students (this was conceptualised during the pandemic), gas stoves, electric fans, among others.

generated on a daily basis. This will make the collection process lighter and more efficient.

Moreover, strict implementation of Executive Order No. 32, otherwise known as No Segregation, No Collection, No Transfer Policy must take effect immediately. This order follows the provision of RA 9003, otherwise known as Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 in which the City is mandated to lessen the volume of waste by 5% every year.

Presently, the city government through the City ENRO has an allocated budget of Php 100,000,000.00 (around 1.6M€) for FY 2024, specifically for the hauling of wastes. This much can only service 51 barangays out of 72.

Prior to this project, the office of the City ENRO always received a complaint about open burning of waste that caused difficulty in breathing especially by the

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**Website of the City of Lipa:**  
<https://lipa.gov.ph>

**Video of the experience:**  
[https://youtu.be/Hd\\_GBk9sTRQ?si=u5LMk2XU8qAUSVrj](https://youtu.be/Hd_GBk9sTRQ?si=u5LMk2XU8qAUSVrj)

**The experience in the Participate IOPD website:**  
<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/280/proposals/3246>

## Comments from the jury

*The most supported experience by IOPD community:*

The proposal of the city of Lipa obtained through the open voting on our platform ParticipateOIDP 2,162 votes, standing out as the public's favourite.



## Other applications submitted

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*In the following section you can discover the full list of the remaining 143 applications for the IOPD Distinction. Each experience is accompanied by a short explanatory text (provided by the applicants). You will also find a link to each nomination on the ParticipateOIDP platform, where you can learn more about each experience. A large number of them are very outstanding experiences of innovative participatory democracy. We encourage you to read them and discover inspiring stories and projects.*

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The texts presented were prepared by the people who presented their candidacies.



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# *CATEGORY DELIBERATION*





## CATEGORY DELIBERATION

### ITINERANT CITIZEN ASSEMBLY OF BOGOTÁ Bogotá, Colombia

The objective of the Itinerant Citizen Assembly of Bogotá 2023 will be to consolidate a vision of the city for the four-year period 2024 to 2027 that affects the political agenda of the candidates for the Bogotá Mayor's Office and the Bogotá Council. In this way, citizens will deliberate on the fundamental issues of the city that decision makers should include in the government plan for the next four years.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3170>

### PARTICIPATORY PLANNING METHODOLOGY IN SOCIO-URBAN INTEGRATION PROCESSES OF POPULAR NEIGHBOURHOODS: THE CASE OF BARRIO 20 Buenos Aires, Argentina

In 2016, the Government of the City of Buenos Aires prioritised the integration of vulnerable neighbourhoods to the city both urbanistically and socially, reversing any situation of segregation. Coordinated by the City's Housing Institute, the process has an innovative approach that guarantees future sustainability and attests to its political, technical and social legitimacy: the deliberative-participatory approach. Participatory spaces were developed, where neighbours participated in the diagnosis and decision-making about the design, the affectations of each sector and each block with the consequent changes to achieve consensus for the works execution.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3154>

### NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL Buenos Aires, Argentina

Within the framework of the process of the possible transformation of the elementary school, carried out by the Ministry of Education of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, a broad consultation process was carried out with different social actors to rethink the education of the referred level.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3145>



Euskadi, Spain

## ARGENTINA: BA COSTA

### Buenos Aires, Argentina

The city of Buenos Aires carried out the implementation of citizen participation tools so that those who wished could express their opinions regarding the BA Costa project. This is a comprehensive plan for the transformation of the coast of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, which proposes a series of urban projects along 25 kilometres of the city's coastline, for the reconstruction of the link and the use of the neighbours with the waterfront.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3147>

## CITIZEN ASSEMBLY FOR CLIMATE

### Catalonia, Spain

Any citizen of Catalonia had the chance to be selected by lottery and form part of an assembly of 100 citizens with different sociodemographic profiles, to analyse in depth, between November 2023 and February 2024, specific challenges of climate change, energy and agribusiness in Catalonia, and prepare recommendations for public policies.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3142>

## SOCIAL PACT FOR HOUSING IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY 2022 - 2036

### Euskadi, Spain

The Social Pact for Housing in the Basque Country is social innovation in public housing policies. It is a great exercise of agreement and collaboration that goes beyond the signing of a strategic document on the goals to be achieved in housing in the Basque Country by 2036. It represents a new way of implementing a consensual and coherent housing policy with a long-term horizon based on the active involvement and collaboration of all agents.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3056?locale=en>

## NAGUSI AGENDA: A PUBLIC-SOCIAL PARTICIPATION MODEL WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

### Euskadi, Spain

This initiative is a model of public and social governance in collaboration with older people. One way of making better decisions in the face of social challenges is to compare them with the different agents involved, a methodology that promotes collective knowledge of society, bringing value to decision-making

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3066>

## FATIH MUNICIPALITY STRATEGIC DECISION SYSTEM PROJECT

### Fatih, Istanbul, Türkiye

The Strategic Decision System Project (SDS) is an agile-managed project that puts people at its centre, supports participation, includes digitalization in governance and social innovation. The main purpose of the SDS Project is to ensure that public resources are used in a way that meets the needs of the people living there without wasting them. In this sense, SDS Project aims to bring together all the data concerning the region in a digital system and to make them talk to each other and synthesise.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3120>

## COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL MAP OF THE FORTALEZA MASTER PLAN

### Fortaleza, Brazil

The Collaborative Digital Map platform of the Participatory Master Plan of Fortaleza was developed by the Fortaleza Planning Institute - IPLANFOR, in conjunction with the Department of Urban Planning and the Environment, the Department of Planning and the Department of Management, where all were involved in the definition process of needs. Its objective is to encourage the active participation of the population in the elaboration of the Participatory Master Plan of the city through an interactive digital map that allows the submission of georeferenced proposals.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3179>

## DELIBERA MORATO - HOW TO BUILD ACCESSIBLE BASIC SANITATION FOR ALL?, PART OF THE DECIDADANIA PROJECT: CLIMATE ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### Francisco Morato, Brazil

The city of Francisco Morato in São Paulo is dedicated to sustainable development, with the mayor, Renata Sene actively involved in SDGs partnerships. They are pioneering climate change adaptation and resilience plans and are innovative in participation, including a participatory multiannual planning. This led them to consider hosting a Citizen Assembly on Climate with Delibera Brasil collective's support, aiming to test democratic innovation and engage citizens in addressing complex municipal challenges.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3162>

## IMPRONTA GRANADA

### Provincia de Granada, Spain

Impronta Granada is a partnership between the University of Granada and the Provincial Council of Granada with the aim of addressing the challenges set out in the urban agendas of the province. Within this framework, a web platform has been created to connect researchers with existing challenges, based on the overlaps between the scientific output of the university and the actions included in the urban agendas.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3084>

## BEYOGLU PARTICIPATORY SPATIAL STRATEGIC PLAN, “BEYOGLU IS YOURS”

### Istanbul, Türkiye

Beyoglu, which has all the diversity in terms of social, economic, political, cultural and spatial aspects in a cumulative process from the past to the present, has always preserved its feature of being the centre and cosmopolitan district of Istanbul. In this context, the need to prepare a strategy plan that redefines Beyoglu's role in Istanbul, increases the publicity of the district, ensures the holistic coordination of plans and projects, meets the needs of the multicultural social structure, makes the problems and demands of disadvantaged groups visible, and includes all stakeholders in the process has emerged.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3121>

## INTERACTIVE URBAN SPACE PROJECT

### Istanbul, Türkiye

Interactive Urban Space Project aims to serve as a catalyst for more comprehensive and lasting transformations through temporary and small-scale interventions. The study, which ensures active citizen participation and conducts vehicle and pedestrian counts, allows for measuring the effects and changes while prioritising user demands and opinions in project and implementation decisions. This approach leads to more informed, participatory and sustainable decision-making processes while fostering a culture of collaboration.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3153>

## “WE WANT TO HEAR YOU, 2022” CARAVAN: GOVERNANCE MECHANISM FOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

### Jalisco, Mexico

In Mexico, citizen participation is recognized as a human right and the State of Jalisco was a pioneer in raising this issue to a state secretary, establishing from this administration (2018-2024) the Secretary of Planning and Citizen Participation, the first of its kind in the country, framing it in the Law of Participatory Planning, the Law of the System of Citizen and Popular Participation for Governance -which includes 16 mechanisms of citizen participation- and the State Plan of Governance and Development 2018-2024 vision 2030 with the Transversal Theme Governance for development.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3161>

Lisboa, Portugal



## LISBON CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Lisboa, Portugal

In order to bring citizens closer to political decision-makers, the Lisbon Citizens' Council (CCL) was created, representative of the Lisbon population, as an initiative for the participation of this population in decision-making on the policies to be implemented in the city.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3073>

## CITIZENS' JURY ON RESPONSIBLE SMART MOBILITY

Lombardy Region, Italy

In June 2022, a face-to-face Citizens' Jury engaged 24 Lombardy citizens - selected according to specific socio-demographics criteria - to learn, discuss and deliberate during two Saturdays about regional Responsible Smart Mobility. At the end of the Jury, Jurors provided Lombardy Region with specific recommendations on how to insert responsibility issues like privacy and profiling, digital and economic inclusion, and accessibility in preparation of a Lombardy Region call for projects on local mobility data driven services.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3143>

## WOMEN ACCESSING PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECT (TOPUK)

Maltepe, Türkiye

This project focuses on improving gendered mobilities and promoting more inclusive streetscapes that cater to the needs of women as part of the greater society. While the primary objective of the case study is to improve access to public transport, the underlying understanding that our mobility experiences are holistic and should be handled as such has resulted in design ideas concerning recreation, socialising, general safety, and comfort in street experimentation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3131>

## NEIGHBOURHOOD TRANSFORMATION PLANS, COMMUNITY, POPULATION, AND GENDER-BASED Medellín, Colombia

The Secretary of Citizen Participation of Medellín develops a theoretical and experiential approach to social innovation processes, based on the implementation of citizen laboratories as mediation to generate joint dynamics of co-creation and construction of new relationships with citizens. These actions are framed in a horizontal governance model, which promotes alliances and co-responsible actions based on neighbourhood, community, population or thematic scale experiences. The objective is to identify experiences of organisations and collectives with innovative initiatives in the social sphere and favourable to the strengthening of democracy and citizen participation..

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3107>

## PARTICIPATORY DESIGN PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SPACES Mérida, Mexico

In the Program for the Participatory Design of Public Spaces, key lessons have been gathered, emphasising the significance of citizen involvement in urban transformation, the importance of strong partnerships among municipal entities and with citizens, valuing differences to enhance processes, and recognising the value of agreements. Specific insights include the use of game design and techniques for effective communication, the importance of clear objectives and adaptable methodologies, and the integration of objectivity and subjectivity in decision-making backed by evidence and arguments.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3166>

## PERMANENT CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE Milan, Italy

The Assembly is a citizen's body established by the Municipality of Milan with the supervision and technical assistance of Agenzia Mobilità Ambiente Territorio and the Consorzio Poliedra Politecnico di Milano. It is composed of 90 citizens. The mandate is to supervise, accompany and integrate the implementation of Milan's Air and Climate Plan at least up until 2030.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3082>

## PARTICIPATORY PLANNING Mogi das Cruzes, Brazil

With the mission of building a better city with and for the people, the mayor-elect in 2021 Caio Cunha and the co-mayor Priscila Yamagami created the Strategic Planning and Management Secretariat, which initiates city planning based on social participation, in data and indicators and in strategic planning. The secretariat's social participation team, in line with the mayor's ideals, created the social participation platform, Participa Mogi.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3159>

## MONTREUIL EN JEU: A PLAYABLE DEVICE TO EXPERIENCE AND IMPROVE MUNICIPAL DEMOCRATIC MECHANISMS!

Montreuil, France

The municipality decided in 2020 to concretise a citizen factory which aims to preserve and positively develop citizen participation carried collectively. It seemed essential, upstream, to share what local democracy, or even democracy, is and how it works in reality and from different points of view. In short, it was a question of understanding participatory democracy in Montreuil in order to design the citizen factory.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3091>

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## KACHAMU WOMEN'S CLUB COOPERATIVE

Mpika, Zambia

The project is a brain child of 19 women and 3 male adults running a successful piggery, corn, sunflower and soybeans production. Green Economy and Environmental Permanent secretary John Msimuko has praised (TRALARD) members under Mpika Town Council for funding the project which has helped reduce poverty levels among vulnerable families.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3135>

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## PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE AND CITIZEN CONTROL: A PILOT ATTEMPT

Ngaba, Democratic Republic of Congo

The current opacity that characterises the management of public affairs at all levels does not allow citizens to participate fully in the life of society in the DRC. Today, halfway through the achievement of the sustainable objectives, the question is how the Government is putting into practice target 16.7, which requires that dynamism, openness, participation and representation at all levels characterise the decision-making process. The experience consists in the organisation of two decentralised workshops of four days on the four principles of Open Government.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3197>

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## UPDATE OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE STATE OF NUEVO LEÓN 2015-2040 "NUEVO LEÓN MAÑANA"

Nuevo León, Mexico

The Nuevo León Council for Strategic Planning, an advisory body to the executive branch and responsible for strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation in the state of Nuevo León (Mexico) is in the process of updating the 2015 - 2030 Strategic Plan by expanding its scope from 2030 to 2040 with a focus on citizen participation and a monitoring and evaluation perspective.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3204>

## DAGYAW: PLATFORM FOR CITIZEN ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION IN CLARIFYING ISSUES AND RECOMMENDING POLICY OPTIONS

### Ormoc, Philippines

The objectives of “DAGYAW” included fostering inclusive and participatory governance, involving stakeholders in decision-making processes, and recognising the value of involving residents in influencing local policy.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3100>

## PARTICIPATORY PRESIDENCY

### Paredes, Portugal

The participatory presidencies are an initiative of proximity and dialogue with the citizens. It is carried out in the 18 parishes of the municipality and aims to diagnose problems, needs, and identify solutions involving the population in strategic issues of greater importance for the parishes.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3118>

## GENERALISATION AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS GP-GOM

### Département de Podor, Sénégal

The Department of Yvelines (France) and the Saint-Louis Region (Senegal) signed a framework agreement for decentralised cooperation for a period of 5 years in the theme of waste management and recovery. The implementation of the project has contributed to improving the living conditions of the local population, providing a regular waste collection service, involving the local population in waste management under the supervision of the municipalities and giving them a sense of responsibility, as well as creating jobs.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3106>



Ormoc, Philippines



## COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STRENGTHENING FOR ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION IN THE RURAL ZONE OF RIONEGRO MUNICIPALITY

### Rionegro, Colombia

This project seeks the empowerment of rural communities and their participation in the protection of the ecosystem. A series of activities were identified by the community as priorities: cleaning streams to protect water resources, creating agro-ecological gardens to promote organic food production, implementing educational actions in the environmental area such as workshops, training, and conferences, eradicating the invasive plant known as “ojo de poeta” to avoid affecting other species, and isolating properties to protect natural water sources in the aqueduct intakes.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3164>

## SALVADOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

### Salvador, Brazil

The Neighbourhood Plan started in 2020 as a methodology by request of the Social Work of Sister Dulce, a local religious organisation, to the Salvador City Hall, through the Fundação Mário Leal Ferreira (FMLF). The FMLF decided to elaborate an urban diagnosis that showed that the needs of the territory required a multi-sectoral, transdisciplinary approach and a broad participatory process involving leaders, local organisations, universities and other municipal departments.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3109>

## URBAN LAB, URBAN INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION LABORATORY OF SANTA FE CAPITAL

### Santa Fe, Argentina

The Urban Lab is a participatory planning experience whose implementation started in May 2022. It arose after detecting that the city did not have a space for participation and collaboration that integrates all its innovative capital, which promotes the creation of a public ecosystem of open innovation, based on participation, collaboration and articulation between key local sectors.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3088>

## CITIZEN JURY – STRASBOURG CHRISTMAS CAPITAL

### Strasbourg, France

For more than 450 years, the Strasbourg Christmas Market has been part of the Alsatian identity and tradition. The elected officials of the city involved the population in the development of this event. After a first phase of consultation through a questionnaire in 2021, it decided to set up a citizen jury in 2022 to submit a notebook of recommendations on three “controversies” identified from this event. The citizen jury proposed 32 recommendations, such as limiting the ecological and energy impact of the event.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3184>

## CITIZEN CONSULTATION IN THE ELABORATION OF THE COMMUNAL BUDGET

Thiaroye sur mer, Senegal

The participatory budget of the commune of Thiaroye sur mer for the 2023 management was based on a citizen consultation in the districts. The objective is to collect the opinions and suggestions of the populations on local affairs considering the satisfaction of their basic needs.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3057>

## CITIZEN ASSEMBLY “RESPIRAR PURO”

Toritama, Brazil

In Toritama, the jeans industry plays a vital role in employment and development but has detrimental environmental and health impacts. Councilwoman Carol Gonçalves proposed a Citizens’ Assembly, supported by the Delibera Brasil collective, to harness collective intelligence and find sustainable solutions to this challenge.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/277/proposals/3168>



Toritama, Brazil



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# *CATEGORY DECISION*



## CATEGORY DECISION

### PARTICIPATORY BUDGET OF THE AZORES Azores, Portugal

In 2017, the Regional Government of the Azores decided to create the Participatory Budget Azores based on the assumption of a direct, voluntary and universal process, to involve citizens in decision-making through the presentation of ideas and voting. Currently, the instrument has five editions, a public investment of €4.6M, two scopes for presenting ideas – island scope (ideas with impact on only one island) and regional scope (ideas with impact on two or more islands) – and nine thematic areas.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3127>

### BORDEAUX METROPOLIS LAUNCHES ITS FIRST METROPOLITAN PARTICIPATORY BUDGET! Bordeaux Metropolis, France

For the first time, Bordeaux Metropole launched a metropolitan participatory budget in several communes to provide citizens with the right conditions to take ownership of the city's public policies. Still unprecedented in France, this initiative on an intercommunal territory is part of the new metropolitan strategy for citizen dialogue. Experimental in nature, it enables the emergence of new levers for citizen mobilisation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3102>

### YOUTH PARTICIPATORY BUDGET Córdoba, Argentina

The Youth Participatory Budget is a process of direct, permanent, voluntary and universal intervention in which young citizens, together with the local government, deliberate and decide on the allocation of public resources. This tool is intended to generate a formal space for youth participation through the development and implementation of public policies, based on the definition and prioritisation of their demands.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3089>

## FALA CURITIBA PROGRAM Curitiba, Brazil

The Fala Curitiba Program was born with the purpose of improving popular participation in opportunities to suggest budgetary items for the Municipality of Curitiba. It is one of the main popular participatory tools, extrapolating the budget assembly and producing results capable of assisting decision-making in public policies; it is also a great channel of information about what the municipality can or cannot do with technical justifications about what is not feasible and direct and effective communication with citizens.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3155>

## DENVER PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROGRAM: CYCLE ONE Denver, USA

Denver launched its first cycle of Participatory Budgeting in 2022, empowering residents to budget \$2 million of capital funds for neighbourhood projects. In the pilot cycle, over 4,200 residents, predominantly from Denver's historically underserved communities, successfully designed the program guidelines, brainstormed project ideas, developed ideas into proposals, and voted for their top projects.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3163>

## THE PROPTECH INNOVATION FUND England, United Kingdom

This fund aims to address the challenges faced by communities in participating effectively in planning decisions, while also enhancing the transparency and inclusivity of the process. Its aim is to address the shortcomings of the current planning system and to leverage UK PropTech capability and innovation to transform the planning process, empower communities, save time and money for local authorities and ensure a more meaningful and positive conversation around placemaking.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3060>



Denver, USA



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## ‘DIN IDÉ’ (‘YOUR IDEA’) Fagersta, Sweden

Your Idea is a participatory budgeting process that targets young people aged 13-25 and funds activities to promote mental health and increase the experience of security in Fagersta among young people.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3078>

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGET: “I PARTICIPATE TO MAKE MANABÍ BIGGER” Manabí Province, Ecuador

This is an exercise formalised through the procedures manual “Participative Budget Formulation,” an initiative that seeks to give a formal turn to the involvement of citizens in decision-making on the allocation of public resources.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3150>

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGET Massamá and Monte Abraão Parishes, Portugal

Participatory Budgeting emerged in 2014 to promote more active participation by citizens. In this edition, approximately 3.6% of the Board’s budget is allocated, equivalent to €80M for the presentation of proposals in public spaces, education, culture, sport, social action, civil protection, environment and citizenship.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3144>

## REFLECTION 2050: UNITING MONTREAL STAKEHOLDERS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE VOICES OF 4 TO 35-YEAR-OLD

Montreal, Canada

The Office de Consultation Publique de Montréal was mandated by the city to conduct public consultations on a vision document entitled City Project. The objective of this process was to prepare Montreal's future Urbanism and Mobility Plan, with a view to making Montreal a carbon neutral, resilient and inclusive city by 2050. The approach focused on reaching audiences not used to participating in public consultations, in particular young people, who will be key players in the city in 2050.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3116>

## PEOPLE'S BUDGET ORDINANCE AND VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) IN NAGA CITY

Naga, Philippines

It is an innovative programme that further strengthens the city's participatory governance by ensuring that local plans and budgets are responsive to the needs of its citizens, and prepared, approved and monitored through a transparent and participatory process. The experience drove the city government to pioneer a Voluntary Local Review of Sustainable Development Goals.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3113>

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATORY PROJECTS

Nuevo León, Mexico

This is a participation mechanism that opens spaces where children have a voice and vote for decision-making on public resources and the improvement of their school environment. This project aims to contribute to increasing children's interest in participating in decision-making and to guarantee their right to participation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3171>

## URBAN PLANNING FOR PARIS IN 2030? CONSULTATION ACCOMPANYING THE PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING A BIOCLIMATIC LOCAL URBAN PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PARIS

Paris, France

This process was a revision of the Local Urban Plan for the City of Paris to ensure it meets the requirements of the ecological transition and its immense challenges. It was launched in December 2020, with an ambitious and unprecedented consultation process carried out between January 2021 and November 2022. It consisted of 288 meetings, offering different formats for exchange aimed at all audiences: residents, associations, city policy districts, children, neighbourhood councils, professionals, young people

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3108>

## HANDICAP-SENSITIVE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

### Pikine Nord, Senegal

Pikine Nord is a small town of less than 2 km<sup>2</sup> but large in the quality of its human resources and its organisational dynamism. The municipality initiated, as part of the title of management 2023, the experience of the Disability-Aware Participatory Budget to improve its performance in terms of services provided to citizens by citizens with local governance management tools.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3090>

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## PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

### Posadas, Argentina

Posadas-Misiones had its first experience of Participatory Budget in 2016, which took as a reference the work carried out by the Workers' Party of the city of Porto Alegre, where they created the Budget Program Participatory.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3140>

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ROSARIO PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

### Rosario, Argentina

The Universidad Nacional de Rosario is a community of more than 100,000 people. Since 2020, it has been managing the Participatory Budget structured from two independent and simultaneous participation processes. Its objective is to strengthen university citizenship with a collective-identity sense that builds and promotes ties between the different academic units.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3068>

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## PROJECT WORKSHOP WITH YOUNG PARTICIPATION

### Sakarya, Türkiye

Project Workshop with Young Participation is a competition that emerged with the slogan "Young people decide the future of the city" in line with the principle of "Produce - Decide - Apply." This competition is organised for young people between the ages of 15 and 30 to produce projects for the city. It is displayed in six categories: "Environment - Water Management," "Architectural - Urban Design," "Transportation - Urban Mobility," "Youth, Sports - Culture," "Social Services," "Digitalisation."

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3072>



## PARTICIPATORY BUDGET: HIDALGO FLOURISHES

### Santa Ana Tzacuala, Acaxochitlán, Mexico

This experience was the first participatory budgeting exercise in Hidalgo and the first in an indigenous community. It was promoted by civil society and strengthened with the involvement of the Acaxochitlán city council, adding other fundamental actors such as the Hidalgo State Electoral Institute and community representation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3177>

## OPEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN OF THE PROVINCE OF SANTO DOMINGO DE LOS TSÁCHILAS

### Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas, Ecuador

The origin of this experience dates back to 2020, when the province joined the Open Government Partnership. The first Provincial Action Plan for Open Government was successfully implemented, with three commitments aligned to the road, agro-productive and environmental axes. It involved the active participation of citizens through a multisectoral forum with general public, civil society, academia and public institutions.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3095>

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING THROUGH THE “I AM A MAYOR” PROJECT

### Tehran, Iran

Within this participatory budgeting process, 2080 projects were proposed. 1,462 projects were selected due to their participatory nature, worth 12% of the Tehran Municipality's annual budget. 345,450 Tehrani citizens participated.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3200>

## SCHOOL MAYOR

### Tehran, Iran

This project has been developed by the General Department of Citizenship Education of Tehran Municipality to raise the level of students' awareness on various urban issues. Among the general goals of this project are to strengthen the sense of responsibility in adolescents, to practise collective participation by taking on specific tasks and to become familiar with the concept of citizenship rights, responsibilities and duties.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3195>

## SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF LOCAL ACTORS ON INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS THROUGH PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Tiassale, Côte d'Ivoire

This project, implemented by the NGO MPLCI with the financial support of the European Union, aims to improve good local governance. It involved the strengthening of the capacities of civil society actors and local elected officials to better support grassroots democracy and to involve all citizens without exclusion in the management of local affairs.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3201>

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

Tibiri, Niger

In Tibiri, the situation of household vulnerability is very complex. This Participatory Budget set up a steering committee, with a chief and two delegates by village, who received capacity-building on the participatory budget. Each delegate then transferred this competence to the communities, prioritising needs by zone and identifying taxable assets such as stores, tables, mills and private water sales points. On returning from the primary data collection, they submitted the data to the steering committees, and then all the delegates returned to 20 members, with whom the population gave their feedback.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3067>



Tibiri, Niger

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGET IN RURAL AREAS

### Uppsala, Sweden

The rural participatory budget started in 2017 as a pilot project but has been made permanent by the city council in 2021. Many residents felt that the countryside was overlooked in relation to the city of Uppsala and felt the municipality was distant. This experience allows them to work directly with the rural residents and to give them a real say in how money is spent in their communities.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3198>

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET

### Vélingara, Senegal

Through the participatory budget mechanism, the departmental council of Vélingara has set itself the objective of opening up to the community for good governance in a dynamic of progress and the fight against poverty. Among others, the experience has contributed to reducing inter- and intra-zonal disparities, fight against poverty and social vulnerability, and protect the environment and natural resources.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3079>

## SPAIN: IMPROVING VITORIA-GASTEIZ

### Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

This program had its origins in the Zure Auzoa Hobetuz initiative, which initially focused solely on neighbourhood associations and was primarily oriented towards investments in public roads. In 2015, a comprehensive review of the citizen participation model led to the launch of the 2015-2019 & 2019-2023 Citizen Participation Plans. These updated plans brought significant changes in enhancing citizen involvement, shifting away from a presidential structure and adopting new names – “elkargunes” for sector-specific participation and “auzogunes” for territorial involvement.

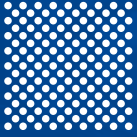
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## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

### Zapopan, Mexico

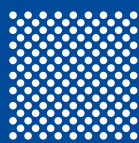
The Participatory Budget in Zapopan was born in 2016. It has evolved as a good practice, which led this municipality to obtain the Mayors of Mexico Award in 2022. In August 2022, a solemn session of the Municipal Assembly was held, in which it was approved that for the first time in the Participatory Budget priority be given to works that would promote the strengthening of the social fabric and contribute to the construction of the community.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/278/proposals/3172>



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# *CATEGORY* *CITIZENSHIP*



## CATEGORY CITIZENSHIP

### ACTIVE CITIZENS

#### Agen, France

The City of Agen was the leader of Active Citizens, a European network of eight cities within URBACT to work on participatory democracy. In 2019, the City of Agen, accompanied by a European Expert, carried out a diagnosis, for which it set up a citizen participation group to develop participatory democracy tools, give citizens more space in the governance of the city and allow co-creation and co-decision of public actions.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3160>

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### CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### Antioquia, Colombia

Workshops, meetings, diploma courses, seminars, contests, surveys and various activities have been developed, energising a community of practice of more than 5,000 people including institutional, business, community and citizen actors, united in different ways to recognise the need to adapt to preserve health and act from the places they live in the department.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3137>

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### SOS CORY'S SHEARWATER CAMPAIGN

#### Azores, Portugal

This campaign was created within the scope of the project "Conservation of Seabird Communities in the Azores," under the aegis of researcher Luís da Rocha Monteiro, following the example of the Canaries. It aims to raise awareness and motivate the population to actively intervene in the preservation of Cory's Shearwaters, a species of seabird that finds its most important nesting refuge in the Azores.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3129>

## NON-REUSABLE BEVERAGE PACKAGING DEPOSIT SYSTEM IN THE AZORES

Azores, Portugal

The goal of this project is to promote the environmental quality of ecosystems and reduce the adverse effects of pollution and other human activities. One of the major concerns of the Azores Government, through the Regional Secretariat for the Environment and Climate Change, focuses on contributing to the adoption of a circular economy model.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3128>

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## STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Baden bei Wien, Austria

BuildAction is an initiative of SEEDIS – Social, Environmental and Economic Development Intersector Solutions – for the sustainable development and use of land, buildings and infrastructure. SEEDIS supports citizens and other stakeholders in the built environment to encourage the sustainable development and operation of their communities.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3070>

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## DONAS DE SI (MASTER OF HER OWN)

Belém do Pará, Brazil

This experience aims to assist single mothers benefiting from the municipal income transfer programme to empower and encourage them to undertake entrepreneurship. It offers short-term professional qualification courses to generate immediate income, and digital inclusion, free of charge with quality certification and national validity.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3076>

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## MUNICIPAL CENTER FOR AGROECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR ORGANIC WASTE

Belo Horizonte, Brazil

The project consists of three axes of action. The first consists in the recovery of the degraded area previously occupied by ERE-Estoril (real estate agency). The second axis focuses on the production of seedlings to support the city's community urban agriculture actions. The third is aimed at developing environmental education actions on organic household waste management, agroecology, urban agriculture, and environmental conservation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3146>

Brno, Czech Republic



## PARTICIPATION INNOVATION LABORATORY - PARTICILAB Bogotá, Colombia

ParticiLab is a space dedicated to fostering creativity and collaboration to promote the generation of innovative ideas and solutions for implementation in different local contexts. It emerges from the need to find solutions to complex problems in Bogota and to anticipate the constant changes in the environment.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3148>

## ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT Bonconto, Senegal

Boconto Mayor has launched two initiatives since 2022 to boost the schooling and retention of children in school. One of them is providing children with complete supplies. The other is the signing of an agreement with the Educhance Group to stem the social inequalities that exist between children of urban and rural origin.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3189>

## MULTICULTURAL CENTER IN BRNO Brno, Czech Republic

The Multicultural Center Brusinka would like to achieve higher levels of equality and community empowerment in a city which becomes multicultural because of a high number of foreign students and workers. The experience is about providing support to people regarding international migration, social inclusion, and global development.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3058>

## TAX ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF INTEGRITY IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo

Launched in February 2022, the project aims to strengthen fiscal accountability and support a culture of community participation for the co-creation of solutions to development problems in the communes of the city of Bukavu.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3053>

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## REINVENT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Cascais, Portugal

This program aims to meet the vision that cities belong to people and are increasingly designed, planned and built with the people who inhabit them, providing resources for the implementation of projects co-created by groups of neighbouring citizens to improve the area where they live, study or work and live in that territory.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3080>

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PREVENTION AND COEXISTENCE COUNCILS

Province of Cordoba, Argentina

Neighbourhood Councils are mechanisms for citizen participation in which the community diagnoses its main problems, prioritises them, monitors and co-manages the responses that the municipal and provincial governments must provide. They emerged in February 2016 and are established by Provincial Law 10.732.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3185>

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## LUCHA ACTIVIST, CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT, NON-VIOLENT STRUGGLE

Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Lucha was created in Goma in March 2012, An anonymous movement at first, it was baptised la LUCHA, "struggle" in Spanish by pure necessity of identification. The movement's actions are having a growing social and political influence in the DRC. To date, the movement has several thousand activists and supporters scattered across the country and abroad.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3069>



## GENERAL PUEYRREDON DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

General Pueyrredon, Mar del Plata, Argentina

The Road Safety Advisory Commission has managed to become a true meeting space and collective construction. As a mixed body, it is coordinated by the Undersecretariat for Urban Mobility and made up of nearly 50 public, private and third sector organisations. Since 2022, it has been part of the Municipal Road Safety Plan, managing citizen involvement and participation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3077>

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## THE 3DD CONSULTATION SPACE, A RESOURCE AND COMPETENCE CENTER FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION

Canton of Geneva, Switzerland

Run by the citizen participation department of the Urbanism Office of Geneva, 3DD has developed since 2019 as a resource and skills centre for citizen participation and inter-actor cooperation offered to local players. This project unfolds in the spirit of a learning network, to support everyone's actions as well as the ecological transition of Geneva's territories.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3092>

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## SOCIAL MIXING IN HAUTE-GARONNE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Department of Haute-Garonne, France

With the aim of co-constructing with the inhabitants equal opportunities for the success of all students, to combat social segregation and to fight against social determinism, this participatory program, unique in its scope, has enabled more than 1,400 students to leave their "ghetto colleges," which are now closed, for 11 other establishments in the Toulouse area.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3182>

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## ATTITUDE STUDENTS

Goiás, Brazil

Attitude Students is a public policy to promote citizen participation instruments within the state public education network in Goiás, using a gamified methodology for the engagement and active learning of its participants. The project has its origins in the development of the civic audit tool, to enable users of public services to carry out an autonomous assessment of the quality of these instruments.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3158>

## TERRITORIAL COACHING

### Golf Sud, Senegal

Territorial coaching is an intervention process to identify, support and enhance human potential organised through tools such as mapping and workshops to stimulate a dynamic of change for the development of the territory and boost its performance. Its ultimate goal is to produce behavioural changes likely to accelerate ownership and empowerment of local actors.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3125>

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## “POLINIZA-TE” PROJECT

### Guimarães, Portugal

This project emerged from the need to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators for the ecosystem and the services they provide to humans, in consonance with the European Union guidelines and initiatives. The objectives were to mobilise the community to take action towards their protection and influence public policies towards more pollinator-friendly practices.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3071>

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## “AVE PARA TODOS”

### Guimarães, Portugal

“Ave para Todos” started since the water lines in Guimarães are considered one of the worst aspects of the city in terms of environment. Even though the city already had a cleaning plan, they decided to upgrade it through the creation of a project to involve the community, and how they could help maintain the river clean and preserve it.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3117>

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## “I-BIKE” - A PROGRAM PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ILOILO CITY’S BIKE CULTURE

### Iloilo, Philippines

I-Bike innovates the existing local bike culture and guarantees the transportation standards established by national government bodies. The program aims to lessen the transportation-related climate impacts, encourage environmentally friendly practices, and reduce and eliminate road crash accidents. The program arose from the vision of the local government unit, private sector, and civil society to advocate for and promote sustainability and resiliency.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3114>

## “COMALES” - FORMATION PROCESS OF GOVERNANCE, PEACE, AND PREVENTION COMMUNITIES

Jalisco, Mexico

From the implementation of the training model in the action of citizenship peace, the Secretariat of Planning and Citizen Participation has managed to gradually develop the institutionalisation of citizen participation, starting with the creation of the state legal framework, following the regulations and municipal structures for citizen participation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3130>

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## DEMO FEST

Jalisco (Electoral Institute), Mexico

The project arises from the need to celebrate in a more accurate way two dates that are fundamental for the Institution: the day of citizen participation in Jalisco and the International Day of Democracy The festival aims to ensure the inclusion of different audiences, as well as various scenarios with a common theme per year.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3187>

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## DEVELOPING THE “JORDANIAN MUNICIPALITIES COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE”

Jordan Cities, Jordan

A team of fourteen municipal staff and elected officials started a group as trainers providing a new way of training to Jordanian municipalities which is based on peer to peer learning experience and adult learning methodology. The main goal is to promote knowledge sharing among Jordanian municipalities, and highlight best practices in this important sector.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3152>

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## APOKIDS- ADVANCING PEOPLE’S ORGANIZATIONS IN KIDAPAWAN THROUGH INNOVATION AND SOCIAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Kidapawan, Philippines

Programs, projects, and services will not be that impactful unless they change lives, promote progress, and provide solutions to problems in the community. APOKIDS - Advancing the People Organizations of Kidapawan aims to promote the establishment and operation of people and non-government organisations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, as the desire of the city is to make it a better place to live where people do small things with great love.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3097>

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain



## PARTICIPATORY PROCESS WITH CHILDREN AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE POLICY CHANGE

### Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

The City of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria assumes for the first time its responsibility, as the government closest to the citizens, to put children and teenagers at the centre of political action and to listen to children and adolescents when making decisions that will guide future municipal policy, placing value on their rights, their vulnerability and their diversity.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/280/proposals/3227>

## OCI - INTEGRAL CITIZEN OBSERVATORY OF LOS CABOS, A NEW MODEL OF LOCAL CO-GOVERNANCE

### Los Cabos, Mexico

The project was founded in 2015 by a group of citizens seeking to have an active citizen participation with municipal authorities in public policy. It is constituted by a team of conscientious citizens, volunteers, willing to give part of their time to review the performance of the local government and improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the municipality.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3103>

## LABIC MAIAINCLUSI – CITIZENSHIP LABORATORY FOR INCLUSION

### Maia, Portugal

The Maia City Council, within the scope of the MaiaINCLUSI Project, promoted social inclusion work with a number of communities through innovation programs, social experimentation and territorial animation. The project resorted to the application of participatory methodologies and mobilisation of local actors to identify problems and create new collective responses and, thus, implemented this civic laboratory.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3196>

## CAPACITY BUILDING IN HUMAN RIGHTS, ORGANISATION, PARTICIPATION AND LOCAL MANAGEMENT FOR 300 WOMEN

Province of Manabí, Ecuador

The project began with the compilation of a database of women participating in the Permanent Forum of Ecuadorian Women in Manabí, who were encouraged to participate in project events and in turn invited other women to join. Once enrolled, the participants were given personalised assistance to ensure their attendance at the training workshops, help with homework, and support in taking exams, given that the population comes from rural communities, with connectivity difficulties and without a strong link to training processes.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3093>

## SPECIALIZED INNOVATION NODES

Medellín, Colombia

The Specialized Innovation Nodes are a governance strategy of the municipality. They operate under an open innovation model, whose typology is centred on a free process and public invitation that allows any person or entity to propose needs and offer solutions based on science, technology and innovation. The project seeks to transform Medellin into a sustainable district.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3183>

## MÉRIDA UNITES US

Mérida, Mexico

In 2020, the needs in the municipality exceeded the capacity to attend to all the problems and challenges derived from the COVID-19 pandemic, together with the floods caused by strong tropical storms. These circumstances motivated the creation of a strategy that facilitated coordination between various sectors of society that, hand in hand with the City Council, could help the most pressing needs of the population most in an articulated and organised manner.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3141>

## BIODEGRADABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mezitli, Türkiye

This project aims to decrease climate change effects by: supporting local agriculture, enriching the soil by 100% natural methods, increasing ecological production, improving the number of fruit and vegetable producers -especially women producers and local businesses-, integrating public bodies and residents more, and encouraging residents engagement into volunteer services.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3059>

Mezitli, Turkey



## LEAD MOGI - CITIZEN TRAINING

### Mogi das Cruzes, Brazil

Lead Mogi was conceived with the aim of training citizens with more resources to actively engage in the city. It consisted in a series of meetings to bring the executive power closer to the civil society with content that addresses guiding precepts of citizenship, democracy and the practical performance of public administration. The experience also contemplates the set up of a network of community leaders.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3156>

## CITIZENS' MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT: INFORMED TO UNINFORMED

### Muthurwa, Nairobi, Kenya

Muthurwa Residents Welfare Association has mobilised affected communities in participation of court cases and legal processes on the quest for the right to housing. They have enacted different participatory mechanisms, like open public forums (Baraza) to discuss emerging issues, documenting and sharing experiences via social media.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3126>

## NATIONAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT MUNICIPALITIES IN CHAD

### N'Djamena and Other Cities in Chad, Chad

Chad is currently undergoing a transition period following the death of its President in April 2021. A national dialogue has resulted in a government of national unity overseeing a 24-month transition towards new presidential elections. To support this process, the National Association of Municipalities of Chad and FERAM Chad launched the National Support Program for Municipalities of Chad in December 2022 to empower Chadian communities to engage in local public policy development through territorial observatories.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3101>

## INSTITUTIONALIZING PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE Naga, Philippines

While not officially considered a local government unit (LGU), a purok often serves as a unit for delivering services and administration within a barangay (village). The City of Naga's experience dwells on the innovations and best practices of the city in sustaining the Purok System that proves to be an effective venue that enables people participation in governance.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3111>

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## PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY PUBLIC HEARING Nikki, Benin

The Municipality of Nikki organises two public hearings each year for accountability in areas chosen by mutual agreement with civil society actors. Also called "Domestic Accountability," accountability is both an obligation for elected officials and a right of citizens taken individually and collectively. The main objective of this activity is to improve the efficiency and performance of participatory democracy mechanisms.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3192>

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## SOCIAL PARTICIPATION THROUGH COLLABORATIVE GUARDIANSHIP IN NITERÓI Niterói, Brazil

The Zeladoria Urbana (Urban Caretaking) is a great strategy for dialogue with citizens and a tool for strengthening citizenship. Through various gateways, it receives demands from citizens that are georeferenced and forwarded for immediate feedback from the government areas responsible for them.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/280/proposals/3242>

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## INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NUEVO LEÓN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION SECRETARIAT Nuevo León, Mexico

It emerged from a response to the call of the collective conscience of the citizens. This is the first Consultative Council that has received comprehensive support and training prior to its installation. It is the first to have an induction process on basic principles of governance and their functions as councillors. This practice is the pioneer in becoming a true laboratory of social innovation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3174>

## OLDER ADULTS CARE Ocoyoacac, Mexico

The objective of the project is to promote and activate the integral development of the older adults to generate opportunities and benefits that improve their quality of life, eliminate social inequalities and gender inequities, and promote the development of their capabilities and initiatives in an inclusive social environment.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3122>

## REPRESENTATIVE CHOIR OF OCOYOACAC MUNICIPALITY Ocoyoacac, Mexico

The City Hall Choir was formed with the purpose of providing a space for girls, boys, young people and people who are willing to build, not only a musical project, but a project of life. The project aims that those who attend can see music as an aspect of fun and entertainment, moreover also as a project of life, inclusion and social coexistence that contributes to the reconstruction of the social fabric.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3123>

## THEMATIC FORUMS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE LOCAL SAFETY CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITIES AND MUNICIPAL NEIGHBOURHOODS Oeiras, Portugal

Within the scope of the activities developed by the Oeiras Local Safety Contract, the Oeiras Municipality intends to establish a sharing space that promotes relationships between different partners. The objective is to allow for the creation of synergies to jointly plan and implement responses focused on the specific needs of people living in the communities and Municipal Neighbourhoods.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3087>



Oeiras, Portugal



## “PERSONALITIES” OF OGOU MUNICIPALITY, A TERM USED TO REFER TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MUNICIPALITY

Ogou, Togo

Togo’s decentralisation since 2019, with 117 mayors elected, has seen limited youth engagement due to political distrust. To address this, fostering commitment to city life and developing a culture of youth participation are essential, aiming to empower all citizens for communal development. Ensuring collective citizen initiatives’ rights, resource availability, and efficient communication channels with authorities are crucial components of the solution.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3149>

## ORMOCANONG PANAGTAMBAYAYONG: GRASSROOTS LEADERS AS PARTNERS IN GOVERNANCE, TRANSITIONING FROM BENEFICIARY TO OWNERSHIP APPROACH

Ormoc, Philippines

The proponents of the innovation desire to strengthen the spirit of people’s participation in the government affairs. Most important is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of mechanisms for participatory democracy so that there is improvement in the quality of decision-making and public policy.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3098>

## SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY ON ECOLOGICAL PRESERVATION AND HORTICULTURAL ENGAGEMENT (STEPHEN)

Passi, Philippines

STEPHEN is a home gardening and community empowerment initiative designed for food security and the generation of family and community income. In contrast to other programs that primarily concentrate on developing individual farming skills, this initiative places emphasis on enhancing values and attitudes aimed towards increasing farm productivity.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3169>

## INCIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC POLICY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Pasto, Colombia

The formulation of the Public Policy for Citizen Participation is the product of the framework agreement signed between the municipality and the National Network of Local Development Agencies of Colombia - as executor of the resources of the “Territorial Development Project in the Department of Nariño in conditions of Peace.” It is a goal of the Municipal Development Plan 2020-2023.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3176>

## IMPLEMENTATION OF LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN RURAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Pasto, Colombia

This initiative arises with the objective of sensitising children and youth in the different roles of community participation, leading this training process on issues of Community Action Boards, Participatory Democracy, Citizen Participation Mechanisms, Citizen Competences, Youth Empowerment, Human Rights, Municipal Youth Council and themes with a gender focus.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3181>

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## USING DIGITAL TOOLS TO ENHANCE SERVICE DELIVERY

Pemba, Zambia

With an Impact Research Grant, researchers aimed to help Pemba Town Council to solve operational dilemmas and improve service delivery by providing a roadmap for the implementation of digital tools in the form of a digital strategy. This research was complemented with engagements with different stakeholders -such as citizens and local authority representatives- to understand their contexts and collaboratively design solutions.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3115>

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## PARTICIPATORY METHODOLOGIES FOR SAFE AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC SPACES

Pernambuco - UN HABITAT, Brazil

Between November 2021 and June 2022, UN-Habitat implemented workshops and participatory diagnoses in schools with young people and women -young, adult and older- in ten territories in Pernambuco, which had social vulnerability and violence rates. The methodologies are a local adaptation of the Women's Safety Audits, UN-Habitat's international methodology to produce qualified information to support the formulation and adequacy of evidence-based local public policies on social prevention of crime and violence.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3132>

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## EFFECTIVE CO-MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES FOR COVID-19 FIGHT

Pikine Nord, Senegal

With the Covid-19 breakdown, Pikine Nord adopted a participatory approach to better manage this crisis. They created communal committees and neighbourhood sub-committees, encouraging the involvement of all the political, social and religious actors. This experience enabled a greater acceptance of complex targeting, optimal self-targeting beneficiaries and overall satisfaction of the population and the various actors involved.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3173>

## CITIZEN'S CENTER Porto Alegre, Brazil

156 is the official three digit number for Brazilian citizens to contact their municipalities to request public services. In a very traditional way, customer service involved the most conservative channels (technologically speaking) of interaction, such as face-to-face, telephone and e-mail service, with decentralised management and low integration between the different public entities that make up the 156 complex. The objective of the Citizen's Center project is to implement constant innovation in the processes of assisting the citizens of Porto Alegre, with emphasis on the digitalisation of services, reducing the use of paper and increasing sustainability, meeting administrative efficiency, effectiveness and speed , and thus contributing to the digital inclusion of the population.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3151>

## MIXED ENVIRONMENTAL PARLIAMENTARY FRONT OF SOUTHERN EXTREMES OF BAHIA Porto Seguro, Brazil

It is a movement to establish new forms of relationship with the environment, tracing paths that aim at sustainability and integrate the most diverse spheres of society. It has the participation of councillors, nine working groups to provide technical support on sustainability topics to collect data for project development. The methodology is supported in the creation of a participatory ecosystem to create legislative and executive projects.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3175>

## QROTECTORS Querétaro, México

QROTECTORES is an innovative experience without precedent in Querétaro to protect, rescue and relocate more than 400 trees. It involves the citizenry in caring for the environment through a tree adoption program, including a media dissemination strategy and socialisation about the results of the program.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3180>

## “LET’S GO QC, LET’S GROW QC!” Quezon, Philippines

With over 600 urban farms and gardens established and over 15,000 urban gardeners as of April 2023, GrowQC's action to enhance urban food production through the Joy of Urban Farming project. The programme is timely and relevant especially during the hardest of lockdowns, and even post-pandemic where high prices of food are felt due to the disruption in the food chain brought about by Russia's war on Ukraine.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3124>

## POP QC - PROUDLY ORIGINAL PRODUCTS OF QUEZON CITY Quezon, Philippines

Launched in 2019, this project consists of a trade fair launched by the Quezon City Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office to promote Proudly Original Products of this locality. It aims to empower non-organised citizens and communities, while creating a community of micro and small businesses with unique products that proudly represent the city.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3105>

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## CO-CREATION OF THE 2022-2024 COMMUNAL PLAN FOR AND BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES Quilpué, Chile

The main objective of this experience of participation and co-creation is to generate guidelines on the subject of disability and inclusion, which allow contributing to an inclusive culture and a space for active and permanent sociopolitical participation for the social inclusion of people with disabilities.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3099>

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## CITIZEN GLOSSARY OF OPEN GOVERNMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DE- VELOPMENT OF QUINTANA ROO Quintana Roo, Mexico

The citizen glossary is the reporting exercise on open government and sustainable development. It was established in 2018 with the objective of citizenizing the executive's report. Since then, it has been consolidated as Quintana Roo's emblematic open government exercise and internationally recognised as a good practice accelerator of SDG 16 by contributing to the progress of effective, accountable and transparent institutions.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3104>

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## CITIZEN INITIATIVE TO REFORM THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION LAW OF THE STATE OF QUINTANA ROO Quintana Roo, Mexico

In Quintana Roo, the Citizen Participation Law restricts participation to state residents, making it practically impossible for many to engage due to stringent requirements. In response, 24 civil society organisations initiated a co-creation process to draft a new citizen participation law to broaden the range of participation mechanisms, simplify activation requirements, and recognise the rights of children, adolescents, residents, and transient individuals.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3157>

## SOY CHIMBACALLE, CITIZEN ACTION AGENDA Quito, Ecuador

Through a participatory process, residual and unsafe spaces were transformed into pedestrian-friendly spaces to relax and host music, art and games. The initiative encouraged community participation through street art interventions and various artistic proposals.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3110>

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## GUARANTEES OF RIGHTS PROTECTION Quito, Ecuador

This policy aims to provide comprehensive care to adolescent women victims of the crime of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, to achieve their family, social and community reintegration within a framework of guarantee and full observance of Human Rights.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3194>

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATRONATOLAB - INNOVATION LAB OF THE MUNICIPAL PATRONAGE UNIT SAN JOSÉ Quito, Ecuador

In the Metropolitan District of Quito there are 793 people living in the streets. The objective of this practice is to improve the public policy related to this issue through the active participation of citizens. A methodology was followed based on the training of the institution's staff in the application of the Design Thinking methodology with a view to contributing to the generation of economic income for this group.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3202>

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## AFFECTIVE MAPPING OF CARIOCA TERRITORIES Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

It consists of an activity of listening to children through drawings and texts, proposed by the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro to the City Hall as a form of research base. It is coordinated by the Planning Office of the Treasury and Planning Secretariat, with the fundamental participation of the Municipal Education Secretariat.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3138>

## CITIZEN ACTION COMMITTEES (CAC) Saint-Denis, La Réunion, France

The purpose of the CACs is to meet regularly to discuss possible improvements for the neighbourhood, from a cultural or solidarity point of view, or the beautification of the living environment. They are organised as working groups composed mainly of citizens, including local actors (associations, companies, etc.) and are supported and accompanied by representatives of the town hall.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3136>

## RELOCATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF COMMUNITIES LIVING AT THE SHORELINE Samal, Philippines

Implemented by the City Government of the Island Garden of Samal, it aims to provide informal settlers with the opportunity to own decent and standardised housing in areas equipped with essential utilities. This program not only addresses the challenges faced by displaced populations living in infrastructure development areas, danger zones, and indigenous ancestral dwellings but also fosters resilient communities that are secure and sustainable.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3134>

## ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS San Juan de Lurigancho, Peru

San Juan de Lurigancho is located in an extensive valley surrounded by slopes where there are several human settlements, as well as chaotic transport due to the lack of road education campaigns and respect to pedestrians in this area. This practice seeks to reverse this context of high road accidents and help raise awareness among the population to respect and prioritise respect for pedestrians and cyclists, whilst promoting civic values.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3083>

## “LAS REDES” AS A TERRITORIAL STRATEGY AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCALE Santa Fe, Argentina

“Las Redes” (networks) are formed as participatory spaces with a diversity approach for improving the living conditions at the neighbourhood level. There arise answers to problems, conflicts or concerns identified in each neighbourhood, whilst creating joint initiatives such as urban projects, activities in public spaces and proposals that contribute to generating a qualitative change in the daily life of the inhabitants.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3086>



## “CÂMARA VIVA” (LIVING CHAMBER) São Paulo, Brazil

TV Cultura, Brazil’s leading public television channel, collaborated with the São Paulo City Council to launch “Câmara Viva” in November 2021. This innovative program, airing every Saturday morning at no cost to the city, educates the public on monitoring parliamentarians’ work, researching legislators’ accountability, and discussing legislative issues’ societal impacts through interviews with experts and community leaders.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3061>

## YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT São Paulo, Brazil

Youth in Government emerged from a demand to expand training in open government beyond the civil service, based on Category 7 - Open Government in Schools - of the Open Government Agents Program. 518 young people received the two modules of the course: one composed of training in open government and fiscal education and citizenship; and a second module with the presentation of the Citizen Budget and the formulation of proposals via Participate+, São Paulo’s platform for citizen participation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3075>

## HEALTH IN THE MAYA BIOSPHERE Selva Maya, Belize, Guatemala and Mexico

This project seeks to sensitise, communicate, and educate the community in the Selva Maya region for the prevention of infectious diseases associated with interaction with animals, promoting participation, whilst generating alliances with government institutions and civil society of the countries of the region.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3139>

## STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION Sô-Ava, Benin

It consists of a series of training sessions for Civil Society Organizations on the key principles of accountability and cross-cutting themes, such as gender, leave no one behind, the human rights-based approach, the management of conflict-sensitive projects, and quality standards. This training will enable CSOs to have the notions and techniques of sensitising grassroots populations and the tools to develop awareness campaigns.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3096>

## PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN SURESNES, AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR RESIDENTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND SERVICES Suresnes, France

The participatory democracy policy implemented in Suresnes since 2020 aims to bring together technical expertise (staff), political expertise (elected representatives) and user expertise (residents). The objective is to renew social ties and include residents and people working in Suresnes in the design and implementation of projects, whatever the public policy.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3119>

## TEHRAN YOUTH CLUB Tehran, Iran

These clubs were launched to increase the participation of teenagers, strengthening their citizenship identity, creating a suitable platform for their social and cultural presence in the city and the development of their social creativity.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3191>

Sô-Ava, Benin





## IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF THE 2030 AGENDA Tizayuca, Mexico

A 25-month process to localise the 2030 Agenda with an articulated approach to offer certainty and a long-term trajectory. The process involved different stakeholders as well as the creation of: an office dedicated exclusively to this topic, specific regulation, a working group and space for local governance, the operation of impact indicators to meet the SDG targets and a reporting progress.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3081>

## CO-DESIGN OF THE RETURN STRATEGY TO VALENCIAN COMMUNITY Generalitat Valenciana, Spain

This strategy was drawn up at the request of the regional parliament, which urged the Valencian government not to forget those people who were far from their homeland and to encourage their return to the Valencian Community. This process consisted of the set up of a Return Forum, a consultative body made up of the regional and local government, social agents and associated and individual citizens to promote the drafting process and proposals.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3055>

## SCHOOL FOR OPEN AND COLLABORATIVE GOVERNMENT Valle del Cauca, Colombia

This practice was launched to strengthen leadership and citizen oversight capacities to further contribute to a new model of local governance, in compliance with the national commitments made with the OECD.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3065>

## BIODIVERCITIES VALONGO - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR A GREENER VALONGO Valongo, Portugal

With this practice, Valongo joined the network of European cities created within the BiodiverCities project of the European Union, an initiative whose main focus was the involvement of citizens in the co-creation of greener cities. A participatory methodology was adopted to ensure the active involvement of citizens in all phases of the project, which simultaneously was a pedagogical process that contributed to the construction of a common vision of the territory.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3094>

## INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM TO ENCOURAGE ENGAGEMENT AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Yoff, Senegal

This experience consists of a continuous process of information gathering that follows the path of budget preparation, from public hearings to gather priorities to effective implementation and participatory and inclusive assessment of the community budget. It relies on innovation and the contribution of ICT to bring added value to the local management.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3165>

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## YA - PUBLIC INNOVATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN OPEN GOVERNMENT

Yumbo, Colombia

YA (Yumbo Abierto) is the collaborative creation process, between citizens, the public and private sectors, of the Open Government model of this municipality. It is a pioneering experience in Colombia, which innovated with methodologies focused on people's feelings and preferences, to bring the principles of open government closer to citizens and strengthen the tools of participatory democracy in the municipality.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3167>

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## TERRITORIAL DIALOGUE INITIATIVE

Yumbo and Buenaventura, Colombia

The Territorial Dialogue Initiative is a multi-stakeholder dialogue methodology to generate spaces for collaborative construction of a local policy proposal on development challenges. Causes were identified and solutions proposed, creating a policy prototype which was presented through advocacy spaces to the local and regional governments to incorporate it into municipal policies.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3190>

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## WOMEN LEADERSHIP

Zaio, Morocco

The project is a training program for women in the province of Nador in Morocco's Oriental region, run by the Mobadara association for sustainable development and tourism. About 50 women have benefited from this project, which has provided training in: "women's political participation," "communication for managing local issues" and "leadership and advocacy."

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3133>

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION WEEK

### Zapopan, Mexico

It consists of citizen capacity building through education and training in the use of participation mechanisms. This initiative aims to empower groups for decision-making, with six international citizen participation forums held since 2016. In 2022, the focus shifted towards organising a larger-scale event to include sectors of society typically less engaged, seeking to find new ways to encourage their participation.

**More info:** <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2023/f/279/proposals/3178>



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