



## REGULATIONS FOR THE CHOICE OF THE IOPD PRESIDENCY 2019

### 1. INTRODUCTION

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

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

### 2. PARTICIPANTS

All local governments which are members of the IOPD may submit a bid.

In accordance with the principle of alternation in the cities where the conference is held, each year the host city must be on a different continent. As the host of the 2018 International Conference is a European city (Barcelona), **the host of the 2019 Conference should preferably be a non-European city.**

### 3. CHOICE OF HOST

**During the celebration 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference, the host city for the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference shall be chosen. Therefore, candidates shall have the opportunity to present their bids during the internal meeting of IOPD members, which is to be held November 27<sup>th</sup> in Barcelona.**

The choice shall be made by consensus; if this consensus is not achieved, there shall be a vote. The electors shall be the IOPD members which are present at the conference and there shall be one vote per member.

### 4. BID SUBMISSION

Cities wishing to submit a bid must send the following documentation to the Technical Secretariat of the IOPD at [oidp@bcn.cat](mailto:oidp@bcn.cat):

1. Letter from the political head of the local government presenting the bid
2. General description of proposed contents of the Conference (maximum two pages)
3. General description of the technical and financial resources of the local government submitting the bid (maximum two pages)



**The deadline to submit the applications is two weeks before the General Assembly meeting (on the 12th November 2018).**

## **5. ACCEPTANCE**

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