



**20th AWARD
BEST PRACTICE
IN CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION**



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Celebrating 25 Years of the OIDP and 20 Years of the OIDP Award

In 2026, the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP) celebrates two important milestones: **25 years of promoting participatory democracy worldwide** and **20 years of the OIDP Award**, which recognizes the most innovative experiences in citizen participation led by local and regional governments.

Since its creation in 2001, the OIDP has become a global reference for local democratic innovation, bringing together cities, local and regional governments, civil society organizations and research centres committed to strengthening participatory, deliberative and inclusive democracy. Established within the framework of decentralized cooperation between Europe and Latin America and integrated into United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the network has fostered international cooperation, peer learning and knowledge exchange to advance democratic governance from the local level.

Over the past twenty-five years, the OIDP has fostered a global network of local governments and practitioners, showcasing how cities serve as laboratories of democratic innovation through thousands of participatory experiences. From participatory budgeting or citizens' assemblies, to neighbourhood councils, digital participation platforms and many other initiatives, local governments and communities have shown that involving people in public decision-making strengthens trust, social cohesion and more effective public policies.

The OIDP Award, created in 2006, has accompanied this journey by identifying, celebrating and disseminating the most inspiring practices from around the world. Over two decades, it has become an international benchmark for recognizing excellence in citizen participation and encouraging municipalities to learn from one another.

This publication commemorates both anniversaries. It celebrates the cities, communities and public servants that have contributed to making democracy more open, inclusive and responsive, while reaffirming the OIDP's mission: **to strengthen democracy from the local level, connect cities across the world and ensure that citizen participation remains at the heart of governance—today and for generations to come.**

25 YEARS ADVANCING PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

OIDP International Observatory on Participatory Democracy

A NETWORK OF MORE
THAN **1,000 CITIES**
IN **95 COUNTRIES**

COMPOSED OF

PARTNERS

Local and regional
governments or public entities

CHAMPIONS

Local and regional governments
that make a financial contribution

COLLABORATORS

Universities, research centers
and civic associations



THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

CURRENT MISSION

Strengthen public participation as a key tool to
build sustainable solutions from the local
level.

Respond to current challenges:
democratic backsliding,
the climate crisis,
persistent inequalities
and geopolitical tensions.

OBJECTIVES

- Serve as the **global reference hub** for participatory democracy.
- Foster **synergies** between cities, organizations and research centers.
- Produce and improve knowledge on local participatory democracy.
- Exchange experiences on democratic innovations worldwide.
- Recommend policies to local public administrations.
- Advance the UCLG agenda and the broader **municipalist movement** on local democracy.

LINES OF ACTION

- ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
A meeting space to analyze the state of local participatory democracy worldwide.
- OIDP AWARD**
Annual award recognizing innovative experiences in citizen participation.
- PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGE**
Seminars and shared learning spaces among local governments.
- GOOD PRACTICES DATABASE**
Online repository of experiences, publications and news on participatory democracy.

2006-2015 GLOBAL OUTREACH

OIDP AWARD
Launch of the **annual award** to showcase, share and replicate good practices in citizen participation at the local level

UCLG ALLIANCE
Barcelona takes on the **Technical Secretariat**, integrating **OIDP** into **UCLG** to advance its agenda on local democracy, while reinforcing trust and leadership



November 21-24

2001

FOUNDATION OF OIDP

Creation of the **OIDP** as an international network for exchange among local governments, civil society and academia

FIRST CONFERENCE IN BARCELONA

Founding cities

Barcelona - Spain
Cuenca - Ecuador
Delgado - El Salvador
Issyles-Moulineux - France
Jerez de la Frontera - Spain
La Paz - Bolivia
Lille - France
Porto Alegre - Brazil
Quetzaltenango - Guatemala
Risaralda - Colombia
Saint-Denis - France

2005 Donostia
2003 Lille
2004 Buenos Aires
2002 Quetzaltenango
2006 Recife



FIRST AWARD
Cotacachi (Ecuador)
for the inclusion of
indigenous women

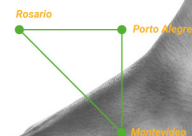
2001-2005

EUROPE-LATIN AMERICA COOPERATION

URB-AL IMPULSE

The **URB-AL programme** promotes the creation of local observatories, the systematization of practices, and the development of shared participation methodologies

2007 Nanterre
2008 La Paz
2009 Reggio Emilia
2010 Mexico City
2011 Lleida



It emerged from the rise of social movements and the democratic recovery following the dictatorships in Latin America.

Citizen participation emerged as a demand from civil society.

SOCIAL ORIGINS

Montevideo (Uruguay), Porto Alegre (Brazil) and Rosario (Argentina), form a foundational triangle rooted in strong civil society engagement.

1980

First tools
Participatory budgets, councils,
participatory planning

WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY?

It is the democratic system that complements electoral representation with **direct mechanisms of citizen participation in decision-making and public management.**

BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1. DIRECT PARTICIPATION**
Citizens actively take part in political decisions, not only by delegating them to representatives.
- 2. DELIBERATION**
Spaces for dialogue and public debate to build informed collective decisions.
- 3. INCLUSION**
Ensures the participation of all social groups, especially those historically excluded.
- 4. TRANSPARENCY**
Access to public information and open, transparent decision-making processes.
- 5. CO-RESPONSIBILITY**
Citizens and governments share responsibility in the management of public affairs.
- 6. CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT**
Strengthens people's capacities to influence public policies and oversee public management.
- 7. DECENTRALIZATION**
Decision-making takes place as close as possible to people (local/territorial level).
- 8. HUMAN RIGHTS**
Based on the respect for and promotion of fundamental rights.

MAIN MECHANISMS

- Public consultations
- Participatory budgets
- Neighborhood citizen councils
- Public assemblies
- Citizen initiatives
- Digital participation platforms
- Participatory planning

WHY?

STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY
It rebuilds trust, reduces political disaffection and brings governments and institutions closer to citizens through continuous participation.

IMPROVE PUBLIC DECISIONS
It incorporates citizens' knowledge and diverse perspectives to design policies that are better adapted to reality and have greater legitimacy.

GENERATE SOCIAL IMPACT
It promotes social justice, strengthens community ties and empowers citizens by giving voice to historically excluded groups.

RESPOND TO CURRENT CRISES
It reinforces democratic resilience and helps address challenges such as authoritarianism, the ecological transition and inequalities with greater social consensus.

IMPROVE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE
It increases transparency, promotes the co-creation of services and contributes to a more efficient, innovative and accountable administration.

2020-2025 EVOLUTION

COVID-19 drives virtual formats and remote participation

Since 2020, citizen participation, **ecological democracy**, and the **ethical regulation of artificial intelligence** have been strengthened. In 2025, new bodies such as the **Gender and Diversity Advisory Committee** and the **Youth Council** are created to promote more democratic and sustainable governance

2016-2019 CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION

Growth of the network and annual conferences in **Europe, Latin America, Africa and North America**. Diversification of mechanisms: **assemblies, deliberative processes and emergence of the first digital platforms**

First conference outside Europe and Latin America held in **Matola (Mozambique)** with more than 1,500 participants, demonstrating expansion in Africa

2019 Iztapalapa
2018 Barcelona
2017 Montréal
2016 Matola

2021 Cocody
2022 Grenoble
2023 Rio de Janeiro
2024 Valongo
2025 Córdoba (Argentina)
Kraków

2026

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41 countries of origin

136 local and regional governments

188 applications

176 eligible nominations

Submissions according to category

86 Building More Democratic and Peaceful Communities

37 Urban Management and Public Space

29 Gender and Care

17 Ecological Transition and Environment

19 Civic Tech

Submissions according to the size of the municipality or region

20 proposals < 50 000 habitants

44 proposals 50 k < 250 k

57 proposals 250 k < 1 M

41 proposals > 1 M habitants

26 proposals Supralocal, regional, provincial governments

53 practices with more than 5 years of implementation

SDG1 - 3 SDG2 - 1 SDG3 - 35 SDG4 - 43 SDG5 - 25 SDG6 - 4 SDG7 - 0 SDG8 - 11 SDG9 - 10

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A jury of 32 experts

1 800 people participated in the online voting



20th OIDP Award

<i>Argentina</i> - 28	<i>Czech Republic</i> - 1	<i>Jordan</i> - 2	<i>New Zealand</i> - 1	<i>Portugal</i> - 2	<i>Taiwan</i> - 2
<i>Austria</i> - 1	<i>Ecuador</i> - 6	<i>Kenya</i> - 1	<i>Pakistan</i> - 1	<i>Romania</i> - 1	<i>Togo</i> - 2
<i>Bolivia</i> - 1	<i>France</i> - 10	<i>Latvia</i> - 1	<i>Palestine</i> - 3	<i>Senegal</i> - 1	<i>Türkiye</i> - 33
<i>Brazil</i> - 20	<i>Hungary</i> - 1	<i>Mexico</i> - 12	<i>Panama</i> - 1	<i>Sri Lanka</i> - 1	<i>Uganda</i> - 1
<i>Chile</i> - 3	<i>Indonesia</i> - 1	<i>Nepal</i> - 2	<i>Paraguay</i> - 1	<i>South Africa</i> - 1	<i>United States</i> - 1
<i>Colombia</i> - 11	<i>Iran</i> - 4	<i>Nigeria</i> - 3	<i>Philippines</i> - 2	<i>South Korea</i> - 2	<i>Uruguay</i> - 3
<i>Croatia</i> - 1	<i>Italy</i> - 4	<i>New Caledonia</i> - 1	<i>Poland</i> - 3	<i>Spain</i> - 11	



FOREWORD



In Kraków, we understand democracy as a living practice—one that must be nurtured every day through dialogue, trust, and shared responsibility. Our commitment to participation is rooted in the belief that public policies are stronger, fairer, and more sustainable when they are shaped together with residents. It is both a responsibility and a privilege for Kraków to hold the presidency of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP) at a time when democratic values require renewed attention and collective defense. Across the world, local governments are responding to complex challenges, and participation remains one of the most powerful tools to ensure that no one is left behind.

The 20th edition of the OIDP Award reflects this global momentum. The diversity and quality of the initiatives received demonstrate that innovation in citizen participation is not only ongoing, but expanding across regions, cultures, and governance systems. These experiences show that participation can take many forms, yet always serves the same purpose: **to bring institutions closer to people and to strengthen democratic life.**

This Award is, above all, a space for exchange. It enables cities and regions to learn from one another, to adapt ideas, and to collectively advance more transparent, inclusive, and accountable governance models.

*I warmly congratulate the **Rouen Normandy Metropolitan Area**, the winner of this year's Award for "**Best Practice in Citizen Participation**," whose initiative "**Rouen Métropole 2050: Citizens at the Heart of the Transition**" stands out for its ability to translate participation into tangible improvements in people's everyday lives. It is through such concrete actions that trust in public institutions can be rebuilt and strengthened.*

I also extend my recognition to all the local and regional governments awarded special mentions: **Contagem, Makassar, Dhankuta, Auckland, Gwanak-gu** and **Ramallah**. Their work highlights the central role of cities and territories as laboratories of democratic innovation. From advancing climate action to promoting social cohesion and harnessing digital tools, these initiatives illustrate how participation can drive meaningful and lasting change.

Kraków looks forward to welcoming this vibrant community at the upcoming OIDP Conference, from 21 to 23 September 2026. **This gathering will be an opportunity not only to share knowledge, but also to reaffirm our shared commitment to a democracy that listens, adapts, and delivers.**

We open our city to this global exchange with a clear conviction: the future of democracy is built locally, through collaboration, inclusion, and active citizenship.

I invite you to engage with the initiatives presented in this publication and to draw inspiration from the many ways in which communities around the world are shaping more participatory futures. **To all 188 candidates in this 20th edition: thank you for your dedication to keeping democracy alive and meaningful.**

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Skracik".

Stanisław Kracik
Mayor of Kraków
President of the OIDP

FOREWORD



Local democracy is being redefined in practice, every day, in cities and territories around the world. Through participation, communities are not only consulted—they are shaping priorities, influencing decisions, and co-producing solutions to the challenges they face. This collective energy is at the heart of the 20th edition of the OIDP Award, and its 188 practices.

As Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), I am encouraged by the breadth and diversity of the initiatives brought forward this year. They reflect a shared understanding across our network: **that democratic renewal depends on our ability**

to open institutions, redistribute power, and build lasting relationships of trust with our communities.

The International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP), as UCLG's consultation mechanism on local democracy, continues to play a vital role in this effort. More than a repository of practices, it is a **living community of exchange where local and regional governments learn from one another and advance common principles of transparency, inclusion, and accountability.**

What emerges clearly from this edition is that participation is not a single model, but a wide spectrum of approaches adapted to different contexts. Whether addressing social fragmentation, advancing climate action, or strengthening public services, these initiatives demonstrate that local action can generate tangible and scalable solutions. They also highlight the importance of embedding care, equity, and human rights into the way policies are designed and delivered.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the **Rouen Normandy Metropolitan Area** and its winning initiative of this year's OIDP Award for "Best Practice in Citizen Participation." Its contribution illustrates how local governments can harness citizen participation to shape more resilient, inclusive, and future-oriented territories, turning democratic dialogue into a driving force for transformation.

I also wish to recognize the local and regional governments of Contagem, Makassar, Dhankuta, Auckland, Gwanak-gu and Ramallah, distinguished with special mentions, as well as every city and region that contributed to this edition. Each experience adds to a collective body of knowledge that strengthens our movement and informs our global advocacy. My gratitude goes to the jury for their careful evaluation, and to the OIDP community for sustaining this space as a cornerstone of participatory democracy within UCLG.

The importance of political will, community ownership and trust in institutions are important lessons which inspire **our commitment to advancing a renewed so-**

cial contract and a new generation of local public services powered by the structural dialogue and innovation fostered by our Local Social Covenant.

The OIDP community encourages you to engage with the initiatives presented here as sources of inspiration and evidence based invitations to transform and innovate collaboratively. UCLG remains ready to support local and regional governments in their role as democratic innovators and as stewards of more inclusive, caring, and sustainable societies.

Emilia Saiz
Secretary General
United Cities and Local Governments



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INTRODUCTION

For the 20th edition of the OIDP Award, "Best Practice in Citizen Participation," we received **188 local democracy practices** from local and regional governments across 41 countries:

Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Philippines, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Palestine, Taiwan, Togo, Türkiye, Uganda, United States, Uruguay

After two decades, this edition further consolidates the OIDP Award as a key initiative for recognizing and promoting innovative and impactful public participation practices. By collecting and showcasing these experiences, the award highlights the crucial role that local and regional governments play at the frontline of renewing and strengthening democracy. It also opens up a world of possibilities for peer learning and encourages new models of participatory governance to address today's social, environmental, digital and institutional challenges.

This year, the practices were organized into five thematic categories:

- A. Building More Democratic and Peaceful Communities
- B. Urban Management and Public Space
- C. Gender and Care
- D. Ecological Transition and Environment
- E. Civic Tech

Of the 188 applications submitted, 176 were validated by the OIDP Technical Secretariat and reviewed by a first round of jurors, who shortlisted 40 finalists. A second, smaller jury then convened to select the winning practice and the recipients of the Special Mentions.

The main evaluation criteria included the level of innovation in the local context, promotion of inclusion and focus on specific groups, achieved impact, sustainability over time, and—above all—**potential for systemic transformation across the territory.**

The Jury decided to grant the 20th OIDP Award for Best Practice in Citizen Participation to the **Rouen Normandy Metropolitan Area** for the practice "Rouen Métropole 2050: Citizens at the Heart of the Transition" ("Rouen Métropole 2050 : les citoyens au cœur de la transition").

Bogotá



In addition, Special Mentions were granted to six outstanding practices that were highly valued by the Jury:

- Special Mention for Urban Management and Public Space: **Contagem** (Brazil): “Program for the Improvement of Informal Settlements, Favelas and Peripheries”
- Special Mention for Gender and Care: **Makassar** (Indonesia): “Makassar Inclusive City Movement”
- Special Mention for Ecological Transition and Environment: **Dhankuta** (Nepal): “Participatory Watershed Governance in the Nibuwa–Tankhuwa Catchment”
- Special Mention for Civic Tech: **Auckland** (New Zealand): “Buzzly youth engagement platform”
- Special mention for Sustainability: **Ramallah** (Palestine): “Ramallah Youth City Council (RYCC)”

In parallel with the Jury's deliberations, the 40 finalist practices were presented on the **OIDP Participate platform**, where citizens and members of the OIDP community were invited to vote for their favourite initiative. More than **1800** people took part in the online vote, which resulted in the **Special Mention for the Most Supported Practice by the OIDP Community**, awarded to **Gwanak-gu** for the practice “*Beyond Promises: Citizen-Led Manifesto Governance in Gwanak-gu*”.

Through this Award, the OIDP reaffirms its core mission as a consultative platform for participatory democracy within the municipal movement led by UCLG. By promoting and recognizing innovative practices

from local and regional governments, the award highlights efforts to foster inclusive governance — making more room for people, in all their diversity, to take part in decision-making processes.

Beyond the Award results, we would like to acknowledge and celebrate all the 188 practices received.

We encourage all those committed to building a stronger, more inclusive, and diverse participatory democracy to explore this resource and find inspiration to enrich their own work.

In this publication we present the **seven awarded experiences** and provide a **brief overview of the 176 valid candidates**, with direct links to the Participate-OIDP platform for further details on each project.

**The content of each overview relies on the information provided by the applicant local and regional governments and has been adapted and condensed by the Technical Secretariat for publication purposes.*

Finally, the OIDP extends its deepest gratitude to all the local and regional governments that submitted applications, as well as to the institutions and partners who supported the dissemination of the call. We also warmly thank the network's collaborating members who took part in the evaluation process as members of the Jury, and the entire OIDP community who participated in the open vote and contributed to this collective recognition of participatory innovation.



For this 20th edition of the OIDP Award, the evaluation process involved **two groups of jurors**: one for the initial phase of assessing all submissions and selecting the finalists, and another for the final deliberation to choose the winning practice and special mentions from among the 40 finalists.

The first jury was composed of 25 individuals, divided into groups according to the award categories. Between April and May 2025, this jury carefully reviewed and evaluated all eligible applications. Their work concluded with the selection of the 40 finalists that advanced to the second phase of the process.

Jury that selected the 40 finalists

The jury responsible for selecting the 40 finalist practices of the 20th OIDP Award was composed of a diverse group of international experts from the OIDP network and beyond. Members were assigned according to their thematic expertise, ensuring a balanced and rigorous evaluation process across all categories.

The jury brought together practitioners, academics, public officials, and specialists in participatory democracy, civic technology, urban governance, social inclusion, and sustainable development. Their complementary perspectives contributed to a comprehensive assessment of the submitted practices, with particular attention to innovation, impact, inclusiveness, and replicability.

Building More Democratic and Peaceful Communities

**Kesaobaka Pharatlhathe**

Expert in sustainable development and governance, with a focus on green energy, inclusive growth, and international policy advisory.

**Serge Allou**

Former Director General of Gret and Lead Urban Specialist at Cities Alliance. Former Special Advisor to the Secretary General of UCLG.

**Victoria Gellis**

Practitioner in democratic innovation and citizen engagement, contributing to participatory governance initiatives.

**Prakash Bhattarai**

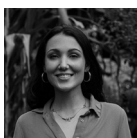
Executive Director of the Centre for Social Change (CSC), Nepal, and expert in peace-building and democratic governance.

**Sheila Holz**

Researcher in public policy and environmental governance, specializing in citizen participation and sustainable transitions.

**Savaş Zafer Şahin**

Urban planning academic and expert in participatory governance and democratic innovation. Vice President of the Ankara City Council.

**Gabriela Chabbouh**

Public policy and sustainability specialist focused on local development and the implementation of the SDGs. Coordinator of Environmental Education at the São Paulo City Hall, at the Environment Secretariat (SVMA).

**Juan Domingo Viola**

Secretary of Citizen Participation and Youth of the Municipality of Córdoba.



Saide Jamal

Senior Researcher at CEDEPA (Centre for Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, Mozambique), specializing in participatory democracy and governance.



Mohamed Moutaoukid

Territorial governance expert and doctoral researcher in Social and Solidarity Economy at Cadi Ayyad University, Marrakech.

Urban Management and Public Space



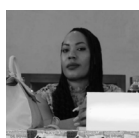
Mateusz Ploskonka

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Juan Pedro Battaglini

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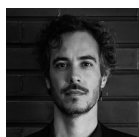
Mouen Njoh Cathy Linda Flora Mouto

Departmental Delegate at the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development of Cameroon.



Pelin Özden

Assistant Professor at İzmir Konak Vocational School, specializing in participatory urban planning and citizen science.



Nuno F. da Cruz

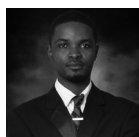
Principal Research Fellow at the University of Aveiro and Senior Associate at LSE Cities.



Domenico Di Siena

Community and Membership Lead at Democratic Society, specializing in civic tech and participatory processes.

Gender and Care



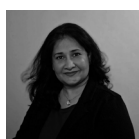
Alliant Chany Sitcheu Fani

Founder of RAEC and civil society leader engaged in youth participation and community mediation in Cameroon.



John Ede

President of the Ohaha Family Foundation, specializing in social policy, gender, and community development.



Rukmini Iyer

Founder of Exult Solutions, working on leadership, governance, and systems transformation.

Ecological Transition and Environment



Blessing Matasva

Director of the Green Institute Trust in Zimbabwe, leading climate adaptation and community resilience initiatives.



Sophia Silverton

Socio-Cultural Transformations Expert at ICLEI Europe, focusing on equitable and democratic urban sustainability transitions.



Irene Alonso Toucido

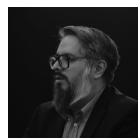
Assembly Manager at European Alternatives, specializing in deliberative democracy and participatory processes.

Civic Tech



Maxmillian Ochango Ambeba

Chief Operating Officer at Uamuzi Foundation, specializing in civic tech and digital democracy.



Emiliano Arena

Director at Argentina's Agency for Access to Public Information, specializing in participatory public policies.



Aurelio Escobar

Thematic Expert Consultant for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on energy, smart cities, and digital transformation.

Jury that evaluated the 40 finalists and selected the Award winner

The **second jury** was composed of a smaller group of expert members from the OIDP network. This jury was responsible for the final deliberation phase, during which they evaluated the 40 shortlisted practices in detail. Their task was to identify the winning practice of the 20th edition of the OIDP Award, as well as to grant Special Mentions to outstanding initiatives across the five thematic categories.

This final evaluation meeting took place in **July 2026** and involved rich discussions to assess the innovation, impact, inclusiveness, and transformative potential of each finalist. The jury's decision reflects a collective commitment to advancing participatory democracy and recognizing practices that create meaningful opportunities for civic engagement in public life. The jury assessed each initiative based on its transformative potential, contribution to participatory democracy, and capacity to generate meaningful and inclusive civic engagement.

The composition of the jury reflects a strong geographical and professional diversity, ensuring a fair, transparent, and high-quality selection process.



Diana Dajer

Manager of Citizen Participation at Fundación Corona and member of the Board of People Powered. Member of the OIDP Advisory Committee.



Job Van der Poel

Programme Manager at United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), with extensive experience in Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance practices.



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Najat Zarrouk

CEO of Cabinet DNA-ETHICS and former Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA). Former Director of the African Local Government Academy (ALGA) and Director of Development, UCLG Africa.



Tessza Udvarhelyi

Deputy Mayor of Budapest's 8th district (Józsefváros), with extensive experience in the fields of housing, social policy, community participation and social movements.

**Katy Rubin**

Founder of The People Act, specializing in legislative theatre and creative civic engagement.

**Anna Przybylska**

Founder of the Centre for Deliberation at the University of Warsaw.

**César Murúa**

Director of the Specialization in Public Organization Management at the Universidad Católica de Córdoba and expert in public management, innovation, and citizen participation.

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Rouen Métropole 2050: Citizens at the Heart of the Transition

Rouen Normandy Metropolitan Area

Urban Management and Public Space / 500 000 inhabitants



Rouen

The Métropole Rouen Normandie is an intermunicipal authority comprising **71 municipalities** and nearly **500,000 inhabitants** in north-western France. Located along the Seine Valley, the metropolitan area combines major industrial and port activities with extensive forests, agricultural land and urban centres. Like many European metropolitan regions, it faces the challenge of reconciling climate adaptation, economic development, social cohesion and environmental protection while responding to increasing citizen expectations for greater involvement in public decision-making.

Against this backdrop, the Métropole launched **Rouen Métropole 2050** in 2023 to co-design its long-term territorial strategy and revise its principal planning instruments—the **Schéma de Cohérence Territoriale Air Énergie Climat (SCoT-AEC)** and the future **Metropolitan Local Urban Plan (PLUi)**. Rather than limiting public participation to the statutory consultation required for planning documents, the initiative transformed the revision of these complex regulatory frameworks into a large-scale deliberative process through which citizens, civil society organisations, municipalities and

institutional stakeholders jointly shaped the metropolitan vision for 2050.

The initiative builds upon several years of institutional commitment to participatory democracy. Following the creation of a dedicated participation service in 2017 and the adoption of a **Citizen Participation Charter** in 2023, the Métropole sought to embed participation directly within strategic territorial planning. The process was designed around two guiding questions: “**How can climate urgency be reconciled with social justice?**” and “**How will we live in 2050?**”

The methodology was organised as a **multi-level participatory process** running from late 2022 through 2025, accompanying every stage of the preparation of the metropolitan planning documents. Instead of consulting citizens only after technical proposals had been prepared, participation informed the diagnosis, the definition of future scenarios, the selection of strategic priorities and the translation of these priorities into regulatory planning documents.



Concertation publique



The process unfolded in **three successive phases**. The first phase focused on developing a shared territorial diagnosis through studies, public dialogue and the identification of major environmental, social and economic challenges. During the second phase, citizens and stakeholders co-developed a long-term territorial vision by debating alternative development scenarios for the metropolitan area. The final phase translated these collective priorities into the regulatory components of the SCoT-AEC, ensuring that citizen contributions informed strategic planning rather than remaining separate from decision-making.

A distinctive feature of the initiative was its **360-degree participation strategy**, combining more than **70 complementary participation mechanisms** adapted to different audiences and territorial scales. Public participation included participatory public meetings, thematic workshops, neighbourhood outreach activities, territorial walks, climate-awareness workshops, online questionnaires, consultations through the digital participation platform *JeParticipe*, youth activities, children's workshops and dedicated sessions for persons with disabilities. Mobile engagement initiatives—including a travelling information kiosk and outreach activities in public spaces—helped reach residents who would not normally participate in institutional consultations. Between 2023 and 2025, more than **3,600 people** took part in the process through these various mechanisms.

At the centre of the methodology was the **Citizens' Convention on Transitions**, composed of **80 randomly selected residents** reflecting the social and geographical diversity of the metropolitan area. Over a period of nine months, participants met during six weekends and several intersession workshops, receiving balanced information from technical experts, researchers and practitioners before deliberating on some

of the most complex dilemmas facing the territory. Rather than debating isolated projects, participants examined fundamental choices concerning land use, housing, mobility, biodiversity, flood risk, climate adaptation, energy production and economic attractiveness. Working through structured deliberation, they developed a collective vision for the metropolitan area and adopted a final report containing **64 recommendations**, approved by **96%** of Convention participants.

The Convention represented far more than an advisory exercise. One of the initiative's principal innovations was the creation of a **Citizen Monitoring Committee**, established at the request of Convention members themselves. Bringing together former Convention participants and additional volunteer residents, the committee accompanies the implementation of the planning process by reviewing how citizen recommendations are incorporated into successive planning documents, requesting clarifications from metropolitan services and issuing additional recommendations where necessary. Public reports are produced after each meeting, creating an institutionalised "right of follow-up" that extends citizen involvement well beyond the deliberative phase.

Innovation also lies in the continuous interaction between **technical expertise and citizen knowledge**. Rather than treating participation as a parallel exercise, the Métropole established an iterative process in which citizen feedback repeatedly informed technical work, while planners returned to participants with revised scenarios and regulatory proposals for further discussion. This permanent dialogue allowed planning documents to evolve throughout the process and strengthened the legitimacy of difficult policy choices concerning urban growth, ecological transition and territorial resilience.



The initiative placed particular emphasis on **inclusion and accessibility**. Dedicated workshops were organised for children, young people, students and persons with disabilities, while meetings were held during evenings and weekends to facilitate participation. Child-care services, digital participation tools and extensive outreach activities helped reduce practical barriers to engagement. Alongside residents, the process also involved the Sustainable Development Council, the COP Rouen 2030 network, municipal councillors from all 71 municipalities, economic actors, associations, educational institutions and technical experts, creating an unusually broad ecosystem of participation.

Transparency and accountability were integrated throughout the process. Citizen contributions were systematically documented and traced through monitoring tables showing how proposals influenced planning documents. The Citizens' Convention itself was independently evaluated, with **96% of participants** considering that their perspectives had been taken into account, while **72%** expressed willingness to participate again in future deliberative processes. These evaluation mechanisms have also informed the development of a broader participatory evaluation framework for the Métropole's democratic governance policy.

Citizen recommendations contributed to strengthening provisions relating to **ecological transition, biodiversity protection, forest conservation, water resource management, decarbonised mobility, inclusive housing, proximity services, commercial redevelopment, agroecology and the social and solidarity economy**. More broadly, the initiative transformed internal administrative practices by encouraging greater collaboration between departments, improving the traceability of planning decisions and embedding citizen participation within the preparation of long-term regulatory policies.

Rouen Métropole 2050 demonstrates how participatory democracy can become an integral component of strategic territorial planning. By combining large-scale public engagement, a randomly selected Citizens' Convention, iterative deliberation and a permanent citizen monitoring mechanism, the initiative illustrates how complex regulatory planning can be co-produced with residents while addressing the interconnected challenges of climate transition, social justice and metropolitan development. The practice offers a governance model in which citizen deliberation does not conclude with consultation but continues throughout implementation, strengthening both the legitimacy and the long-term sustainability of public decision-making.

FIND OUT MORE

Rouen Métropole 2050: Citizens at the Heart of the Transition website

<https://jeparticipe.metropole-rouen-normandie.fr/concertation-publique/rouen-metropole-2050>

Métropole Rouen Normandie website

<https://www.metropole-rouen-normandie.fr/>

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website

<https://participe.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3873>

Comments from the jury

“*Rouen Métropole 2050 demonstrates that even the most complex planning processes can be genuinely co-developed with citizens, transforming a traditionally technical exercise into a participatory process that gives residents a real voice in shaping the future of their territory.*”

“ This practice sets a benchmark for participatory governance by combining an ambitious long-term vision, a rigorous and inclusive methodology, and institutional mechanisms that ensure citizen contributions directly influence planning, implementation, and long-term follow-up.

“ By embedding participation throughout every stage of territorial planning—from deliberation to monitoring—Rouen Métropole 2050 exemplifies integrated governance, showing how ecological transition, social justice, and democratic innovation can be advanced through a genuine whole-of-government approach.

“ A remarkable demonstration that long-term territorial planning can be both technically robust and genuinely citizen-driven.



Program for the Improvement of Informal Settlements, *Favelas* and Peripheries

Contagem Municipality

Urban Management and Public Space / 621 863 inhabitants

Contagem is located in the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte, in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, and has a population of more than 620,000 inhabitants. As one of the state's main industrial and economic centres, the municipality combines significant economic dynamism with persistent territorial inequalities. Approximately **96,000 people**—around 15% of the population—live in nearly 100 informal settlements and peripheral neighbourhoods that have historically experienced limited access to urban infrastructure, including paving, drainage, sanitation, street lighting and public spaces. In response, the municipality launched the **Programme for the Improvement of Informal Settlements, *Favelas* and Peripheries in 2024** to improve living conditions while strengthening citizen participation in urban planning and investment decisions.

The programme builds on Contagem's experience in participatory governance by placing community participation at the centre of the planning, prioritisation

and monitoring of urban interventions. Rather than defining projects exclusively through technical planning, the municipality established a participatory process through which residents identify local priorities, contribute to the allocation of municipal resources and monitor the implementation of public works.

The process began with a citywide mobilisation organised through Contagem's **eight administrative regions**. Between December 2024 and January 2025, residents were invited to identify the main infrastructure needs affecting their communities through both an online consultation on the **Decide Contagem** digital platform and paper-based forms available in regional administrative offices. This hybrid approach sought to reduce barriers to participation by combining digital engagement with in-person support. In total, **2,249 residents** submitted **5,639 proposals** covering **114 informal settlements and peripheral neighbourhoods**, providing the municipality with a detailed territorial diagnosis based on community priorities.





The information collected constitutes the basis for a second stage in which municipal technical teams analyse proposals according to feasibility, social impact and available resources. Rather than replacing citizen participation, this technical assessment is conducted in continuous dialogue with community representatives, ensuring that investment priorities reflect both local demands and implementation capacity.

A key methodological innovation of the programme is the creation of the **Municipal Council of Informal Settlements and Peripheral Neighbourhoods**, establishing a permanent institutional mechanism through which residents participate beyond the consultation phase. Representatives are elected directly by their communities through regional assemblies open to residents over the age of eighteen. During the programme's first electoral process, **179 candidates** stood for election and **152 councillors** (86 full members and 66 alternates) were elected by more than **1,700 voters**, representing **86 communities**. The Council accompanies project implementation, monitors public investment and serves as a permanent channel of dialogue between communities and the municipal administration.

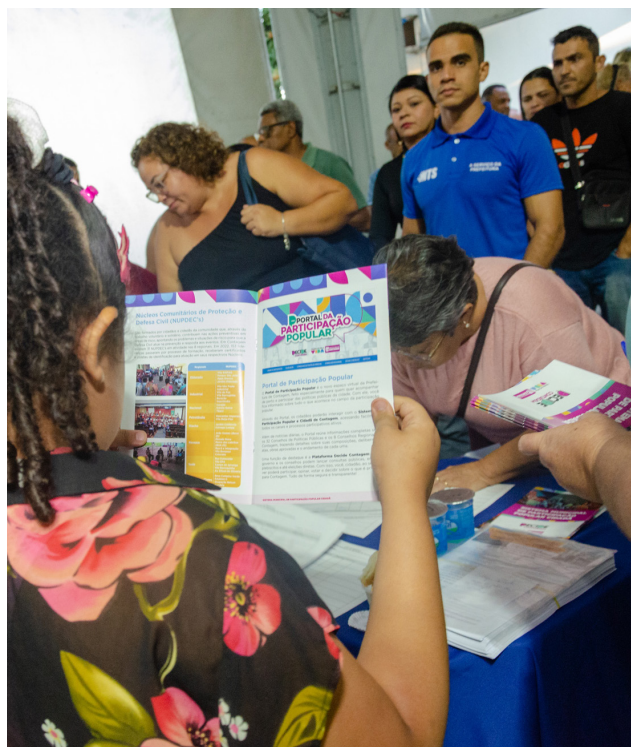
The programme combines digital participation with continuous territorial engagement. Alongside the Decide Contagem platform, residents participate through community meetings, regional assemblies, technical site visits and open monitoring sessions. Information on ongoing projects is disseminated through municipal communication channels, social media, printed publications and accountability reports distributed within the communities. This combination of online and face-to-face participation enables residents not

only to define priorities but also to follow the progress of interventions and provide feedback throughout implementation.

Another innovative aspect of the practice is the integration of **participatory planning with urban investment**. Rather than operating as a standalone consultation process, citizen proposals directly inform the selection and sequencing of infrastructure works, including street paving, drainage systems, public lighting, sanitation improvements, slope stabilisation and the upgrading of public spaces. Participation therefore becomes a structural component of municipal planning rather than an isolated engagement exercise.

The programme places particular emphasis on inclusion by **focusing on territories experiencing the greatest social and urban vulnerability**. Women, young people and older residents are encouraged to participate through accessible consultation mechanisms and community-based mobilisation supported by regional municipal teams. Combining digital and in-person participation has helped broaden access for residents who may otherwise face barriers to engaging in municipal decision-making.

Monitoring and accountability are embedded throughout implementation. Municipal departments monitor the execution of works using technical and social indicators, while the Municipal Council oversees implementation, accompanies field visits and acts as a channel through which communities can assess progress and propose adjustments. Results from consultations and monitoring activities inform subsequent investment cycles, allowing priorities to evolve according to emerging territorial needs.



Contagem

According to the municipality, more than **R\$ 8.8 million** had been invested by 2025, benefiting approximately **96,000 residents**. Public lighting, identified as one of the main priorities during consultations, received **623 requests**, of which around **80%** had already been addressed. Beyond infrastructure improvements, the programme has strengthened community participation by incorporating citizen proposals into urban planning and establishing a permanent representative body for neighbourhood oversight and dialogue

By linking territorial diagnosis, participatory planning, representative governance and urban investment, the Programme for the Improvement of Informal Settlements, Favelas and Peripheries illustrates a model in which citizen participation becomes an integral component of urban management. Through permanent mechanisms for consultation, representation and monitoring, the initiative seeks to reduce territorial inequalities while strengthening democratic governance in historically underserved communities.

FIND OUT MORE

Program for the Improvement of Informal Settlements, Favelas and Peripheries website

https://decidim.contagem.mg.gov.br/processes/programa-de-melhoria-de-vilas-favelas-e-periferias?participatory_process_slug=programa-de-melhoria-de-vilas-favelas-e-periferias

Contagem Municipality website

<https://portal.contagem.mg.gov.br/>

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3765>

Comments from the jury

“*The programme demonstrates how citizen participation can be translated into tangible urban improvements, combining community decision-making with concrete public investment to improve the quality of life in historically underserved neighbourhoods.*”

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Its greatest strength lies in the institutionalization of participation through the Municipal Council of Informal Settlements and Peripheral Neighbourhoods, creating a permanent channel for dialogue, oversight, and shared decision-making between residents and local government.

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By combining multiple participatory mechanisms with a strong territorial focus on vulnerable communities, the initiative offers a compelling example of inclusive urban governance, ensuring that local priorities directly shape public investment and urban development.

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A compelling example of how participatory governance can deliver visible improvements where they are needed most.



Makassar Inclusive City Movement

City of Makassar and Kota Kita Foundation

Gender and Care / 1 485 077 inhabitants

Makassar is the largest metropolitan city in Eastern Indonesia, with a population of approximately **1.48 million inhabitants**. As a major regional hub, the city has committed to promoting more inclusive urban development. However, according to the municipality, persons with disabilities (PwDs) continue to face significant barriers to education, employment, public services and civic participation. Although Makassar adopted a local regulation on the rights of persons with disabilities in 2013, this framework had not been updated following Indonesia's 2016 national disability law, limiting the effective inclusion of PwDs in urban planning and decision-making.

The **Makassar Inclusive City Movement** was launched in **2025** through a collaboration between the City of Makassar, the Local Development Planning Agency (BAPPEDA), the civil society organisation **Kota Kita**, and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs). The initiative seeks to mainstream disability inclusion within urban governance by ensuring that persons with disabilities participate directly in the production of knowledge, **the formulation of public policies and municipal planning and budgeting processes**. Rather than treating disability as a separate social issue, the practice integrates inclusion into the city's broader urban development agenda.

The methodology began with a **participatory mapping process** designed to produce an updated profile of persons with disabilities across Makassar, including residents of the city's small islands. Rather than positioning persons with disabilities as survey respondents, the initiative involved OPDs as equal partners responsible for guiding data collection, validating information and identifying local priorities. The process documented **5,171 persons with disabilities**, almost three times the number recorded in official statistics, revealing significant gaps in public data and unmet needs related to accessibility, identification documents, social protection and participation.

Following the data collection phase, the municipality established a **Disability Action Plan Team** to prepare the Regional Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities (2025–2029). Guided by the principle "**Nothing About Us Without Us**," organisations of persons with disabilities participated directly in drafting the policy framework. The participatory disability profile was subsequently presented to the Mayor and municipal departments, informing policy priorities across the local administration.



Makassar



The initiative then expanded participation by introducing Makassar's first **thematic participatory planning and budgeting forum** dedicated to vulnerable groups. For the first time, persons with disabilities participated collectively alongside women, older people and children, submitting **31 policy proposals** for consideration within the city's planning process. According to the municipality, this broadened participation beyond the previous model, in which a single representative spoke on behalf of the disability community.

A key innovation lies in combining **participatory data production with participatory governance**. The initiative demonstrates how citizen-generated evidence became the foundation for institutional change, transforming persons with disabilities from beneficiaries into active contributors to policy design, implementation and monitoring. The disability profile also encouraged municipal departments to integrate disability considerations into their programmes and budgets.

Another innovative component is the creation of **SUARA Inklusi** (Inclusive Voice), a coalition bringing together ten organisations of persons with disabilities. Supported by Kota Kita, the coalition strengthened organisational capacity through training and carried out **Makassar's first accessibility audit led by persons with disabilities**, incorporating the perspectives of people with physical, psychosocial and intellectual disabilities.

The practice places strong emphasis on inclusion by adapting participation methods to different accessibility needs through tactile maps, sign language interpretation, visual communication tools and simplified facilitation methods. Outreach also extended to geographically isolated island communities.

Monitoring and evaluation combine participatory validation workshops, public feedback sessions and accessibility audits led by organisations of persons with disabilities. Disability data and recommendations continue to inform departmental planning and budget allocation, supported by **disability budget targeting**.

According to the municipality, the participatory mapping identified approximately **4,000 previously undocumented persons with disabilities**, prompting policy responses including the regularisation of identity documents, the appointment of a young woman with a disability as adviser to the Mayor, the establishment of the thematic participatory planning process, and the institutionalisation of the SUARA Inklusi coalition.

By combining participatory data collection, accessible deliberative processes, capacity building and institutional reform, the Makassar Inclusive City Movement illustrates how disability inclusion can become an integral component of urban governance. Through the principle "Nothing About Us Without Us," the practice demonstrates how participatory planning can strengthen equity by ensuring that persons with disabilities directly shape the policies that affect their lives.

FIND OUT MORE

Makassar Inclusive City Movement website

<https://kotakita.org/youth-led-participatory-data-for-disability-inclusive-city-in-makassar>

<https://kotakita.org/suara-inklusi-strengthening-the-capacity-of-organizations-of-persons-with-disabilities-towards-a-disability-friendly-makassar-city->

City of Makassar website

<https://makassarkota.go.id>

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3825>



Comments from the jury

“The Makassar Inclusive City Movement is a powerful example of participatory governance that places persons with disabilities at the centre of public decision-making, demonstrating how inclusive planning can reshape urban policy through co-creation, reliable data, and shared leadership.”

“The practice stands out for its strong ethical foundation and innovative approach, combining participatory mapping, disability-led planning, and dedicated participatory budgeting to ensure that voices traditionally excluded from urban governance directly influence public policy.

“By embedding disability inclusion into planning, budgeting, and institutional decision-making, the initiative represents an inspiring step towards more equitable and accessible governance, showing how participation can drive lasting cultural and policy change despite the challenges of measuring inclusion.

“An inspiring example of inclusive governance that turns the principle of 'nothing about us without us' into public policy.



Participatory Watershed Governance in the Nibuwa–Tankhuwa Catchment

Dhankuta Municipality

Ecological Transition and Environment / 50 000 inhabitants

Dhankuta Municipality is located in the mid-hills of eastern Nepal within the Koshi River Basin, an area characterised by steep terrain, fragile ecosystems and a high dependence on natural resources for water, agriculture and local livelihoods. Climate change has intensified seasonal water scarcity while increasing the frequency of landslides, soil erosion and extreme rainfall, creating simultaneous challenges of water shortages during dry periods and flooding during the monsoon season. These pressures have particularly affected women, indigenous communities and small-holder farmers, who rely directly on local water sources for household needs and agricultural production.

The practice **Participatory Watershed Governance in the Nibuwa–Tankhuwa Catchment** was launched in **2021** to strengthen water security and climate resilience through a participatory governance model centred on the watershed rather than

on administrative boundaries. Building on research conducted between 2017 and 2020 by Dhankuta Municipality and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the initiative sought to address the limitations of fragmented, sector-based approaches by integrating environmental management, local planning and citizen participation within a single governance framework.

The methodology begins with the recognition of the **watershed as both an ecological and a governance unit**. Instead of each municipality designing interventions in silo, the practice adopts a catchment-scale approach that brings together Dhankuta Municipality, neighbouring Chhathar Jorpati Rural Municipality and local stakeholders to jointly identify environmental challenges and coordinate responses across the entire watershed.



Dhankuta



The participatory process started with **community-level diagnosis of water, land and climate risks**. Through participatory mapping, household surveys and focus group discussions, residents—including women, indigenous communities, farmers, youth and households experiencing water scarcity—identified priority concerns such as drying springs, land degradation, landslides and declining agricultural productivity. This diagnosis combined local knowledge with hydrological, ecological and socio-economic research carried out by ICIMOD, creating a shared evidence base for decision-making.

The information gathered informed a second phase of **multi-stakeholder planning workshops**, bringing together municipal officials, ward representatives, community organisations, technical experts, NGOs and local residents. Rather than consulting citizens on predefined projects, these deliberative forums jointly developed a watershed management plan organised around six complementary components: water conservation, sustainable land-use management, livelihood diversification, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, institutional strengthening and interdisciplinary action research. The resulting priorities were incorporated into municipal planning and budgeting processes.

Implementation is carried out through **watershed and spring-source management committees**, which enable communities to remain directly involved beyond the planning stage. Citizens participate in identifying intervention sites, constructing recharge ponds, in-

filtration pits and bioengineering measures, restoring spring sources and monitoring environmental conditions. Municipal budgets are combined with inter-municipal cost-sharing arrangements and technical support from ICIMOD and partner organisations, while responsibilities for implementation are shared among local governments, community organisations and technical institutions.

A central innovation of the practice lies in the **institutionalisation of participatory watershed governance** within local government systems. Rather than treating watershed management as a series of isolated environmental projects, the initiative establishes the watershed itself as a permanent platform for citizen deliberation, inter-municipal co-ordination and public accountability. Scientific research and technical expertise are combined with indigenous and local knowledge, while citizen participation is embedded throughout planning, implementation, monitoring and policy development.

The practice also places strong emphasis on **inclusion and equity**. Women, indigenous communities, smallholder farmers and households most affected by water scarcity are actively involved through targeted consultations, representation within watershed committees and capacity-building activities. Flexible meeting schedules and participatory facilitation methods seek to reduce barriers to participation, ensuring that groups most directly affected by climate and water challenges contribute to defining priorities and monitoring implementation.

Dhankuta



Monitoring and evaluation are integrated into the governance model through participatory review meetings, technical assessments and community-based monitoring of spring discharge, water infrastructure and environmental impacts. Citizens contribute directly to evaluating interventions and identifying adjustments, while implementation responsibilities and budget allocations are discussed openly during public forums, reinforcing transparency and accountability. Lessons learned are incorporated into subsequent planning cycles, allowing the practice to adapt to changing climatic conditions and local priorities.

The long-term sustainability of the initiative is supported through its **integration into municipal planning and budgeting systems**. Watershed committees continue to oversee interventions after implementation, while municipalities allocate annual resources for priority activities and maintain coordination with technical partners. This institutional integration enables the practice to evolve in response to community feedback, funding opportunities and emerging climate risks while maintaining its participatory governance framework.

According to the municipality, the practice has strengthened coordination between citizens and local governments, improved water security and reduced conflicts over water use. Communities now play an active role in the management of springs, landslide-prone areas and natural resources, while participatory watershed management has been incorporated into municipal development planning. By linking ecological restoration with collaborative governance, the initiative illustrates how participatory planning can strengthen environmental resilience while embedding citizen participation within local decision-making.



Dhankuta

FIND OUT MORE

Participatory Watershed Governance in the Nibuwa–Tankhuwa Catchment website

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Dhankuta Municipality website

<https://dhankutamun.gov.np>

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3720>

Comments from the jury

“*The practice demonstrates how environmental governance can be strengthened by placing citizens at the centre of decision-making, transforming watershed management into a genuinely participatory process that extends from diagnosis and planning to implementation and monitoring.*”

“By treating the watershed as a shared ecological system rather than an administrative boundary, the initiative offers an innovative model of inter-municipal collaboration that combines scientific expertise, local knowledge, and community leadership to build long-term climate resilience.

“This is a compelling example of participatory environmental governance, distinguished by its strong methodology, inclusive engagement of vulnerable communities, and institutionalized mechanisms for collaboration, making it a valuable model for other territories facing water scarcity and climate-related challenges.

“A highly participatory approach that shows environmental resilience is strongest when built with communities rather than for them.



Buzzly youth engagement platform

Auckland Council

Civic Tech / 1 600 000 inhabitants

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city, with more than 1.6 million inhabitants, and one of the world's most culturally diverse urban areas. Alongside a significant Indigenous Māori population, the city is home to large Pasifika and migrant communities, while young people aged 13–24 represent a substantial and growing share of the population. According to the Auckland Council, these groups have traditionally been under-represented in formal consultation processes, which often rely on written submissions, surveys and public hearings that do not reflect how young people communicate or engage with public issues.

To address these barriers, the Auckland Council launched **Buzzly** in 2024 as a digital participation platform designed to strengthen youth engagement in public decision-making. Rather than adapting existing consultation tools, the initiative introduces a participation model centred on creative expression, peer engagement and digital technology, while ensuring that youth contributions are integrated into formal planning and governance processes.

Each participation campaign begins when a Council department identifies a policy issue or planning process requiring public input. Departments complete a structured project canvas that defines the objectives, target groups, key messages and policy questions. The Buzzly team then works with **youth ambassadors** through a co-design process to develop each campaign, translating technical policy issues into accessible language and producing short videos and communication materials tailored to young audiences.

Campaigns, presented as **online "Challenges"**, remain open for three weeks. During this period, young people aged 13–24 are invited to contribute through formats that reflect their preferred forms of communication, including video, visual art, spoken word, storytelling and written submissions. **Fifty youth ambassadors** lead peer-to-peer outreach through social media,

while partnerships with schools and community organisations broaden participation among different youth communities.

One of the practice's main innovations is its **redesign of public consultation around creative participation**. Instead of requiring written responses, the platform recognises multiple forms of expression as legitimate contributions to policymaking. Participants receive personalised feedback on their submissions together with **small financial rewards** recognising their civic contribution, while particularly creative entries may receive additional recognition. Selected participants are also invited to meet Council representatives and learn how their contributions will inform public decisions.



Auckland



A second innovation concerns the governance of participants' contributions. **Young people retain full intellectual property rights over the content they create**, and any reuse by the Council requires their explicit consent and additional compensation. According to the municipality, this rights-based approach seeks to move beyond extractive consultation by recognising youth contributions as valuable creative and civic work.

After each campaign closes, submissions are analysed using **AI-enabled qualitative synthesis** combined with human review. Rather than replacing human interpretation, artificial intelligence is used to identify recurring themes across diverse creative submissions and produce structured insights reports. These reports are made available through a sponsor dashboard and are used by Council departments and Local Boards to integrate youth perspectives into planning, policy development and service design.

The practice also incorporates measures to broaden participation among groups that are often underrepresented in civic processes. Māori, Pasifika and migrant youth are actively involved in the co-design of campaigns through the youth ambassador network, helping ensure that communication strategies and engagement methods are culturally relevant. Partnerships with 12 schools and community organisations further support outreach and participation across different communities.

Buzzy combines digital participation with institutional integration. The platform is currently embedded across **11 Auckland Council departments**, while its findings contribute to planning processes across the city's **21 Local Boards**. An advisory board composed of Council representatives, youth organisations and members of the technology sector provides strategic oversight, and each campaign concludes with evaluation sessions involving Council staff and youth ambassadors to refine future engagement processes.

According to the Auckland Council, since its launch the platform has registered **2,710 young participants**, who have generated **2,050 submissions** across **37 civic campaigns**. Forty-two percent of participants identify as Māori or Pasifika and 40% as migrants, increasing the participation of communities that have traditionally been less represented in formal consultation. More than **NZD 60,000** has been distributed directly to participants through the platform's reward system.

The application also reports that youth contributions have informed several public policy processes, including Auckland's **30-year Water Resilience Strategy**, while Buzzy insights are now incorporated into all **21 Local Board Plans (2025–2026)**.

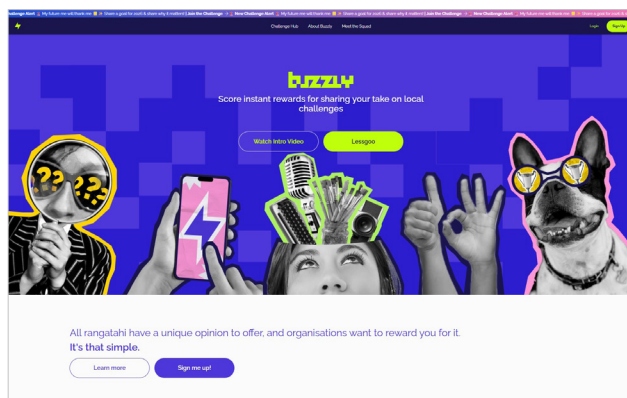
Beyond individual consultations, the platform has contributed to embedding youth participation within the Council's governance processes and to developing new approaches for integrating digital participation, creative expression and AI-supported analysis into public decision-making.

FIND OUT MORE

Buzzy youth engagement platform website
www.buzzy.nz

Auckland Council website
www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website
<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/304/proposals/3932>



Auckland

Comments from the jury

“*Buzzly sets a benchmark for digital participatory democracy by placing young people at the centre of public decision-making, combining civic technology, co-design, and innovative engagement methods to ensure their voices meaningfully shape municipal policies.*”

“The practice stands out for transforming youth participation from occasional consultation into an institutionalized process, successfully engaging diverse and traditionally underrepresented young people while demonstrating how digital innovation can strengthen inclusive governance.”

“By recognizing young people as partners in policymaking and creating accessible, creative, and sustained pathways for participation, Buzzly offers an inspiring model of civic innovation with significant potential to influence the future of democratic engagement.”

“A forward-looking model that redefines youth participation through creativity, technology, and shared decision-making.”



SPECIAL MENTION FOR THE MOST SUPPORTED
PRACTICE BY THE ODP COMMUNITY

Gwanak-gu, Seoul
South Korea

Beyond Promises: Citizen-Led Manifesto Governance in Gwanak-gu

Gwanak-gu Local Government

Building More Democratic and Peaceful Communities / 478 195 inhabitants

Gwanak-gu is located in southwestern Seoul, Republic of Korea, and has a population of approximately **478,000 inhabitants**. The district combines extensive residential neighbourhoods with major educational and innovation hubs, including the Seoul National University and the Gwanak S-Valley startup cluster. More than 40% of its population is made up of young residents, while long-term inhabitants, elderly populations and lower-income households continue to represent an important part of the community. This demographic diversity, together with relatively low levels of trust in local government and limited civic engagement, encouraged the municipality to strengthen citizen participation in local decision-making.

The practice **Beyond Promises: Citizen-Led Manifesto to Governance in Gwanak-gu** was launched in 2022 with the objective of integrating citizens into the management of the local administration's electoral pledge-

es. Rather than treating election promises as commitments implemented solely by the administration, the municipality established a participatory governance model that enables residents to contribute throughout the policy cycle—from the definition of priorities to implementation, monitoring, evaluation and adaptation.

The participatory process began immediately after the local elections with the creation of a **26-member Policy Planning Group** composed of public officials, academics, civil society representatives, business leaders, students and community members. Through plenary meetings, thematic working groups and expert consultations, participants reviewed previous policy experiences, discussed local priorities and jointly developed the municipality's **Four-Year Pledge Implementation Plan**. This collaborative process resulted in the adoption of **60 pledge initiatives** organised under six strategic policy objectives.



Gwanak-gu



Rather than ending with the approval of the plan, citizen participation was institutionalised throughout the implementation of the electoral programme. The municipality established several permanent participatory bodies with complementary functions. The **Innovation and Collaboration Committee** reviews implementation progress and provides strategic recommendations, while the **Policy Advisory Group**, composed of 125 members, contributes technical expertise and sectoral perspectives. In parallel, a **Citizen Jury System**, randomly selected among citizens, deliberates on proposed adjustments to government commitments when implementation conditions change, allowing citizens to participate directly in reviewing and adapting municipal policies.

A key innovation of the practice is the integration of these deliberative mechanisms with continuous digital participation through the **Online Gwanak Office**. The platform centralises information on all municipal pledges, enabling residents to monitor implementation, submit policy proposals, participate in discussions and receive responses from responsible departments throughout the year. Interactive tools such as the **Pledge Thermometer**, the **Pledge Ledger** and the **Regional Pledge Map** present implementation progress in an accessible format, while real-time information supports both public oversight and administrative monitoring. According to the municipality, the platform has registered more than **2.13 million cumulative visits**.

Digital participation is complemented by face-to-face engagement. Municipal officials regularly organise meetings in neighbourhood facilities, schools and senior centres to present implementation progress and gather residents' feedback. Citizens also participate through QR-code voting, telephone surveys and public consultations, while communication is maintained through newsletters, social media, YouTube, Kakao-Talk and public information displays. To encourage broad participation, the municipality also established dedicated participatory structures for young people, children and local businesses, including the **Youth Network, Youth Policy Committee, Youth Autonomous Council, Children's Policy Monitoring Group and the Venture Business Promotion Committee**.

Participation extends to the monitoring and evaluation of the practice. Implementation is reviewed through quarterly administrative assessments, biannual public reporting meetings chaired by the mayor, annual Citizen Jury deliberations and resident satisfaction surveys, complemented by independent external evaluation conducted by the Korea Manifesto Center. The governance framework is also linked with participatory budgeting and other public-private governance initiatives, embedding citizen participation within the municipality's regular administrative structure rather than treating it as a standalone programme.

According to the municipality, by the end of 2025 the pledge fulfilment rate had reached **97.7%**, with **35 of the 60 pledge initiatives completed**, while resident satisfaction with municipal administration stood at **80.3%**. The practice has also received national and international recognition for its participatory governance model and digital participation platform.

Overall, the practice illustrates a model of participatory governance that institutionalises citizen involvement in the management of electoral pledges. By combining collaborative planning, representative advisory bodies, randomly selected deliberative mechanisms, digital participation and transparent monitoring, Gwanak-gu has established multiple channels through which residents can contribute to local decision-making and oversee the implementation of government commitments.



FIND OUT MORE

Beyond Promises: Citizen-Led Manifesto Governance in Gwanak-gu website

<https://www.gwanak.go.kr/site/365/bbs/list.do?cbldx=631>

Gwanak-gu Local Government website

<https://www.gwanak.go.kr/site/eng/main.do>

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/304/proposals/3920>

The Most Supported Practice by the OIDP Community

The proposal put forward by the Local Government of Gwanak-gu Municipality garnered **914 votes** through the open voting process on the ParticipateOIDP platform, distinguishing itself as the preferred choice of the public.

Comments from the jury

“Gwanak-gu demonstrates how participatory democracy can be embedded throughout the entire public policy cycle, combining digital innovation, transparency, and multiple channels for citizen engagement to strengthen trust between residents and local government.”

“The practice stands out for its comprehensive governance model, enabling citizens not only to propose ideas but also to monitor implementation, track public commitments, and engage in continuous dialogue with the administration through an accessible digital platform.”

“By institutionalizing participation, enhancing accountability through transparent monitoring, and creating a structured system for citizen involvement, Gwanak-gu offers a strong and transferable model for rebuilding public trust and making local policymaking more open and responsive.”

“A comprehensive model of transparent and continuous citizen participation that helps rebuild trust in local government.”



Ramallah Youth City Council (RYCC)

Ramallah Municipality

Building More Democratic and Peaceful Communities / 85 000 inhabitants

Ramallah is located in the central West Bank, approximately 16 kilometres north of Jerusalem, and has a population of around 85,000 inhabitants. With a median age of 21.4 years, it is characterised by a predominantly young population and serves as a political, cultural and administrative centre in Palestine. Despite operating under the constraints of prolonged occupation, including restrictions on movement, land use and access to resources, the Ramallah Municipality has developed a **long-term vision centred on resilience, inclusion and participatory governance**. Within this framework, children and young people are recognised as key actors in shaping the city's future.

The **Ramallah Youth City Council (RYCC)** was established in **2008**, coinciding with the centenary of the Ramallah Municipality and the adoption of its first municipal strategic plan. Conceived as a permanent mechanism for youth participation, the initiative sought to move beyond occasional consultations by creating a democratically elected youth council through which adolescents could engage directly with local government. Over more than fifteen years of continuous implementation, the RYCC has become an institutional component of the municipality's governance structure and of its broader **Child-Friendly City strategy**.

The practice is designed around a **three-year electoral cycle** involving young people aged **14 to 17** from governmental, private, UNRWA and schools serving students with hearing disabilities. Every three years, elections are organised according to a standardised process that includes awareness sessions in schools, candidate registration, election campaigns and voting supervised by the Central Elections Commission and the Ministry of Education. Twenty-two representatives are elected to form the Youth City Council, ensuring representation across different educational systems and social backgrounds while promoting gender balance.

Following the elections, **newly elected members participate in a structured capacity-building programme covering civic education, local governance, municipal regulations, leadership, communication and human rights**. Facilitated by the Municipality's Youth and Children Division, together with educators, municipal departments and external specialists, this training prepares members to participate effectively in municipal affairs while strengthening their understanding of democratic institutions and public administration.





Rather than functioning as a symbolic youth body, the Council operates as a **standing participatory institution** embedded within municipal governance. Members meet weekly according to an annual work plan developed by the Council itself and aligned with municipal priorities. They engage in regular dialogue with municipal officials, contribute to consultations on local policies and services, propose initiatives and participate in awareness campaigns addressing issues such as children's rights, bullying, cybersecurity, social inclusion and civic responsibility. One of the practice's distinctive features is the **Municipality Day**, during which Youth Council members temporarily assume the roles of mayor, city director and senior municipal officials, allowing them to experience decision-making processes from within the local administration.

A central innovation of the practice lies in its transformation of youth participation into a **permanent, democratically elected governance mechanism**. Rather than relying on ad hoc youth consultations or project-based engagement, the RYCC institutionalises participation through regular elections, internal by-laws, recurring training programmes and continuous interaction with municipal departments. This continuity has enabled youth participation to become part of the municipality's regular planning and decision-making processes instead of remaining dependent on individual projects or political mandates.

The practice also places particular emphasis on inclusion. Representation extends across governmental, private, UNRWA and disability-focused schools, ensuring participation from young people with different social, educational and economic backgrounds. **Accessibility measures**, including sign language interpretation throughout meetings and public activities, support the meaningful participation of young people with hearing disabilities. Communication combines school networks, municipal platforms, public events, social media and the municipality's mobile application, while feedback mechanisms ensure that recommendations made by the Youth Council are documented, transmitted to relevant departments and communicated back to participants.

Monitoring and evaluation are integrated into the methodology. Activities, recommendations and outcomes are documented throughout each three-year term and reviewed through regular meetings, reflection sessions and participatory assessments involving Youth Council members. Feedback is used to adapt training programmes, improve communication strategies and refine future work plans. Accountability is reinforced through a clear governance structure, protected municipal funding, documented decision-making processes and regular reporting to municipal leadership.

The long-term institutionalisation of the Council has been a key factor in its sustainability. **Since 2008, successive Youth City Councils have operated under the same democratic framework, supported by dedicated municipal staff, a protected annual budget and integration within the municipality's long-term strategies.** The model has remained adaptable by adjusting thematic priorities, engagement methods and safeguarding measures in response to changing political and social circumstances while maintaining its core participatory structure.

According to the municipality, the RYCC has engaged **hundreds of elected youth councillors** and **thousands of students** through elections, consultations, campaigns and civic activities since its establishment. Youth recommendations have **informed discussions on public spaces, municipal services, safety, inclusion and children's rights, contributing to the development of child- and youth-responsive policies, including the municipality's Child-Friendly City Strategy.** The practice has also strengthened civic awareness, leadership skills and trust between young people and local authorities, while reinforcing the municipality's capacity to embed child participation within local governance.

After more than fifteen years of continuous implementation, the Ramallah Youth City Council illustrates how democratic participation can be institutionalised from an early age through a permanent governance mechanism. By combining democratic elections, civic education, continuous dialogue with municipal authorities and structured follow-up, the practice has established a durable model for integrating children's voices into local decision-making and ensuring that youth participation remains a permanent component of municipal governance.



FIND OUT MORE

Ramallah Youth City Council (RYCC) website

<https://www.facebook.com/R.Municipality>

Ramallah Municipality website

<https://ramallah.ps/en>

The practice on the ParticipateOIDP website

<https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/304/proposals/3938>

Comments from the jury

“The Ramallah Youth City Council is an exemplary model of sustainable participatory governance, demonstrating how youth participation can evolve from a project into a permanent municipal institution that continuously strengthens democratic engagement across generations.”

“The practice stands out for its long-term institutionalization, transparent governance, and consistent renewal through democratic elections, ensuring that young people remain active partners in shaping local policies despite a highly challenging political and operational context.”

“By embedding youth voices within municipal structures and adapting its role over time to respond to changing community needs, the initiative illustrates how sustained participation can build lasting civic capacity, resilience, and trust between young people and local government.”

“A lasting investment in democracy that empowers young people to become active partners in local governance.”



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*Many of these initiatives showcase **remarkable examples of innovative, inclusive, and context-driven participatory democracy.***

We encourage you to delve into these inspiring stories and projects, which highlight the transformative potential of local and regional governments working with their communities.



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CHILDREN'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL Amman, Jordan



The Children's Municipal Council in Amman, launched in 2006 by the Greater Amman Municipality, engages youth aged 13–15 in local governance through inclusive elections across all districts. It mirrors the municipal council, enabling children to identify priorities and propose policies through dialogue with authorities. The initiative has delivered tangible outcomes in public spaces, safety, and environmental action. Institutionalized within the municipal budget since 2019, it ensures long-term sustainability. The model has been replicated in other Jordanian cities, strengthening youth participation and democratic trust.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3729>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN BARCELONA Barcelona, Spain



Participatory Budgeting in Barcelona is a direct democracy process regulated by the 2022 Citizen Participation framework, allowing residents to decide on part of municipal investments. It combines in-person and digital participation, engaging thousands of people in proposing, co-designing, and voting on projects across all districts. The process follows structured phases, from neighborhood debates to technical evaluation and final voting, supported by the Decidim platform for transparency and traceability. It prioritizes inclusion of underrepresented groups through accessible tools, mediation, and targeted support.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3737>

BILBAO CITY COUNCIL LOCAL IMMIGRATION COUNCIL Bilbao, Spain

The Bilbao Local Immigration Council (CLI), created in 2011, empowers people of foreign origin as active political actors in shaping public policies. It has evolved into a collaborative governance model where migrant associations co-design initiatives and participate in participatory budgeting. The practice applies an intersectional approach, promoting inclusion through initiatives like the Community of Migrant Women and partnerships with local actors. Its institutional role ensures migrant voices influence key municipal bodies and public services. Overall, it uses diversity as a strategic driver to strengthen participatory democracy and social cohesion in Bilbao.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3741>

Bordeaux



DELIBERATIVE CYCLES IN BOGOTÁ

Bogotá DC, Colombia

Bogotá's Deliberative Cycles are an innovative initiative to rebuild trust between citizens and institutions in a context of high distrust, using random selection, informed dialogue, and inclusive participation. The process is driven by a multi-actor governance model and integrates behavioral sciences, digital tools, and targeted inclusion of diverse social groups. A key innovation is the 2024 Meta Assembly, where citizens co-designed the rules of deliberation, later formalized by the government. Subsequent cycles, such as the 2025 assembly on waste management, produced concrete policy recommendations, many already being implemented. Overall, the initiative demonstrates how deliberation can increase trust, strengthen legitimacy, and improve public policy through citizen co-responsibility.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3742>

WORKSHOPS OF INITIATIVES

Bordeaux, France



The Workshop of Initiatives in Bordeaux is an innovative mechanism (launched in 2024) that enables quick, micro-local citizen projects by removing barriers of traditional participatory budgeting. It allows even unstructured groups to access public support and introduces resident-led commissions that evaluate projects, transferring decision-making power to citizens. The model combines centralized coordination with strong neighborhood-level support, promoting inclusion, especially in priority areas. In 14 months, 25 projects have been implemented, impacting thousands and strengthening local social, cultural, and environmental initiatives.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3744>

BUILDING A MULTICULTURAL ECOSYSTEM FOR CIVIC DIALOGUE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

Brno, Czech Republic

Brno's initiative builds an inclusive, community-based ecosystem to strengthen civic dialogue, social cohesion, and peaceful coexistence in an increasingly diverse context. It began with cultural and educational activities and evolved into a model that integrates informal participation, civic education, and dialogue into everyday community life. The practice prioritizes accessibility and inclusion, engaging migrants, refugees, youth, and other under-represented groups through flexible and multilingual formats. Adaptable to crises like COVID-19 and refugee arrivals, it fosters trust, cooperation, and civic confidence across communities. Rather than directly shaping policy, it complements local governance by embedding participatory democracy in daily social interactions.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3746>

BUCARAMANGA PUBLIC INNOVATION LAB - COLABORA I INCIDELAB YOUTH 2025: YOUTHS WHO TRANSFORM

Bucaramanga, Colombia

IncidelaLab Youth 2025 in Bucaramanga is a public innovation lab designed to bridge the gap between youth and local government and foster meaningful participation. It combined surveys, co-creation workshops, and a structured innovation process involving 65 young people aged 14–28. Participants developed four concrete proposals, one of which (“Conéctate Bucaramanga”) will be implemented in 2026. The initiative contributes to youth policy updates and the city’s development plan while promoting transparency and anti-corruption. It has become a lasting model of collaborative governance connecting public institutions, academia, private sector, and civil society.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3747>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

Büyükçekmece, Türkiye

Büyükçekmece implemented participatory budgeting through workshops involving 176 participants from diverse groups, generating 348 proposals on key urban issues. These proposals were analyzed by municipal departments and integrated into the city’s budget planning process. The initiative ensured that public investments better reflect community needs and priorities. It also strengthened transparency, dialogue, and trust between citizens and local authorities. Overall, it contributes to institutionalizing participatory governance and building a more inclusive and resilient local administration.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3750>

CASPI - ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY OF PIRRI

Cagliari, Italy

CASPI in Pirri (Cagliari) is a participatory planning initiative promoting collaboration between institutions, civil society, and residents. Through workshops and consultations, local stakeholders co-created a shared vision for sustainable territorial development. The process resulted in a strategic Community Plan focused on social cohesion, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. It strengthened local governance by fostering dialogue and collaborative decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3751>

WALK IN CERGY – THE CITIZEN FACTORY GAME

Cergy, France

“Balade à Cergy” is a board game created by the city’s “Citizen Factory” to promote local heritage in a fun, participatory way. Developed by 26 randomly selected residents, it reflects collaborative civic engagement and diversity. The game invites players to explore Cergy’s neighbourhoods through quizzes and challenges about its history and culture. Accessible to all ages, it fosters intergenerational and intercultural connections among residents. Available in public spaces, it strengthens community identity and participation through playful learning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3754>

LAMPA CONVERSATION FESTIVAL - A PEOPLE-POWERED FESTIVAL FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

Cēsis, Latvia

The LAMPA Conversation Festival in Cēsis, Latvia, is an annual open-air event promoting democratic participation through inclusive dialogue. Open to all, it brings together citizens, decision-makers, and organizations to discuss diverse societal issues in a respectful space. Co-created by hundreds of actors, the 2025 edition hosted 375 events and attracted over 20,000 participants. It engages a wide and diverse audience, especially young people, and encourages cross-sector collaboration. LAMPA strengthens democratic culture by reducing polarization, building social trust, and fostering civic engagement.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3755>

MUNICIPAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GME)

Chía, Colombia

The Municipal Student Government (GME) in Chía is an institutionalized mechanism (Agreement 135/2018) that integrates youth into local democratic governance through elected student representatives. It connects schools with the municipal administration via a structured process of elections, training, and participatory dialogue. Coordinated by the Directorate of Youth Citizenship, it operates sustainably through institutional collaboration despite limited dedicated funding. GME institutionalizes youth participation as a permanent component of local governance, fostering active citizenship, inclusive decision-making, and a replicable model of participatory democracy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3756>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Chihuahua, Mexico

The Participatory Budget of Chihuahua is an institutional mechanism enabling citizens to propose and vote on projects funded by a portion of the municipal budget. Coordinated by the municipality, it includes proposal submission, technical validation, public voting, and transparent implementation of winning projects. The process prioritizes community needs, particularly in public spaces, infrastructure, and urban services. It strengthens direct citizen involvement, interdepartmental coordination, and accountability in public decision-making. Over time, it has consolidated participatory democracy as a stable public policy, fostering trust and more inclusive, collaborative governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3757>

COMMUNITY MAPS FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

Colombia and Municipalities, Colombia



Community Maps for Disaster Risk Management in Colombia is an institutional strategy integrating community knowledge into official risk planning since 2023. Through participatory cartography, communities co-produce and validate geospatial data that directly informs municipal decision-making and investments. The structured methodology strengthens local capacities while ensuring that citizen input becomes binding technical evidence. With over 4,000 participants, the initiative expands democratic participation and improves transparency and planning quality.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3758>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR OLDER ADULTS

Colonia Caroya, Argentina

The Participatory Budget for Older Adults in Colonia Caroya enables residents over 60 to propose and decide on projects funded by a dedicated portion of the municipal budget. Through a structured six-stage process combining online and in-person participation, it ensures transparency, monitoring, and inclusive engagement. The 2025 edition, its first, mobilized over 2,900 votes—more than 10% of the population—showing strong civic involvement. The winning project funded a transportation service for older adults, promoting mobility and social inclusion. The initiative strengthens rights-based participation and expands participatory budgeting to better include older populations in local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3759>

CITIZEN OFFICE

Commune des Lacs 1, Togo

The Citizen Office (Bureau du Citoyen) in Commune des Lacs 1 is an institutional mechanism (since 2023) designed to strengthen participation, transparency, and accountability. It provides structured channels for citizens to submit requests, complaints, and suggestions, complemented by outreach activities and local focal points. Targeting diverse groups, including youth, women, and persons with disabilities, it promotes inclusion and social cohesion. Over 3,000 citizens have engaged through surveys and follow-up processes, improving municipal services.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3760>

MOBILE CITIZEN SERVICE OFFICE – “NAVARRE ON THE MOVE”

The Foral Community of Navarre, Spain

The Mobile Citizen Service Office “Navarre on the Move” brings public services directly to rural areas through a fully equipped mobile unit. It offers administrative procedures, digital support, and spaces for citizen feedback, improving access for remote and vulnerable populations. Since 2025, it has reached dozens of municipalities and assisted thousands, reducing travel needs and barriers. The initiative strengthens trust by fostering closer, more direct relationships between citizens and institutions.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3762>

POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY IN SUS: THE MATURITY OF LOCAL COUNCILS AS PILLARS OF PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN NITERÓI

Municipal Health Council of Niterói, Brazil



Niterói has strengthened participatory democracy in health through a network of Local Health Councils embedded across its territories. Since 2021, these councils enable citizens—including marginalized groups—to co-manage health policies, budgets, and services within the SUS framework. Seventeen active councils operate through regular deliberation, civic education, and institutional support from key partners. Their inputs directly shape municipal health planning, enhancing inclusion, accountability, and policy responsiveness. The initiative transforms health governance into a collective, decentralized process, reinforcing trust, social justice, and democratic participation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3763>

EMPOWERING NEWCOMERS AGENCY : PARTICIPATORY POLICY-DESIGN FOR INTEGRATION

Constanta County, Romania

Constanța County implemented a participatory policy-design process that empowers newcomers to co-create their own integration pathways. Bringing together newcomers, authorities, and professionals, the initiative uses a CARE-based (Capable, Approachable, Reasonable and Equal) methodology to ensure equal and trust-based collaboration. Through focus groups and joint workshops, participants identified key challenges and co-designed practical solutions. The process resulted in a hybrid mechanism, including an online platform to improve access to services and civic participation. It strengthens inclusive governance while feeding local insights into broader European policy discussions on integration.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3764>

YOUTH PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

Córdoba, Argentina

Córdoba's Youth Participatory Budget (PPJ) is a legally institutionalized policy engaging young people (14–30) in designing and implementing community projects. Adapted from traditional participatory budgeting, it recognizes youth as active agents in public decision-making. The process includes outreach, proposal submission, technical evaluation, and supported implementation across city districts. Projects focus on areas such as culture, education, environment, and rights promotion, with strong youth self-management. The initiative enhances inclusion, civic engagement, and the responsiveness of public policies to youth needs.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3766>

“YOUR VOICE SHAPES THE CITY”

Cuenca, Ecuador

“Your Voice Shapes the City” in Cuenca is a territorial governance initiative that brings municipal decision-making directly to neighborhoods. Through regular on-site visits, citizens share needs and proposals, which are systematically processed by municipal teams. The approach institutionalizes active listening, improving responsiveness, transparency, and alignment of investments with local realities. It has significantly increased municipal interventions and strengthened trust between citizens and government. The initiative also enhances inclusion by engaging underrepresented groups and fostering more participatory, community-centered governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3774>





SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM – “PAE NUESTRO”, A DIFFERENTIAL MODEL WITH A COMMUNITY AND TERRITORIAL APPROACH

Cundinamarca, Colombia

PAE Nuestro in Cundinamarca is a community-based school feeding model that integrates local associations (ASOJUNTAS) into service delivery. It targets rural and vulnerable areas, improving student nutrition, attendance, and educational continuity. The program has rapidly scaled since 2024, reaching nearly 16,000 students by 2026. It replaces industrial food with locally prepared meals, supports local farmers, and strengthens rural economies. By combining community management, training, and accountability, it enhances service quality, transparency, and trust in public policy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3768>

PEACE 911

Davao City, Philippines

Peace 911 in Davao City is a localized peacebuilding strategy addressing conflict in vulnerable and isolated communities. Launched in 2018, it combines trust-building, community consultations, and coordinated interventions in services, infrastructure, and livelihoods. The initiative engages diverse groups, including Indigenous Peoples and former rebels, ensuring inclusive participation. It has benefited over 50,000 residents, improving security and strengthening trust in government. Institutionalized as a permanent peacebuilding center, it embeds participatory governance into local development and aligns with SDG 16.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3773>

“DESIGN YOUR CITY” – PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY FOR TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ROCHA

Department of Rocha, Uruguay

In 2023, the City of Lyon launched a participatory project to create a "Well-being Compass," aimed at guiding municipal policies and budgets toward improving the well-being of its citizens. The project involved 160 residents in 9 district workshops, where they identified key factors contributing to their well-being. A working group of residents, elected officials, and city agents developed the tool with expert guidance. The Well-being Compass focuses on various well-being areas such as health, safety, housing, culture, and the environment. A follow-up workshop in 2025 will help implement recommendations, with the goal of introducing a well-being budget in 2026.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2025/f/297/proposals/3514>

“GOVERNOR IN THE TERRITORY” Department of Valle del Cauca, Colombia

“Governor in the Territory” in Valle del Cauca is an innovative open government model combining territorial presence with civic technology to strengthen participation and trust. It deployed institutional teams simultaneously across 42 municipalities, engaging over 21,000 citizens and generating 2,328 commitments. Supported by the SIGESI digital system, it ensures real-time, transparent, and traceable citizen interaction and accountability. The initiative empowers diverse groups in participatory planning and decision-making processes, by promoting transparency, territorial equity, and more citizen-responsive governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3791>

REACTIVATING AND DIGITALLY STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN DIYARBAKIR Diyarbakır, Türkiye

Diyarbakır revitalized participatory democracy by reactivating its City Council and thematic assemblies after years of institutional interruption. The initiative combines traditional civic dialogue spaces with a new digital participatory budgeting process. In 2025, citizens submitted 231 proposals, with selected projects integrated into the 2026 municipal program. This hybrid model strengthens inclusion, transparency, and direct citizen influence over public spending. It represents a resilient approach to rebuilding trust and institutionalizing participatory governance in a complex context.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3792>

CITY OF DURHAM PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING Durham, United States

Durham’s Participatory Budgeting Cycle IV expanded inclusion by engaging marginalized groups, notably incarcerated residents, in decision-making. Residents allocated \$2.4 million through a multi-phase process of idea collection, proposal development, and voting. A key innovation was a 12-week in-jail program where participants co-developed proposals with city staff. Over 130 incarcerated individuals contributed ideas and votes, bringing underrepresented perspectives into the process. The initiative broadened participatory democracy by demonstrating that meaningful civic engagement can occur even in nontraditional spaces.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3793>



Durham

ESKISEHIR CIVIL PARTICIPATION PROJECT

Eskisehir, Türkiye

Eskişehir's Civil Participation Strategy and Action Plan (SKSEP) institutionalizes citizen engagement in local governance through a broad, EU- and UNDP-supported initiative. Developed via an inclusive process with public institutions, civil society, and stakeholders, it identifies local needs and participation barriers. The plan outlines 3 objectives and 43 actions focused on resilience, inclusion, and local development. A key outcome is the Civil Society Support Center, enhancing capacities and resources for civic actors. Overall, the initiative strengthens sustainable cooperation and embeds participatory governance into local decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3795>

EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION, 18 YEARS OF BUILDING THE CITY

Esplugues de Llobregat, Spain

Esplugues de Llobregat conducted a participatory evaluation of 18 years of children's and youth participation policies. The process analyzed impacts on participants, public policies, and schools using mixed methods and broad stakeholder input. Findings show strong positive effects on civic skills, education practices, and policy implementation (around 80% of proposals executed). The evaluation also identified challenges in follow-up, communication, and sustained youth engagement. It led to concrete improvements, strengthening and evolving the city's participatory ecosystem for young people.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3796>

FIRST STEP CENTER: A MUNICIPAL-CIVIL SOCIETY HUB FOR PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Foça, Türkiye

Foça's First Step Center is a municipal-civil society partnership model that institutionalizes participatory governance through shared responsibility. Initially a youth-focused project, it evolved into a permanent civic hub supporting participation, training, and dialogue with local authorities. The initiative emphasizes inclusion, gender equality, and accessibility while strengthening civic skills and engagement. It also supports NGOs and fosters collaboration between civil society and the municipality. Designed as a sustainable and replicable model, it embeds rights-based participation into local governance structures.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3799>

OPEN CABINET - CITIZEN SECURITY

General Pico, Argentina

Open Cabinet – Citizen Security in General Pico is a territorial initiative that brings municipal authorities directly to neighbourhoods to co-design safety policies with residents. Through local meetings, citizens, institutions, and officials identify needs, share proposals, and shape responses collaboratively. Inputs are systematized and followed up by municipal departments, ensuring accountability and action. The approach enables more accurate, community-based diagnoses of security challenges. It strengthens trust, responsiveness, and participatory, territory-oriented public governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3800>



KAMPÜSTE ÇÖZÜM (SOLUTION AT CAMPUS)

Istanbul, Türkiye

“Kampüste Çözüm” in Istanbul is a mobile participation platform engaging university students directly in urban governance. Through on-campus activities, surveys, and outreach, it reached over 100,000 students and gathered thousands of inputs. Student needs and ideas are recorded and integrated into municipal decision-making and services. The initiative has led to concrete outcomes, including improved transport, employment support, and cultural opportunities. It transforms students into active stakeholders, strengthening participatory democracy and co-creation in city governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3902>

“LET’S BUILD A PLAN”

Jalisco, Mexico

“Let’s Build a Plan” in Jalisco is a large-scale participatory process that shaped the 2024–2030 State Development Plan. It engaged over 675,000 citizens through diverse methods, including surveys, forums, and territorial consultations. The process prioritized key social issues and ensured inclusion of diverse and vulnerable groups. It resulted in 606 strategies linked to the public budget and supported by digital monitoring tools.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3811>

KOCAELI CITY DIALOGUE: FROM CITIZEN COUNCIL TO CITY ŞURA

Kocaeli, Türkiye

“Kocaeli City Dialogue” combines the continuous Citizen Council with large-scale Şura assemblies to strengthen participatory governance. It creates inclusive spaces where citizens, institutions, and stakeholders deliberate on key urban issues. Şura meetings gather diverse actors to co-develop ideas on topics like youth, environment, and smart cities. Outcomes are translated into concrete policy documents and strategic plans influencing municipal decisions. The model fosters multi-level participation, transparency, and collaborative, inclusive city planning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3814>

AUTONOMOUS CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL TRANSITION (PACTES)

Kouaoua, New Caledonia

PACTES in Kouaoua is a participatory initiative integrating Kanak community knowledge into risk management and territorial governance. Developed through workshops, digital tools, and collaborative methods, it empowers communities to co-design and implement solutions. It bridges Western participatory models with Kanak traditions of dialogue and consensus. The initiative strengthens inclusion, resilience, and social cohesion in a context of marginalization and conflict. It has already led to concrete outcomes, such as community-driven wildfire management solutions supported by regional institutions.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3815>

CITIZEN BASED MONITORING (COMPACT)

Kouga and Oudtshoorn, South Africa

The COMPACT Citizen-Based Monitoring initiative enables citizens to oversee municipal service delivery during project implementation. Implemented by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) with partners, it trains community members to monitor infrastructure projects using digital and offline tools. The model integrates citizen oversight into existing governance structures, ensuring sustainability and accountability. It improves dialogue, early problem detection, and evidence-based engagement between communities and municipalities.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3816>

FROM FRAGILITY TO TRUST: BUILDING DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES THROUGH PARTICIPATION

Lamu County, Kenya



Lamu County transformed public participation into a core tool for peacebuilding and governance in a fragile context. Since 2020, inclusive processes have engaged diverse and marginalized groups in planning, budgeting, and decision-making. The approach evolved from consultation to co-creation, allowing communities to shape development and peace initiatives. Adapted methods ensured participation in remote and high-risk areas through flexible and context-sensitive strategies. The initiative has reduced conflicts, strengthened trust, and institutionalized participatory governance as a pillar of local resilience.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3817>



BUILDING NEW YOUTH - ENVIRONMENTAL AND DIGITAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

Leandro N. Alem, Argentina



Leandro N. Alem's Participatory Budget combines digital tools and strong youth engagement, allocating 40% of funds to projects led by people aged 16–29. Through an online platform and neighborhood assemblies, citizens propose, discuss, and vote on projects. The process builds leadership, civic responsibility, and community belonging among young participants. Funded projects improve infrastructure and public services while enhancing transparency and accountability. Overall, it strengthens participatory democracy by integrating digital innovation with inclusive, youth-centered governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3818>

COMMUNITY CONGRESS

Lomas de Zamora, Argentina



The Community Congress in Lomas de Zamora is a large-scale participatory platform for co-designing local policies and priorities. It brings together thousands of residents, institutions, and officials through thematic committees and territorial participation boards. Proposals generated are integrated into the municipal agenda and budget, with strong implementation rates. The process institutionalizes binding participation in planning and decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3820>

SCHOOL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETS

Lublin, Poland

Lublin's School Participatory Budget enables students, teachers, and parents to decide how to allocate part of school funds. Participants propose, develop, and vote on projects, gaining practical civic, financial, and entrepreneurial skills. The process strengthens students' sense of ownership, responsibility, and connection to their school environment. It promotes inclusion by engaging not only active students but also those less involved in school life.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3821>

“COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE LABORATORY”

Luján de Cuyo, Argentina

Luján de Cuyo's Collective Intelligence Laboratory (LIC-PP) is a participatory budgeting model embedded in a broader ecosystem of territorial and cultural initiatives. It combines community knowledge and technical expertise through a structured, multi-phase co-creation process. Citizen input is gathered in local events, transformed into projects, and validated through binding voting. In 2025, over 2,800 participants helped develop and select projects integrated into the municipal budget. The initiative strengthens identity-based planning, transparency, and participatory decision-making as drivers of sustainable local development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3823>



“RESILIENT CITIES”

Lyon, France



“Resilient Cities” in Lyon is a participatory initiative engaging residents with migration backgrounds in co-designing inclusive local policies. Through trainings and Policy Labs, participants and municipal actors developed and tested solutions in access to services, culture, and civic participation. The approach removed barriers through multilingual facilitation, flexible formats, and collaboration with local organizations. It produced concrete policy recommendations and pilot experiments, influencing municipal practices. The model fosters inclusive governance and has been successfully replicated in other French cities.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3824>

ACADEMY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Małopolska, Poland

The Academy of Citizen Participation in Małopolska is an educational initiative empowering youth in smaller towns to engage in civic life. Launched in 2023, it addresses gaps in knowledge, skills, and sense of agency among young people. The program combines workshops on civic competences with direct dialogue and meetings with local authorities. Participants apply their learning in real decision-making contexts, often leading to joint local initiatives.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3826>

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HEADMEN SERVICES PRIORITY AND NEEDS SURVEY ANALYSIS

Manisa, Türkiye

Manisa’s Neighbourhood Headmen Survey collects and analyzes local needs across 1,090 neighbourhoods to inform citywide decision-making. By engaging neighbourhood headmen through digital tools, it transforms local knowledge into structured, actionable data. The initiative strengthens communication and collaboration between local representatives and municipal authorities. Its results directly informed the 2026–2029 Strategic Plan and priority service areas. Overall, it advances participatory, data-driven governance and more responsive urban planning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3829>

CODEM MARINGÁ – PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

Maringá, Brazil



CODEM Maringá is a permanent multi-stakeholder governance body guiding long-term strategic development since 1996. It brings together public institutions, private sector, academia, and civil society to co-shape policies and plans. Through structured deliberation, it has led major agendas like Maringá 2030 and the Metrópole 2047 Masterplan. The model integrates public consultation, transparency, and continuous planning beyond electoral cycles. It institutionalizes participatory governance as a core element of sustainable and democratic local development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3831>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING OF THE CITY OF MENDOZA

Mendoza, Argentina

The Participatory Budget of Mendoza is an institutionalized mechanism allowing citizens to propose, prioritize, and vote on projects funded by municipal resources. Framed within open government and digital transformation, it combines transparency, accessibility, and data-driven decision-making. The process includes proposal submission, technical evaluation, and binding public voting through digital and in-person channels. In its first edition, 85 proposals were submitted, with selected projects funded up to a 600 million pesos budget. It strengthens local democracy, civic engagement, and shared responsibility while improving public policies and quality of life.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3832>

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLIES – MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025–2030

Montevideo, Uruguay



Montevideo's Neighborhood Assemblies supported the co-creation of the Municipal Development Plan 2025–2030 through broad citizen participation. Residents contributed over 650 inputs via local meetings, digital platforms, and consultations with municipal workers. The process captured diverse territorial needs across areas such as infrastructure, environment, and culture. It ensured inclusive, participatory planning grounded in real community experiences. The resulting plan reflects a shared roadmap built through direct collaboration between citizens and local government.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3836>

Mendoza





MUDANYA IMECE: A MUNICIPAL-COOPERATIVE CO-GOVERNANCE MODEL

Mudanya, Türkiye

Mudanya Imece is a municipal-cooperative governance model that unites the municipality and agricultural cooperatives in shared ownership. Inspired by collective solidarity, it strengthens producers' autonomy while enhancing their market power. Established in 2025, it includes majority cooperative ownership and supports rural development initiatives. Its first project, an olive oil factory, serves hundreds of producers and influences fair pricing. The model promotes inclusive participation, shared decision-making, and a replicable approach to democratic local economic governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3837>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING & PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Muş Varto, Türkiye



Varto Municipality's Participatory Budgeting allocates a significant share of the budget directly to citizen decision-making. Through a two-phase process of consultations, neighborhood meetings, and voting, residents co-defined local priorities. In 2025, communities developed and selected 21 projects addressing infrastructure and social needs. The model integrates ecological and gender-sensitive criteria into project evaluation and planning. It strengthens participatory democracy by transferring real decision-making power to citizens and institutionalizing inclusive governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3838>

EMPOWER AND ASSIST COMMUNITIES: CREATING A HAPPY NEW TAIPEI—SOCIAL WELFARE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

New Taipei City, Taiwan

New Taipei City's Social Welfare Participatory Budgeting is an institutionalized program enabling communities to co-design social welfare policies since 2015. It engages civic groups through a multi-stage process including capacity building, proposals, voting, and implementation. The initiative shifts decision-making from government to citizen co-governance, enhancing transparency and accountability. It addresses inequalities and diverse social needs in a large, complex urban context.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3840>

UNIVERSITY RENT PROGRAM

Niterói, Brazil

Niterói's University Rent Program provides financial support to low-income students to improve access and retention in higher education. Offering monthly housing assistance, it targets vulnerable students while linking eligibility to residence in the city center. The initiative combines education policy with urban revitalization, encouraging downtown occupation. It has expanded to benefit over 1,200 students, becoming one of Brazil's largest municipal housing support programs. By integrating social inclusion, education, and urban planning, it promotes equity and sustainable urban development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3846>

“HAHO 1 ON THE MOVE – PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR A BETTER FUTURE”

Commune Haho 1, Togo



“Haho 1 on the Move” is a participatory budgeting initiative engaging over 5,000 citizens in deciding local public investments. It institutionalizes multi-stakeholder dialogue through a steering committee involving authorities, civil society, and residents. The process improved transparency, accountability, and citizen satisfaction with public resource management. Monitoring, audits, and partnerships ensure sustainability and effective implementation. Overall, it strengthens trust, civic participation, and inclusive local governance as a replicable model.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3850>



THE NOWON MODEL: INSTITUTIONALIZING YOUTH-LED PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Nowon-gu, South Korea

The Nowon Model institutionalizes youth-led participatory budgeting through a dedicated governance center linking participation to policy and funding. With over 100 active youth members, it transforms civic ideas into concrete projects within a structured budgeting system. The initiative supports youth inclusion and social integration, including vulnerable young people. Recognized nationally for excellence, it demonstrates strong implementation and impact. It builds trust by turning local government into an active partner for youth through sustained participatory governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3851>

PLANNING OLYMPICS

Osasco, Brazil

Osasco's Planning Olympics transformed the Multiannual Plan into a large-scale, playful citizen participation process. Using diverse "participation disciplines," it engaged residents across neighborhoods through workshops, digital tools, and public consultations. The initiative involved multiple stakeholders, including government, civil society, and universities. Citizen input directly shaped 20 strategic programs in the 2026–2029 plan. It strengthened democratic culture by making planning more accessible, inclusive, and territorially grounded.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3852>

"NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS: BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR"

Osmangazi, Türkiye

"Neighborhood Gatherings: Breakfast with the Mayor" in Osmangazi creates informal weekly meetings between the mayor and residents in different neighborhoods. Launched in 2024, it promotes trust-based, direct dialogue by removing formal barriers and encouraging open conversation. Through a simple approach—listening locally and ensuring follow-up—it prioritizes human connection and accessibility. The initiative has expanded participation among diverse and underrepresented groups. It has improved responsiveness, accountability, and community trust, reinforcing dialogue as the basis of democratic governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3853>

"BOOSTING DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION IN CITIES TO RECHARGE DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE" (DECIDE) PROJECT

Padua, Italy

Padua has reinforced its commitment to human rights by implementing a Standardised Monitoring System (SMS) to assess how well municipal services uphold human rights principles. As a pilot city in the DeCiDE project, the municipality worked closely with civil society to develop standardized indicators on equality, access to services, non-discrimination, and democratic participation. Since January 2026, annual data collection has been integrated into municipal processes to inform Social Services planning. A permanent Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group ensures the system's sustainability, while collaboration with eight European cities makes the approach a replicable model for participatory, evidence-based local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3854>

STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY IN THE DISTRICT OF PANAMA Panama, Panama

Panama's District transformed governance through participatory budgeting across its 26 corregimientos, enabling citizens to decide on local investments. Supported by legal frameworks, residents propose, vote on, and oversee projects with institutional backing. The process promotes inclusion, especially for women, youth, and persons with disabilities. Over 215 projects have been implemented with broad citizen participation. Sustained by dedicated funding, it is now a permanent model of local democratic governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3856>

STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR SOCIO-URBAN INTEGRATION IN PARANÁ Paraná, Argentina

Paraná strengthened Participatory Budgeting by integrating a socio-urban approach focused on reducing inequalities in vulnerable neighborhoods. Through assemblies, fieldwork, and community dialogue, residents identified priorities and shaped local interventions. Projects improved infrastructure, public spaces, water access, and community facilities, benefiting thousands of people. The initiative expanded participation through civic education programs like #YoParticipoEnComunidad, engaging youth. It consolidates a coordinated governance model that links citizen participation with inclusive urban planning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3857>

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA AND THE SUSTAIN- ABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF PARNAMIRIM (RIO GRANDE DO NORTE) Parnamirim, Brazil

Parnamirim integrated the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its Municipal Council's legislative and administrative processes. A regulatory framework and an implementation committee guide, monitor, and evaluate SDG alignment in all legislative actions. Each proposal is linked to specific SDGs, improving tracking, transparency, and accountability. Training and digital tools support data collection, reporting, and open monitoring. The initiative strengthens participatory democracy and promotes evidence-based, sustainable local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3858>

RONDA BARRIAL (NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDS) Pérez, Argentina

Ronda Barrial in Pérez brings participation directly into neighborhoods, using streets and public spaces for open dialogue. Through simple tools like participatory mapping and a traffic light system, residents can easily identify and prioritize local issues. The process connects citizens, institutions, and municipal teams in collaborative decision-making. Held weekly in different neighborhoods, it ensures continuous and accessible engagement. The initiative strengthens trust and integrates community input directly into public management.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3860>



PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGET “I PARTICIPATE, TO MAKE MANABÍ GREATER”

Province of Manabí, Ecuador

Manabí's provincial participatory budget engages over 2,000 citizens annually across 22 cantons to define priorities directly integrated into public investment. Through territorial assemblies, digital tools, and an equity model, it prioritizes underserved communities and coordinates multiple government levels. With over 500 projects and strong inclusion policies, it is institutionally embedded and internationally recognized, contributing to SDGs 11, 16, and 17.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3862>

“PISOS DIGNOS” (DIGNIFIED HOUSES)

Province of Azuay, Ecuador

The “Pisos Dignos” project in Azuay improves rural housing by replacing dirt floors, targeting vulnerable households through a participatory public policy. Led by the provincial government, it combines technical support with community work, where families actively take part in construction. The initiative addresses health and poverty issues, includes training and social control mechanisms, and is institutionalized as a permanent, replicable model.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3863>

MINORITY RIGHTS - THE APPROVAL OF THE PUNJAB HINDU MARRIAGE REGISTRATION RULES 2024

Punjab, Pakistan



The Punjab Hindu Marriage Registration Rules 2024 institutionalize the legal registration of Hindu marriages and divorces, ensuring rights and recognition for over 200,000 people. Developed through participatory consultations with communities and stakeholders, the reform addressed long-standing legal invisibility, especially affecting women and children. Now implemented province-wide, it improves access to legal protection, social services, and civil rights, while serving as a scalable model for inclusive governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3864>

STRATEGIC SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF QUINTANA ROO

Quintana Roo, Mexico

The Strategic Sustainable Development Plan of Quintana Roo 2025–2050 (PEDS) is the state's first long-term, binding planning framework guiding sustainable development. Built through a participatory process involving government, civil society, academia, and communities—including Mayan perspectives—it defines a shared vision for 2050. Combining technical analysis and foresight methods, it strengthens coordination, accountability, and inclusive, sustainable territorial planning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3865>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Río Cuarto, Argentina

Río Cuarto's Participatory Budget has evolved into a consolidated public policy, significantly increasing participation, trust, and territorial reach over a decade. With nearly 6,000 proposals and over 23,000 voters, it has implemented 300+ projects, many becoming permanent municipal policies. Supported by strong institutional networks and transparency mechanisms, it stands as a regional model of innovative and inclusive governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3870>

ENTREPRENEURS SCHOOL – “MUNICIPAL FACTORY”

Salta, Argentina

Salta's Entrepreneurs School is a public policy promoting vocational training, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunities for vulnerable groups. Beyond training, it provides access to municipal facilities, enabling participants to produce and sell goods, creating a full cycle of economic inclusion. With over 4,500 participants and strong local partnerships, it strengthens skills, income generation, and inclusive local development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3875>

“QUALITY MUNICIPALITY: IMPROVING PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGH CERTIFIED PROCESSES AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION”

San Martín, Argentina

San Martín's “Quality Municipality” initiative implements ISO 9001:2015 standards to improve efficiency, transparency, and quality in public services. Through standardized processes, audits, and citizen feedback mechanisms, it strengthens service delivery and trust in local government. Institutionalized by ordinance and aligned with the Strategic Plan 2030, it ensures continuous improvement in a participatory municipal administration.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3882>

SOCIAL FABRIC RECONSTRUCTION

San Pedro Garza García, Mexico

The Social Fabric Reconstruction Program in San Pedro Garza García strengthens community ties in vulnerable neighborhoods through participatory diagnosis and dialogue spaces. Based on the “Pedagogy of Good Coexistence”, it promotes trust, conflict resolution, and civic engagement, including activities for children and youth. Through trained Peace Promoters and multi-actor partnerships, it builds sustainable, community-led processes to improve social cohesion.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3883>



SCHOOL OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ADVOCACY

Santiago de Cali, Colombia

The School of Political and Social Advocacy in Santiago de Cali empowers women through training in leadership, rights, and citizen participation. Using a participatory and territorial approach, it builds women's capacity to influence public decision-making and drive community change. Linked to local policies and networks, it strengthens women's leadership and advances inclusive, participatory democracy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3886>

STUDENT OMBUDSPERSON

Santos, Brazil

The Student Ombudsperson project in Santos empowers students to act as elected representatives who identify issues, mediate conflicts, and propose solutions within schools. By creating a formal, student-led participation channel, it promotes civic engagement, transparency, and youth protagonism in local governance. Supported by institutional partnerships and continuous evaluation, it strengthens school communities and influences public education policies.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3889>

CITIZEN BUDGET

São Paulo, Brazil

São Paulo's Citizen Budget is a permanent participatory process that allows residents to shape municipal spending through hearings, digital participation, and public voting. Combining territorial input with online tools, it allocates significant funding across all subprefectures, ensuring direct impact on public policies. By integrating proposal, decision, and monitoring phases, it strengthens transparency, decentralization, and participatory governance at a metropolitan scale.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3899>

“ESTUDANTES DE ATITUDE” State of Goiás, Brazil

“Estudantes de Atitude” is a civic education initiative in Goiás that engages public school students in participatory governance and social accountability. Through a gamified process, students conduct civic audits of their schools and implement projects to improve their communities. Reaching 800+ schools, it fosters democratic culture, transparency, and active citizenship among young people.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3897>

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: THE EXAMPLE OF THE TRANSPARENT ROOM AT TALAS MUNICIPALITY Talas, Türkiye



The “Transparent Room” in Talas is an innovative governance model where citizens meet municipal leaders face-to-face in a public, glass-walled office. Held weekly without appointments, it ensures direct, accessible dialogue and real-time tracking of citizen requests. With high resolution and satisfaction rates, it strengthens transparency, trust, and participatory local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3896>

YOUTH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN AN AIRPORT CITY: PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING ACTION IN NOISE CONTROL ZONE HIGH SCHOOLS Taoyuan City, Taiwan



Taoyuan’s initiative engages high school students in deciding the use of airport noise rebate funds through participatory budgeting. Through deliberation and voting, thousands of students developed and selected projects addressing social and environmental issues. It transforms a technical fund into a democratic tool while fostering real youth participation and civic engagement.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3895>

“I AM THE MAYOR” Tehran, Iran

“I Am the Mayor” is a participatory budgeting initiative in Tehran that enables citizens—including children—to directly influence municipal spending. Through proposals, public voting, and implementation, millions of residents engage in shaping local projects. By institutionalizing youth participation and transparency, it strengthens civic engagement, trust, and inclusive urban governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3892>

CO-CREATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY – PARTICIPATORY MAPPING IN TEMUCO Temuco, Chile

Temuco’s participatory mapping initiative engages residents in identifying local safety issues and risk factors to co-create public security strategies. Through community sessions, it combines local knowledge with institutional data to guide preventive actions and planning. Integrated into the Municipal Public Safety Plan, it strengthens collaboration and participatory governance in community safety.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3891>



ÜSKÜDAR VISION 2050 SPATIAL STRATEGY PLAN (VIZYON ÜSKÜDAR) Üsküdar, Türkiye

Vizyon Üsküdar is a participatory spatial strategy guiding sustainable development in Üsküdar toward 2050. Bringing together thousands of stakeholders, it combines data analysis, digital tools, and community input to co-create urban solutions. By integrating participation into planning, it promotes inclusive, resilient, and transparent urban governance aligned with SDG 11.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3786>

DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIENNA CHARTER FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE Vienna, Austria

Vienna's Charter for Digital Rights for Children and Young People defines principles to protect and promote youth rights in the digital space. Co-created through participatory processes, it reflects young people's perspectives and builds on international rights frameworks. The Charter guides inclusive, safe, and rights-based digital policies, linking key city strategies and addressing emerging digital challenges.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3784>

YERBA BUENA LIVING IDENTITY – CITIZEN CO-CREATION OF PUBLIC SPACE Yerba Buena, Argentina

Yerba Buena Living Identity promotes citizen participation in public space through participatory muralism and artistic co-creation. Residents and local actors collaborate with artists to transform shared stories and identities into collective murals. The initiative strengthens community belonging, intergenerational dialogue, and creates an open-air museum embedded in the city.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3779>



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CATEGORY URBAN MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SPACE

“YOUTH FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE INTERIOR”

Alcira Gigena, Argentina

“Youth from the Interior of the Interior” empowers young people in inland areas to engage in civic life through training, dialogue, and community activities. By partnering with public institutions and student organizations, it expands opportunities for youth participation and collaboration. Combining local and digital engagement, it strengthens active citizenship and inclusive participation in underrepresented territories.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3726>

BAĞLAR PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING MODEL

Bağlar, Türkiye

The Bağlar Participatory Budgeting Model allocates 10% of the municipal budget directly to citizens, fostering democratic and inclusive decision-making. Through extensive outreach, public meetings, and voting, thousands of residents selected priority projects for their neighborhoods. With continuous citizen involvement in implementation, the model strengthens participatory governance and aims to expand community control over public resources.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3733>

CIVIC MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Barcelona, Spain

Barcelona’s Civic Management model enables non-profit, community-based organizations to manage municipal facilities through shared responsibility. Institutionalized as a public policy, it combines participation, transparency, and collaboration with structured evaluation tools like the Community Balance. With a growing number of projects, it strengthens local democracy and serves as a reference for public-community governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3736>

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AS A DRIVER OF TERRITORIAL TRANSFORMATION

Bargny, Senegal

Bargny's experience shows how citizen participation, local associations, and the diaspora drive territorial development and improve living conditions. Through community-led projects—such as infrastructure works, educational facilities, and public spaces—residents actively shape their city. This collective mobilization strengthens local governance, social cohesion, and sustainable urban transformation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3738>

AUZOKIDE PLAN

Bilbao, Spain

Bilbao's Auzokide Plan is a participatory tool that enables residents to propose and prioritize neighborhood improvements through District Councils. Combining annual actions and multi-year projects, it integrates citizen input into municipal planning with technical validation and dedicated budgets. The initiative institutionalizes participation, transparency, and shared responsibility in local decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3740>

PERMANENT DEMOCRACY TOUR "CITIZENS AT THE HEART OF URBAN PROJECTS"

Bordeaux, France

Bordeaux's Permanent Democracy Tour brings citizen dialogue into public spaces through mobile, neighborhood-based events on urban projects. Using inclusive formats, it engages diverse audiences—especially youth—to co-create ideas on public space, ecology, and urban planning. The collected inputs directly inform municipal strategies, linking participation with decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3745>





KAT-MEK SPATIAL IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS THROUGH PARTICIPATORY DESIGN: THE CASE OF BURSA CITY COUNCIL CAMPUS

Bursa, Türkiye

KAT-MEK in Bursa applies participatory design to improve public buildings, involving users directly in redesigning the City Council campus. Through collaboration between government, academia, and civil society, the process integrates surveys, workshops, and public voting to shape solutions. It transforms public spaces into co-governed, user-centered environments, strengthening transparency and participatory urban design.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3749>

IMPROVEMENT OF FACADES ON CALLE LARGA AND RAFAEL MARÍA ARÍZAGA STREET

Cuenca, Ecuador

Cuenca's facade improvement project aimed at revitalizing the Historic Center through a participatory model involving residents, institutions, and local actors. Combining restoration, murals, and public space upgrades, it achieved over 80–90% facade renewal in key streets. Citizen involvement was central, fostering ownership, safety, and local identity. The initiative boosted economic and tourism activity and offers a replicable model for heritage-based urban regeneration.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3775>

COMMUNITIES BUILDING DEMOCRACY AND PEACE THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION IN CUNDINAMARCA

Cundinamarca, Colombia

Cundinamarca's initiative empowers community organizations to lead public management and peacebuilding across 116 municipalities. Through participatory planning and direct project implementation, communities gain real decision-making power. With over 1,800 projects benefiting 180,000+ people, it improves infrastructure and strengthens rural development. The model enhances trust, transparency, and establishes a replicable system of community-driven democracy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3770>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET 2.2 – DIALOGUE INSTEAD OF COMPETITION

Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland



Dąbrowa Górnicza's Participatory Budget 2.2 replaces voting with deliberation, enabling residents to co-design local projects through dialogue. Across 36 neighborhoods, citizens collaborate in forums to develop and select initiatives funded annually. This approach reduces conflict, improves project quality, and strengthens civic skills and social cohesion. With hundreds of projects implemented, it stands as a benchmark for inclusive and cooperative participatory governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3771>

THE DAVAO CITY STREETSCAPE ORDINANCE

Davao City, Philippines



Davao City's Streetscape Ordinance establishes standards for safe, accessible, and inclusive streets, prioritizing vulnerable groups. Through coordinated planning, legislation, and incentives, it guides both public projects and private developments. The initiative integrates accessibility, green infrastructure, and underground utilities for resilient urban design. With strong monitoring and citizen input, it promotes human-centered, equitable, and sustainable public spaces.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3772>

NORTH TRAM CITIZENS' CONVENTION

Eurometropolis of Strasbourg, France

The North Tram Citizens' Convention in Strasbourg engaged 100 randomly selected residents in a deliberative process to shape a major tramway project. Through workshops, expert input, and innovative tools, participants developed informed recommendations with strong consensus. The process ensured inclusivity through compensation and accessible methods, strengthening engagement beyond traditional participants. It sets a new model for transparent, citizen-driven governance in large urban projects.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3797>





IMPRONTA GRANADA

Granada, Spain

Impronta Granada is a multilevel governance model linking the University of Granada with municipalities to co-design public policies. Through a digital platform and Living Labs, it connects research with local needs, turning knowledge into practical solutions. Mobilizing academia, government, and civil society, it drives innovation, attracts funding, and delivers social impact. Institutionalized and replicable, it positions the territory as a leader in participatory, evidence-based public innovation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3802>

SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLAN FOR THE LISBON METROPOLITAN AREA (PMMUS-AML)

Lisbon, Portugal



The PMMUS-amL is a metropolitan mobility plan for Lisbon that integrates sustainability with strong citizen participation. Through workshops, surveys, and assemblies, stakeholders and residents co-defined challenges, vision, and solutions. Over 600 participants helped shape 74 concrete mobility measures for 2035. The process stands out for embedding participation across all planning phases at a metropolitan scale.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3819>

HAGAMOS PLAZA (“LET’S MAKE THE PUBLIC SQUARE”)

Luján de Cuyo, Argentina



Hagamos Plaza transforms public squares in Luján de Cuyo through participatory co-design and community management. Residents are involved in all stages—from diagnosis to long-term use—ensuring spaces reflect local needs and identities. The program combines urban improvement with social processes that strengthen belonging and coexistence. It promotes a replicable model of public space governance rooted in citizen participation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3822>

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION FOR PREVENTION

Mendoza, Argentina

Mendoza's initiative builds a citizen-centered security model based on collaboration between residents, authorities, and police. Through meetings, training, and digital tools, communities help identify risks and improve prevention strategies. Combining local knowledge with data analysis, it enhances response times and evidence-based decision-making. The program strengthens trust and creates active neighborhood networks for safer urban environments.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3834>

AL-DIWAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Nablus, Palestinian Territories



Al-Diwan Community Garden in Nablus transformed a public space into an inclusive, accessible area co-designed with residents. Through participatory processes, it reflects community needs while promoting social cohesion, gender equality, and accessibility. The garden integrates green spaces, cultural elements, and recreational areas for diverse users. It enhances community life, supports local activity, and strengthens participatory urban planning practices.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3839>

PARTICIPATORY CITY MODEL: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Niğde, Türkiye

Niğde's Participatory City Model strengthens collaboration between citizens and the municipality through meetings and workshops. Residents, civil society, and community groups contribute ideas and priorities for local policies and services. By integrating citizen feedback into decision-making, it improves transparency, trust, and municipal responsiveness. The initiative lays the foundation for institutionalized, long-term participatory governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3841>

"MY CITY, MY FUTURE" TO "CO-CREATE, CO-MANAGE"

Nilüfer, Türkiye

Nilüfer's "Co-Create, Co-Manage" model embeds citizen participation into strategic planning and municipal governance. Through workshops, neighborhood meetings, and digital tools, thousands of residents shape policies and priorities. Feedback is systematically integrated into long-term strategies aligned with the SDGs. The hybrid model, including digital voting, enhances inclusiveness, transparency, and continuous civic engagement.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3844>

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE CITY CENTER Niterói, Brazil

Niterói's public consultation engaged citizens in shaping the revitalization of the city center through a digital participation platform. Residents and users shared inputs on mobility, housing, economy, and public spaces. The collected data informs urban planning, investments, and policy decisions. The initiative strengthens transparency and demonstrates the value of digital tools for inclusive urban governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3847>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING Posadas, Argentina

Posadas' Participatory Budgeting is an annual, institutionalized process allowing residents to propose, vote, and co-design local projects. Through assemblies, feasibility analysis, and hybrid voting, citizens select projects in each district. With guaranteed funding (1.5% of the municipal budget), it ensures real impact on public investment. Embedded in the city's Organic Charter, it strengthens long-term participatory governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3861>

TERRITORIAL PROGRAM "LA MUNI EN TU BARRIO" Río Cuarto, Argentina

"La Muni en tu Barrio" brings municipal services and participation spaces directly to neighborhoods in Río Cuarto. Through coordinated territorial actions, residents access services, share needs, and engage with local authorities. The program integrates multiple departments and partners to strengthen outreach and responsiveness. It enhances accessibility, community ties, and participatory, decentralized public management.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3869>

"PLAZAS DE BOLSILLO" (POCKET PUBLIC SQUARES) Rosario, Argentina

Rosario's "Plazas de Bolsillo" transforms vacant or polluted lots into small public spaces through participatory design. By involving residents from diagnosis to maintenance, it ensures sustainable and community-owned transformations. The program replaces reactive cleaning with strategic urban regeneration, recovering dozens of spaces. It improves neighborhoods, reduces environmental issues, and strengthens participatory public space management.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3872>

ILHA DE MARÉ PLAN Salvador, Brazil



The Ilha de Maré Plan is a participatory strategy for territorial development in Salvador, focused on a traditional island community. Residents and local actors co-defined priorities through consultations, shaping investments in infrastructure, services, and local development. Implemented through coordinated governance, it improves living conditions for around 5,000 residents. The initiative strengthens inclusion, institutional dialogue, and participatory planning for vulnerable territories.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3876>

HISTORIC CENTER – THE HEART OF SAN LUIS

San Luis Potosí, Mexico

“The Heart of San Luis” revitalizes the Historic Center of San Luis Potosí through urban improvements and long-term planning. Combining restoration of public spaces with participatory processes, it integrates community input into heritage conservation strategies. The initiative enhances habitability, safety, and economic vitality in a key urban area. It promotes a model of inclusive, heritage-based urban regeneration and public space management.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3879>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET “HACEMOS SAN PEDRO”

San Pedro Garza García, Mexico

“Hacemos San Pedro” is a participatory budgeting program where all neighborhoods receive resources to implement local projects. Through Neighborhood Councils, residents propose, prioritize, and monitor initiatives in coordination with the municipality. With around 200 projects annually, it improves public spaces, mobility, and safety. Digital tools ensure transparency and strengthen collaborative, community-based governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3884>

8th SÃO PAULO CITY CONFERENCE

São Paulo, Brazil

The 8th São Paulo City Conference was a large-scale participatory process engaging over 3,500 people to shape urban development policies. Through regional meetings and inclusive methods, it gathered diverse inputs on housing, mobility, climate, and governance. The process produced priority guidelines and elected delegates to influence national urban policy. It strengthens institutionalized dialogue and positions participation at the core of metropolitan planning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3900>



ÈGARA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Terrassa Spain

The Ègara Neighborhood Council in Terrassa fosters citizen participation through collaboration between residents, organizations, and local actors. It serves as a space to identify needs and implement actions improving public spaces and community life. By encouraging local initiatives, it strengthens social ties and a sense of belonging. The council promotes continuous, community-led development at the neighborhood level.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3890>

"YOUR VOICE MATTERS, TOO!"

Trogir, Croatia

"Your voice matters, too!" is Trogir's participatory budgeting program that enables citizens to propose and decide on local projects. It has grown steadily since 2018, engaging thousands of residents and generating over 2,000 proposals. The process also educates citizens on budgeting and strengthens communication with the municipality. It fosters inclusive participation and continuous innovation in local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3715>

"ÜSKIDS: ÜSKÜDAR'S KIDS"

Üsküdar, Türkiye

ÜsKids is a participatory initiative in Üsküdar that transforms public spaces into child-friendly areas shaped by children's input. Starting from children's demands, it brings play, cinema, theater, and cultural activities directly into neighborhoods. The program expands access to arts and safe public spaces, fostering creativity and social interaction. It strengthens children's presence in urban life and promotes inclusive, child-centered city planning.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3787>





“STREETS AND SQUARES OF POSSIBILITIES” City of Strasbourg, France

“Streets and Squares of Possibilities” in Strasbourg is a participatory urban experiment where citizens co-design and co-decide public space transformations. Focusing on complex urban challenges, it builds shared responsibility between residents, authorities, and local actors. The initiative fosters trust, resolves conflicts, and strengthens community ownership of public spaces. It demonstrates how co-creation can improve both urban outcomes and democratic governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3782>

PARTICIPATORY URBAN PLANNING – CO-CREATION OF THE YERBA BUENA URBAN CODE Yerba Buena, Argentina

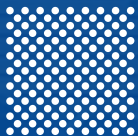
Yerba Buena co-created its new Urban Planning Code through a participatory process involving citizens and academic actors. The initiative updated land-use regulations to address rapid urban growth, focusing on sustainability and accessibility. Workshops and consultations ensured community input before formal approval in 2025. It strengthens legitimacy, efficiency, and citizen participation in urban planning decisions.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3778>

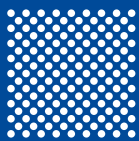
PARTICIPATORY BUDGET Zapopan, Mexico

Zapopan’s Participatory Budget allows citizens to decide on up to 25% of property tax revenues for local public works. With over 700,000 participants since 2016, it is a leading example of large-scale citizen engagement in Mexico. The program has delivered 100+ projects, improving public spaces and benefiting millions of residents. With a focus on child-friendly cities and youth inclusion, it strengthens democratic participation and urban quality of life.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3777>



CATEGORY GENDER AND CARE



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WOMEN WORKSHOP

Balikesir, Türkiye

Balikesir's Women's Workshop strengthens women's participation in decision-making through a large-scale, multi-stakeholder process. Around 600 women contributed to shaping concrete policies on employment, safety, and social support. The initiative generated impactful programs, including economic opportunities and gender equality actions. It promotes inclusive governance and serves as a transferable model for women-centered participatory democracy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3734>

VOLEM DECIDIR! PARTICIPATORY PROCESS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF DEMOCRACY 2024

Barcelona, Spain

"Volem Decidir!" engages children and adolescents (8–17) in shaping how they participate in Barcelona's public life. Through workshops, assemblies, and voting, 700+ young participants defined priorities and proposed new participation mechanisms. It promotes inclusive, intergenerational dialogue and empowers youth to influence decision-making. The initiative created a replicable methodology and led to proposals like a Children and Adolescents Council.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3735>

65+ LIVING OFFICE: PROMOTING ACTIVE AND PARTICIPATORY AGING

Beşiktaş, Türkiye



The 65+ Living Office in Beşiktaş promotes active and participatory aging through a dedicated municipal service for seniors. Using participatory and multidisciplinary methods, it co-designs policies and services with older residents. It provides tailored support such as health screenings, home adaptations, and digital literacy programs. By involving seniors in decision-making, it fosters inclusion, autonomy, and age-friendly urban governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3739>



MY PURPLE MAP

Bursa, Türkiye

“My Purple Map Bursa” is a digital platform that improves women’s access to support services while enabling participatory feedback. It maps health and protection services and allows users to report risks and evaluate public services. This data informs municipal planning and strengthens gender-responsive policies. The initiative institutionalizes inclusive, tech-driven governance and enhances safety and accessibility for women.

**Please be informed that the practice has been removed from the competition at the request of the city.*

21 NEIGHBOURHOODS, 21 NURSERIES

Çekmeköy, Türkiye

“21 Neighbourhoods, 21 Nurseries” in Çekmeköy is a participatory childcare model ensuring equitable access to early education across the district. Based on demographic analysis and community feedback, it expands services according to local needs. The initiative supports working families—especially women—and promotes social inclusion. With continuous feedback and phased growth, it builds trust and sustainable, community-centered childcare services.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3753>

JOURNEY TO GOBERNUS – THE PLANET OF OPEN GOVERNMENT

Foral Community of Navarre, Spain

“Journey to Gobernus” is an educational initiative in Navarre that teaches democratic participation to children through comics and interactive activities. Students engage in real decision-making processes, from debate to collective action within schools. Reaching over 1,000 participants, it makes open government concepts accessible and practical. Its replicable model fosters early civic engagement and strengthens long-term participatory culture.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3761>

PLAYTIME WORKSHOP (OYSA) Eyüpsultan, Türkiye

The Playtime Workshop (OYSA) in Eyüpsultan provides free, accessible early childhood education and childcare, especially in disadvantaged areas. Through a coordinated municipal approach, it offers age-specific activities that support children's development and school readiness. By enabling mothers to access reliable childcare, it promotes gender equality and social inclusion. The initiative serves as a scalable model for integrating child services into participatory and inclusive local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3798>

TRAINING FOR THE WORLD OF WORK – ROBOTICS Fortaleza, Brazil

Fortaleza's Robotics Training project equips trans, travesti, and non-binary youth with technical and professional skills. Combining robotics, Internet of Things (IoT) training, and psychosocial support, it promotes inclusion and employability. Participants developed real projects and improved self-esteem and career readiness. The initiative uses technology as a tool for empowerment and social inclusion for marginalized youth.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3776>

SENIORLAB – INNOVATING IN COMMUNITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OLDER PEOPLE Government of Aragon, Spain

SeniorLAB in Aragón is a citizen lab where older people and diverse participants co-create solutions for well-being. Through open calls, teamwork, and prototyping, intergenerational groups develop projects on care, technology, and community. The initiative repositions older adults as active leaders in social innovation. It strengthens collaboration and offers a replicable model of participatory public innovation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3801>

CITIZEN CONSULTATION – HOW CAN WE ENABLE EVERYONE TO AGE WELL IN ÎLE-DE-FRANCE? Ile-de-France, France

Île-de-France's consultation engaged over 12,000 residents in shaping a regional strategy on ageing and well-being. Through a digital platform, participants submitted proposals and voted on key issues like health, mobility, and inclusion. Targeted outreach ensured strong participation from older populations. The results informed public policy and strengthened long-term participatory governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3805>



ISFAHAN HANDICRAFTS PASSAGE

Isfahan, Iran

The Isfahan Handicrafts Passage transforms a public corridor into a living space for traditional crafts and cultural exchange. Through workshops and live demonstrations, it supports artisans, youth, and women while preserving heritage. Built on participatory co-creation, it links urban design with the creative economy and community identity. The initiative revitalizes public space and offers a scalable model for culture-driven urban development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3806>

KERMANSHAH CARE-ETHICS CITY MODEL

Kermanshah, Iran

The Kermanshah Care-Ethics City model integrates women's leadership and care principles into urban governance. Through participatory methods, it co-creates policies addressing inclusion, safety, and multicultural cohesion. Innovations include women-led councils, community care networks, and digital feedback tools. It offers a replicable model for building inclusive, resilient, and people-centered cities.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3812>

WOMEN OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD MAKE MOVIES (TURKISH: MAHALLEMIZIN KADINLARI SINEMA YAPIYOR)

Maltepe, Türkiye

"Women of Our Neighborhood Make Movies" empowers women in Maltepe to become cultural creators through participatory filmmaking. Through training and mentorship, participants produce films reflecting local stories and social issues. Screenings in public spaces amplify their voices and challenge social barriers. The initiative turns cultural production into a tool for empowerment, inclusion, and participatory democracy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3827>



MUNICIPAL WEEK OF GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY: A PARTICIPATORY PUBLIC POLICY FOR GENDER EQUITY

Maringá, Brazil

Maringá's "Girls in Technology Week" is a public policy promoting gender equity in the tech sector through participatory governance. Coordinated by a multi-sector committee, it engages schools, companies, and civil society in workshops and mentorship activities. The initiative encourages girls to pursue careers in technology and strengthens female role models. Institutionalized by law, it builds inclusive, long-term participation in the local innovation ecosystem.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3830>

"STRONGER TOGETHER": JOB COACH SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

Nilüfer, Türkiye

Nilüfer's "Stronger Together" project promotes inclusive employment for individuals with disabilities through job coach support. Combining training, workplace integration, and ongoing mentoring, it facilitates sustainable job placement. The initiative involves collaboration between the municipality, families, and employers. It strengthens inclusive labor policies and advances equitable, participatory local economic development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3843>

HER VOICE IN GOVERNANCE - AMPLIFYING WOMEN'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

North Central Nigeria, Nigeria

"Her Voice in Governance" strengthens women's civic engagement and leadership across North Central Nigeria through training and advocacy. Women gain skills in participation, accountability, and digital engagement, then train others in their communities. The initiative combines grassroots outreach and partnerships with local stakeholders to amplify women's voices. It fosters inclusive governance, builds confidence, and advances gender-responsive participation in decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3849>

EMPOWERING GIRLS AND WOMEN THROUGH CARE CENTRIC LOCAL GOVERNANCE: THE PARSHURAM MUNICIPALITY MODEL

Parshuram, Nepal

Parshuram's model promotes gender equality through a care-centered, participatory local governance approach. Through consultations, it integrates education support, financial access, and empowerment programs for women and girls. Communities are involved in planning, implementation, and monitoring, ensuring transparency and relevance. The initiative improves education, economic participation, and leadership, offering a replicable model for inclusive development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3859>

INCLUSIVE EDITORIAL MODEL (MEI) – INCLUSIVE CLUB “CÓDIGO DIGITAL”

Reconquista, Argentina

“Código Digital” in Reconquista is an inclusive digital media club where youth with and without disabilities co-create a magazine and multimedia content. Using the Inclusive Editorial Model, it combines accessible technologies, collaborative learning, and personalized support. Participants jointly decide content, fostering digital skills, creativity, and shared responsibility. Institutionalized as public policy, it promotes inclusion, active citizenship, and a replicable model for digital participation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3867>

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE – A LOCAL GOVERNANCE MODEL IN SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, Chile

San Antonio's model institutionalizes human rights and access to justice as the core of local governance. Through integrated programs and an Ombudsperson system, it ensures protection and support for vulnerable groups. It transforms community needs into coordinated legal and policy responses, strengthening equity and inclusion. Internationally recognized, it demonstrates how cities can embed human rights into everyday public administration.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3878>

“CHILDREN WITH A VOICE, LEADERS OF TODAY”

San Luis Potosí, Mexico

“Children with a Voice, Leaders of Today” promotes children's participation in local governance in San Luis Potosí. Through councils, programs, and community activities, children propose ideas and engage in civic and environmental actions. With over 500 participants, it builds skills in leadership, responsibility, and community engagement. The initiative fosters democratic culture from an early age through inclusive and interactive participation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3881>



DISTRICT CARE SYSTEM – CUIDARTE

Santiago de Cali, Colombia

Cali's CuidArte system is a public policy that recognizes and redistributes care work to promote gender equality and well-being. Through territorial care ecosystems, it provides integrated services for caregivers and dependent populations. Implemented via collaborative governance, it engages institutions, communities, and partners. The initiative advances inclusion, strengthens the care economy, and embeds participation in social policy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3887>

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT – WHAT IF I WERE MAYOR?

São Paulo, Brazil

"Youth in Government – What if I Were Mayor?" engages young people in public decision-making through training and simulation. Participants learn about open government and apply it by managing a fictional city and its budget. The program promotes active citizenship, sustainability awareness, and policy understanding. With 1,000+ participants, it strengthens youth engagement in participatory governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3901>

"EMPOWER HER" – ADVANCING GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS THROUGH EDUCATION AND LEGAL ACCESS

Sri Lanka and local authorities, Sri Lanka

"Empower Her" is a nationwide initiative in Sri Lanka promoting women's and girls' rights through education, legal awareness, and participation. Through trainings and legal clinics, it provides knowledge, support, and access to justice for thousands of participants. Implemented with multi-stakeholder collaboration, it strengthens local capacity and institutional engagement. The program fosters inclusive participation and offers a scalable model for rights-based empowerment and governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3898>



Santiago de Cali



COMMUNITY TERRITORIAL INTERVENTION TEAM TRANCAS (ECITT) Trancas, Argentina



ECITT in Trancas is a participatory intervention model addressing vulnerability in rural and remote communities. It transforms community needs into public policy through collaboration between residents, civil society, and local government. Acting as a continuous local observatory, it integrates social, health, and educational actions. The model is adaptable and replicable for complex contexts, strengthening participatory governance and human rights.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/304/proposals/3930>

“GÜNÜMÜZ VAR” – LADIES’ DAY GATHERING Üsküdar, Türkiye

“Günümüz Var” in Üsküdar transforms traditional women’s gatherings into participatory spaces for dialogue with local authorities. Women access information, share concerns, and engage directly with municipal leaders and experts. The initiative promotes social inclusion, especially for isolated women, combining civic participation with cultural activities. Regular, adaptive meetings strengthen community ties and institutionalize participatory, citizen-centered governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3788>



CATEGORY ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION AND ENVIRONMENT



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ECO-VOLUNTEERS

Atasehir, Türkiye

Atasehir's Eco-Volunteers initiative engages residents in co-creating solutions for urban environmental challenges. Through thematic groups, citizens collaborate on issues like waste, energy, transport, and green spaces. Workshops and meetings connect volunteers with municipal leaders, fostering dialogue and shared responsibility. The initiative strengthens environmental awareness and embeds participation in local sustainability governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3730>

A PARTICIPATORY AND INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION MODEL: ÇANAKKALE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP AND CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

Çanakkale, Türkiye

The Çanakkale's Climate Action Group and Climate Ambassadors model engages citizens in implementing and monitoring local climate policies. Through workshops and training, it built a network of certified volunteers linking communities with local government. The initiative ensures continuous feedback, inclusivity, and collaboration across stakeholders. Sustained beyond the project period, it strengthens long-term participatory climate governance and community ownership.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3752>

PARTICIPATORY CONSTRUCTION OF THE CUENCA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2025–2035

Cuenca, Ecuador

Cuenca's Climate Action Plan 2025–2035 was co-created through participatory processes involving citizens, institutions, and experts. Workshops and dialogues identified key climate challenges and solutions for mitigation and adaptation. Citizen inputs were integrated into the plan's strategic actions, guiding long-term climate policy. The initiative strengthens awareness, shared responsibility, and participatory climate governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3789>



“WATER TO THE VILLAGE” PROGRAM – VERSION 3.0

Cundinamarca, Colombia

“Water to the Village” strengthens community-managed rural water systems across Cundinamarca through technical support and participation. Using diagnostics and tailored strategies, it improves infrastructure, management, and service delivery. Over 420 systems and 188,000 people have benefited from enhanced access to drinking water. The program builds local capacity and offers a replicable model for participatory, sustainable water governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3769>

“UNIVERSITY FOR SDGs”: A MULTI-LEVEL DIALOGUE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Italian territory, Italy

“University for SDGs” is a multi-level initiative in Italy connecting youth, institutions, and experts to co-create sustainability solutions. Through thematic groups, participants develop proposals on climate, mobility, and green economy issues. The process promotes dialogue, inclusion, and intergenerational collaboration, with outputs influencing policy and projects. Recognized internationally, it institutionalizes youth participation in sustainable development governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3808>

SECAP SCHOOL

Italy and Italian municipalities, Italy

SECAP School integrates schools into local climate action plans, turning them into active hubs of participation and sustainability. Students and teachers co-design solutions with municipalities, linking education to real climate policies. Youth proposals have influenced urban projects and even triggered new climate plans in some cities. The initiative strengthens environmental awareness, intergenerational dialogue, and participatory climate governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3809>



CHILDREN'S AGRICULTURAL PARK

Maltepe, Türkiye

Maltepe's Children's Agriculture Park is an interactive space where children learn about sustainability through hands-on farming activities. Through planting, composting, and workshops, it builds environmental awareness and connection to nature. The initiative involves schools, farmers, and civil society in a collaborative learning model. It promotes participatory education, intergenerational learning, and long-term sustainable practices.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3828>

DATA-DRIVEN AGRICULTURE: NILÜFER AGRICULTURAL ANALYSIS LABORATORY

Nilüfer, Türkiye

Nilüfer's Agricultural Analysis Laboratory supports sustainable farming through scientific, data-driven methods. By providing soil, water, and crop analyses, it helps farmers make informed decisions and protect natural resources. The initiative combines municipal support, cooperative involvement, and farmer participation. It strengthens sustainable agriculture, rural livelihoods, and evidence-based environmental governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3845>

RESTRUCTURING THE GOVERNANCE MODEL OF THE LA CAMPANA-PENUELAS BIOSPHERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Region of Valparaíso, Chile



The La Campana-Peñuelas Biosphere Reserve restructured its governance to include communities, Indigenous peoples, and multiple stakeholders. Through participatory processes, it created a representative, multi-level decision-making system. The new model strengthens coordination and legitimacy in managing a complex socio-environmental territory. It demonstrates how inclusive governance can improve sustainability and collective capacity to address environmental challenges.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3868>

+ BIODIVERSITY: CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOCRACY Rosario, Argentina

“+ Biodiversity” in Rosario develops participatory management plans for protected areas through collaboration between citizens, academia, and institutions. Workshops and scientific assessments co-define zoning, conservation strategies, and public use of natural spaces. The model has been institutionalized and replicated across multiple reserves in the region. It strengthens environmental democracy, biodiversity protection, and participatory governance in a climate-sensitive territory.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3871>

“DISQUE MATA ATLÂNTICA” Salvador, Brazil

Disque Mata Atlântica engages citizens in urban reforestation by enabling them to request and guide tree planting in Salvador. Through technical assessments, the program ensures suitable planting of native species and urban resilience. It combines public management with active citizen participation in environmental restoration. The initiative strengthens biodiversity, climate adaptation, and participatory environmental governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3877>

PARTICIPATING WITH “SAN LUIS BY BIKE” San Luis Potosí, Mexico

“San Luis by Bike” links sustainable mobility with participatory governance by involving citizens in planning and decision-making. Residents help define cycling priorities and transparently select beneficiaries through participatory bodies. The initiative promotes inclusion, gender equity, and cultural identity while improving urban mobility. By combining training, infrastructure, and participation, it fosters social cohesion and sustainable urban development.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3880>





“TRANSFORMACCIÓN AMBIENTAL” – YOUTH, ART, AND COMMUNITY ACTION TO RESTORE URBAN SPACES

Santiago del Estero, Argentina

TransformAcción Ambiental engages youth and communities in restoring degraded urban spaces in Santiago del Estero. Through clean-ups, tree planting, and environmental murals, citizens co-create greener public areas. The initiative combines environmental education, art, and community action with institutional coordination. It strengthens civic engagement, environmental awareness, and participatory urban transformation.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3888>

GREEN TÁPLÁNSZENTKERESZT – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FOR A CLIMATE-CONSCIOUS VILLAGE

Táplánszentkereszt, Hungary

Green Táplánszentkereszt is a participatory climate initiative engaging residents in environmental action and local decision-making. Through workshops and forums, citizens identify challenges and co-create sustainability solutions. Community activities like tree planting and green space revitalization reinforce practical engagement. The initiative strengthens social cohesion, local governance, and climate awareness in a rural context.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3894>

GREENBEAT – YOUTH VOLUNTEERING FOR NATURE AND FORESTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VALONGO

Valongo, Portugal



GreenBeat in Valongo engages youth in hands-on environmental regeneration and awareness activities. Young volunteers improve public spaces, monitor ecosystems, and promote sustainability through participatory action. The program builds skills through non-formal education and strong collaboration between institutions and civil society. It strengthens youth participation, influences local policies, and creates a scalable model for environmental governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3785>

THE NEUHOF-ILLKIRCH NATURE RESERVE WORKSHOP

City of Strasbourg, France



The Neuhoof-Illkirch Nature Reserve Workshop engaged citizens directly in managing a protected natural area in Strasbourg. A diverse panel co-created solutions through immersive sessions and innovative deliberative methods. The process produced 24 proposals guiding the reserve's future management and strengthened institutional collaboration. It fosters long-term participation, trust, and a replicable model for environmental governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3783>



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DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: AI-DRIVEN PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE FOR CITIES

Bağcılar, Türkiye

Bağcılar's "Digital Citizenship" uses AI and digital tools to transform citizen input into real-time governance data. Through platforms like BAĞKART and AI assistant BAGBI, residents actively report issues and access services. The system increases efficiency, reduces bureaucracy, and integrates citizen feedback into decision-making. It offers a scalable model where technology strengthens participatory democracy and urban sustainability.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3732>

PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR BOGOTÁ'S DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN THROUGH CHATICO

Bogotá DC, Colombia



Bogotá's CHATICO uses WhatsApp to enable large-scale, accessible participation in city planning. Through conversational flows, citizens contribute ideas and priorities for the District Development Plan. The tool engaged over 40,000 participants, many new to public consultation processes. It strengthens inclusive, digital participatory democracy and improves policy responsiveness.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3743>

PROACTIVE TRANSPARENCY STEP BY STEP

Corregidora, Mexico

"Proactive Transparency Step by Step" in Corregidora provides real-time, accessible information on public works and budgets. Through a digital portal and in-person outreach, citizens monitor projects and participate in oversight committees. The initiative strengthens accountability by making technical data understandable and interactive. It institutionalizes open government and citizen control over public resources.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3767>

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET – BI'FIKIRLE ESKİŞEHİR

Eskisehir, Türkiye

“Bi’Fikirle Eskişehir” is a digital participatory budgeting model that involves citizens directly in municipal decision-making. Through proposals and online voting, residents prioritize projects integrated into the official investment program. The process ensures transparency from idea submission to implementation and monitoring. It strengthens inclusive participation, data-driven governance, and long-term trust between citizens and the municipality.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3794>

MURYA (VOICE)

Igabi, Nigeria

Murya (Voice) empowers communities in Igabi to report needs and engage directly in governance. Using digital tools like KoboToolBox, citizen data informs local planning and prioritization. The initiative strengthens transparency, accountability, and inclusion of marginalized groups. It builds trust and offers a scalable model for data-driven, participatory local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3804>

BÜTÇEM İSTANBUL

Istanbul, Türkiye

Bütçem İstanbul is a participatory budgeting initiative allowing residents to propose, vote on, and co-design public projects. With over 170,000 participants, it has delivered more than 100 citizen-selected projects across the city. The process ensures transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration between citizens and municipal authorities. It institutionalizes participatory governance and strengthens trust in urban decision-making.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3807>

JALISCO: “¡FÍRMALE!” - CITIZEN SUPPORT SIGNATURE SYSTEM

Jalisco, Mexico

“¡Fírmale!” is a digital platform in Jalisco that enables citizens to collect support signatures for participation mechanisms online. It removes barriers by replacing paper-based processes with fast, accessible digital tools. Users can create initiatives, share links, and track signatures in real time. The platform democratizes access to participation and strengthens inclusive, scalable digital governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3810>

SPACEUG - COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CIVIC SPACE MONITORING AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY PLATFORM

Kibaale District, Uganda



SPACEUG is a digital platform in Uganda that enables citizens to monitor and report threats to civic participation. It combines secure reporting tools with community engagement to build a shared evidence base on civic space conditions. Through workshops and partnerships, it empowers local actors to protect democratic freedoms. The initiative strengthens accountability and demonstrates how civic tech can support participatory democracy.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3813>

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PARTICIPATION: THE CITIZEN GEOPORTAL AS A CIVIC TECHNOLOGY TOOL

Mendoza, Argentina

Mendoza's Citizen Geoportal is an open digital platform providing access to territorial data and maps. It enables citizens and officials to visualize and analyze urban information for better decision-making. With extensive data layers and dashboards, it promotes transparency and informed participation. The initiative strengthens open government and evidence-based urban governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3833>

OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY ECOSYSTEM

Mercedes, Argentina

Mercedes' Open Government Ecosystem strengthens transparency through an accessible open data and information portal. It centralizes budget, program, and management data, improving access and accountability. The initiative combines digital tools with in-person engagement to bring transparency closer to citizens. It fosters an institutional culture of openness and reinforces participatory democracy at the local level.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3835>

YOUTHGOVTRACKA

Nigeria, Nigeria



YouthGovTracka is a civic tech initiative in Nigeria that tracks government promises and promotes accountability. It combines a digital platform with town halls and campaigns to engage citizens, especially youth and women. The initiative has reached millions and built strong partnerships with government and civil society. It strengthens transparency, civic participation, and trust in democratic processes.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3842>



“THE NITERÓI WE WANT 2050” CONSULTATION

Niterói, Brazil

“The Niterói We Want 2050” consultation engaged citizens in shaping the city’s long-term strategic and multi-year plans. It combined digital tools, in-person outreach, and creative activities to reach diverse populations. Over 13,000 contributions ensured strong inclusion of women, communities, and underrepresented groups. The initiative strengthens participatory planning, transparency, and alignment of policies with citizens’ needs.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3848>

BALADIYA METER: DIGITAL CITIZEN OVERSIGHT OF MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC PLANS

Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA), Palestine

Baladiya Meter is a digital platform in Palestine that makes municipal plans and progress publicly accessible. It allows citizens to track projects, give feedback, and participate through comments and polls. By linking local actions to SDGs, it enhances transparency and accountability in governance. The initiative strengthens trust and offers a scalable model for participatory digital oversight.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3855>

PAP SACABA FOR PAP SMEAR MONITORING AND CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION

Sacaba, Bolivia

PAP Sacaba is a digital system that monitors Pap smears to improve cervical cancer prevention in Bolivia. It replaces manual records with real-time tracking, enabling better coverage and timely diagnosis. Combined with outreach campaigns, it has reached over 8,000 women, especially in vulnerable areas. The initiative strengthens data-driven public health, transparency, and participatory local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3874>



SAM PETRINO AI – INTELLIGENT CITIZEN ASSISTANT FOR DIGITAL PUBLIC SERVICES

San Pedro Garza García, Mexico

Sam Petrino AI is a WhatsApp-based assistant that enables citizens in San Pedro Garza García to access services and report issues 24/7. It automates requests, improving efficiency while ensuring transparency and traceability. Citizen interactions generate data that informs planning and decision-making. The initiative integrates AI with participation, creating a model for responsive, data-driven governance.

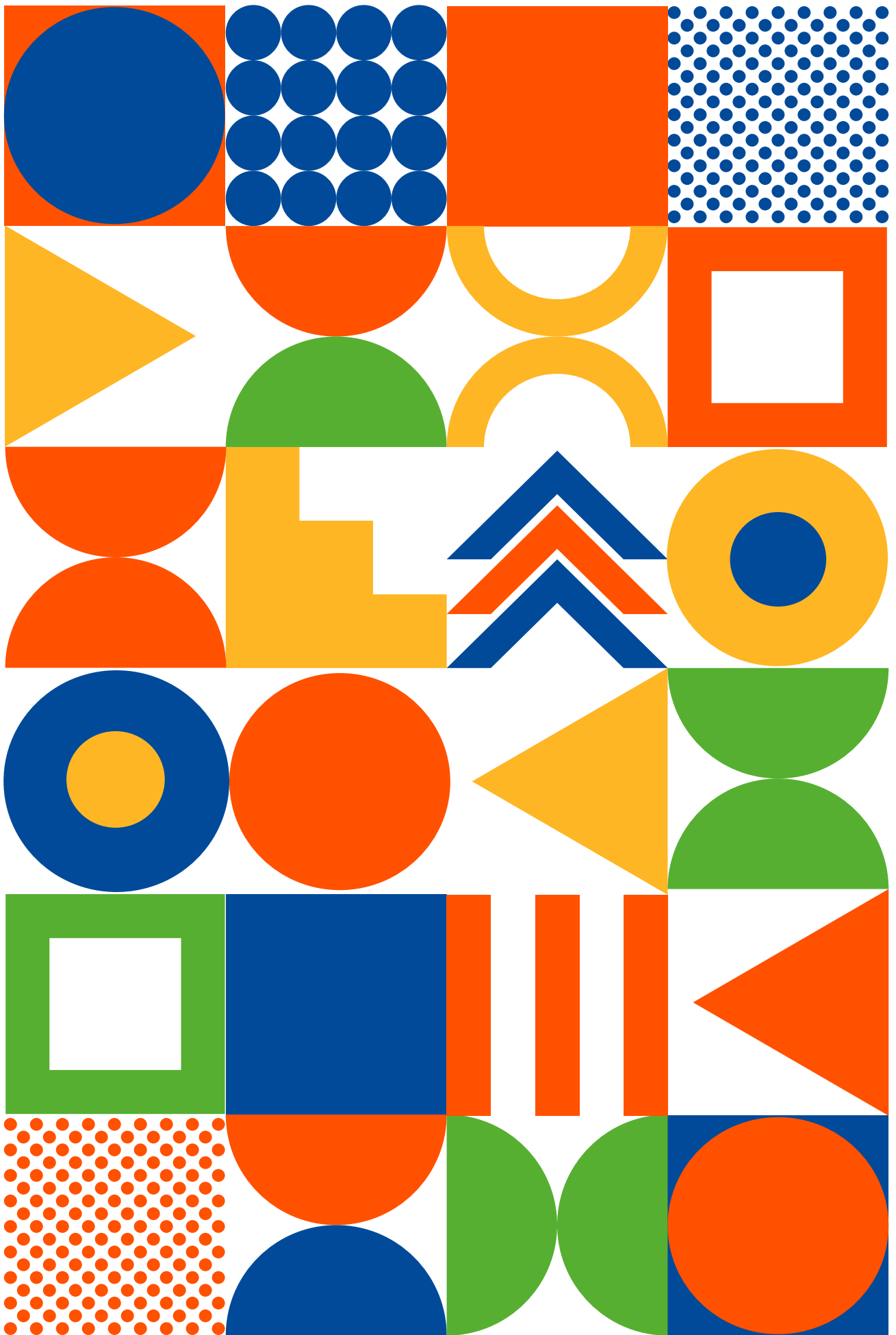
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GOVERNING WITH THE PEOPLE

Vitória da Conquista, Brazil

“Governing with the People” in Vitória da Conquista combines digital tools and in-person outreach to expand citizen participation. Residents share needs and help prioritize public works and services across neighborhoods. A WhatsApp-based platform and community engagement ensure inclusive access to the process. The initiative strengthens transparency, responsiveness, and participatory local governance.

More info: <https://participate.oidp.net/processes/award2026/f/305/proposals/3781>





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