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DÉMOCRATIE
À STRASBOURG

Local democracy and citizen participation

Pact for democracy in Strasbourg



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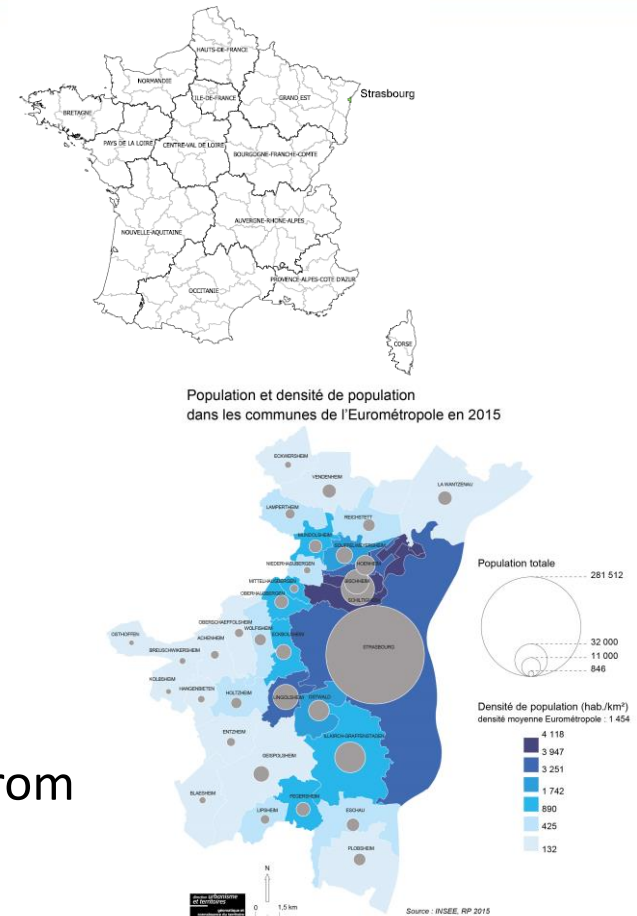
On behalf of the Citizen participation department, city of Strasbourg



1. Preamble: the city of Strasbourg, some contextual elements
2. Origin of the pact for democracy in Strasbourg
3. Citizen summit process
4. Current citizen participation in Strasbourg
5. Conclusion

The city of Strasbourg,

- Cross-border municipality of **277,270 inhabitants**
- Eurometropolis, cooperation of **33 municipalities**
- Headquarters of many **European institutions**
- Administered by a City Council and a Mayor elected for six years (2014-2020)
- **Local citizen participation** in France strengthened from the 1990s with **decentralization**
- In Strasbourg:
 - A **Deputy Mayor** in charge of local democracy and consultation policy
 - **Territorial directions** in connection with thematic directions
 - A **Citizen participation department**



- End of 2016, a **new political impulse**
- A shared observation that the **local democracy instances need to evolve**
- Launch of the **citizen summit initiative** in April 2017 to give a **new dynamic to citizen participation**
- Co-construction of a **new pact for democracy in Strasbourg**, adopted in City Council by an absolute majority on 16 April 2018

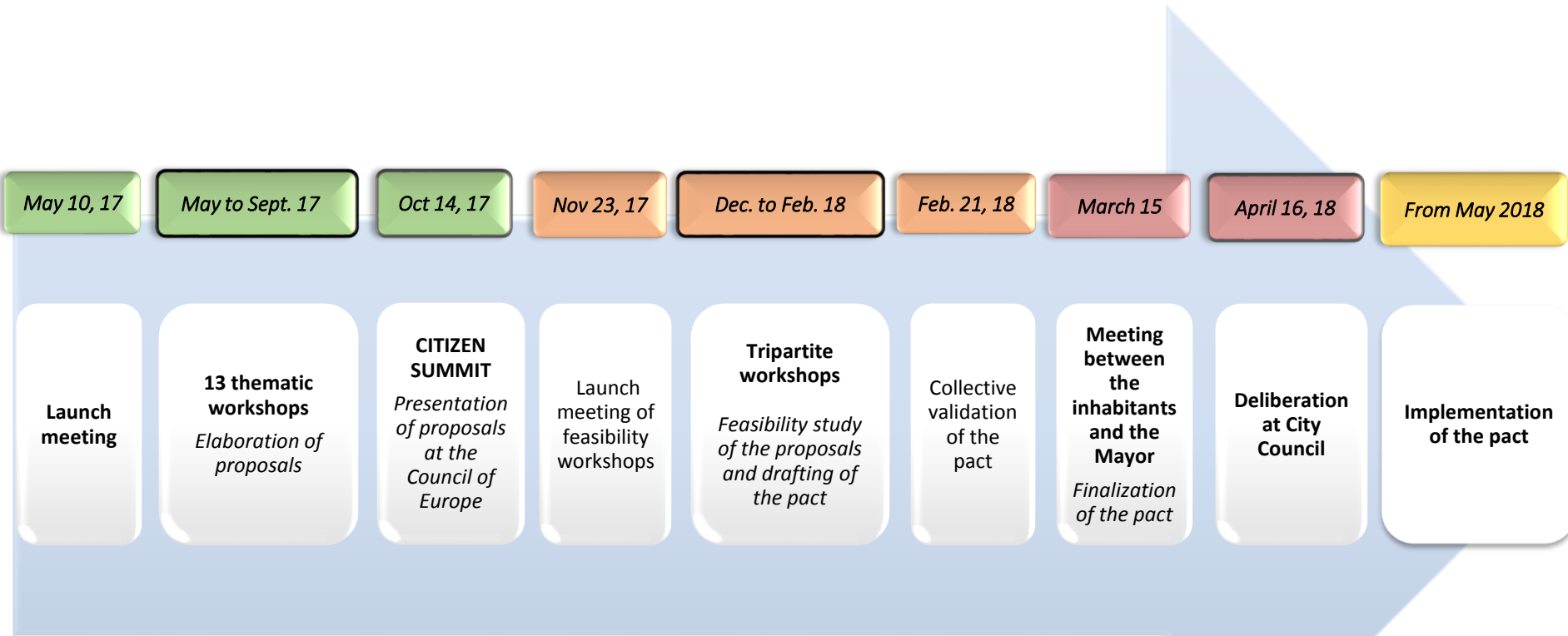


The objectives of the citizen summit, based on identified needs, are to:

- Develop a **culture of citizen participation** of elected representatives, residents and agents and work in a logic of **co-construction**,
- Allow **greater participation** of residents in the **decision process**,
- Mobilize more **widely to diversify** audiences,
- Encourage and give visibility to **citizen initiatives**,
- Foster a more **transparent dialogue** with the City in a climate of trust and respect.



The main stages of the citizen summit



Tripartite continuous evaluation process



4. Current citizen participation

Ethics committee
Guaranteeing respect of the Pact

Designates two citizens

Council of citizen participation

"Historical" instances of local democracy

Eurométropole Development Council

Advice of the social and solidarity economy

Youth Council

Council of foreign residents

Neighborhood Councils

Citizen councils

Territorial partner workshops

Evaluation Group

The ambassadors

New groups and devices

- Participatory budget
- Citizen petitions
- Citizens' initiative workshops
- Reporting malfunctions in the public space
- *Coming soon: the **mapping of citizen initiatives and third places***

Participatory budget group

Zero endocrine disrupting workshop

New spaces

- The **digital platform** for citizen participation
Participer.strasbourg.eu
- The "**Pact'Mobile**"

In addition to existing spaces: the Shadok, the Lieu d'Europe.

The Digital Users Committee

The participation procedures of the City

Article 1 of the pact for local democracy guarantees citizens of Strasbourg the right to :

- information
- consultation
- concertation
- co-construction

On different themes, scales, shapes

Events and highlights around democracy

- European Week of Local Democracy
- The World Forum for Democracy
- The European Youth Event



→ A system under construction seeking to promote the diversity of scales, formats, approaches

Some identified “key points”

- A right to experiment
- Clear and shared goals and "framework"
- Involvement of the stakeholders and political portage
- Training, positioning, of the different actors to work in co-construction
- Internal and external communication, the flow of information, the transversality
- Time and means

Need of adaptation to the context

- Legal
- Budgetary
- Territorial and skills
- Policies

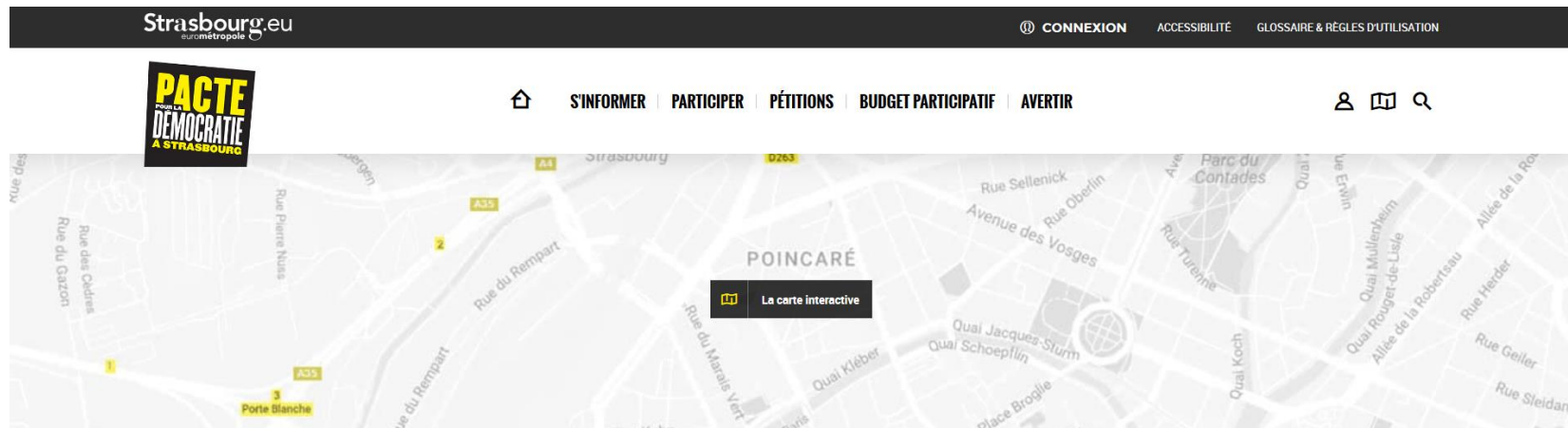
Perspectives are to:

- Complete the commitments of the pact
- Pursue the structuration of links and interactions
- Develop transversality and a culture of participation
- Maintain a dynamic of openness, deepen and expand participation
- Evaluate to improve and readjust



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La participation citoyenne à Strasbourg, c'est à la fois des initiatives citoyennes, une dynamique associative, des instances de démocratie locale & surtout des démarches de concertation. Depuis avril 2017, la Ville de Strasbourg a initié avec les citoyens la démarche du sommet citoyen. L'objectif de cette plateforme ? Co-construire ensemble la Ville sur la base du nouveau pacte pour la démocratie locale.

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