International Observatory on Participatory Democracy

21st AWARD BEST PRACTICE IN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jury of the OIDP Award 2027

Descriptive document for the configuration of the jury and its tasks

Mission

The mission of the OIDP Award Jury is to assess the applications and select the winning practice and special mentions, taking into account the results of the open vote by the OIDP Community, in accordance with the Award Terms and assessment criteria.

Composition

Both juries will be composed of professionals, experts, and practitioners with recognised experience in democracy, public participation, and the thematic areas of the Award. The OIDP Technical Secretariat will appoint jurors following a thorough review of their qualifications, expertise, and relevance to the field, while seeking a balanced representation in terms of gender and geographical origin.

Two juries will be convened:

- **Jury 1 — Selection of the finalists**

The composition of Jury 1 will ensure that each practice is evaluated by three or four jurors, depending on the number of applications received for the Award. It will participate in **Phase 2 (25 January - 17 February),** during which it will assess all eligible applications and select the finalists for Phase 3.

- **Jury 2 — Selection of the winning practice and special mentions**

Jury 2 will be composed of 10 members. It will participate in **Phase 3 (24 February - 19 March)** to assess the finalist practices and select the winning practice and special mentions, taking into account the results of the open vote by the OIDP Community.

Exceptionally, some individuals may serve on both juries.

Requirements to be part of the jury

To be eligible to serve as a juror, candidates must:

- Have a **recognized track record** in the fields of the study of democracy, public participation, urban affairs, or related areas.

- Demonstrate expertise in at least three of the five thematic categories of the 21st edition of the OIDP Award:

    A) Democratic and Peaceful Communities

    B) Urban Management and Public Space

    C) Social Inclusion and Care

    D) Ecological Transition and Environment

    E) Civic Tech

- Have a conversational level of English to participate in the jury meetings. Knowledge of at least one additional OIDP working language (French, Spanish, or Portuguese) is required. The OIDP Technical Secretariat will ensure the translation of application summaries in English, French, and Spanish. Please note that the full content of the applications to the Award will be available to the jurors in the OIDP Intranet, in the original language of submission.

Jury selection

Those interested in serving on the jury must complete **the** expression of interest form before **15 December 2026.** The OIDP Technical Secretariat, with the support of the OIDP Steering Committee, will select the jury members according to the criteria outlined in the section "Composition".

Conflicts of interest and incompatibilities

All jury members must declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest, whether personal or professional, in relation to the submitted applications. In the event of a conflict of interest, the juror concerned will not be assigned to assess the relevant practice.