



CONCEPT NOTE: PROMOTER MEMBERS

Promoter members of the IOPD are local or regional governments committed to local democracy and who are an active part of the governance of the IOPD and its activities.

Background

Since the creation of the IOPD in 2001, there has always been a group of cities within the members that has coordinated the network, promoted the action plan and leading the network in the period between assemblies. These cities constituted the coordinating committee, which was diluted over the years, creating leadership problems, since this was relegated to the rotating presidency and the general secretariat, preventing the revitalization of more activities.

In the 2018 General Assembly held in the city of Barcelona, the creation of the figure of the promoter members was approved in response to these problems. These promoter members must co-lead the network by participating in the coordination committee, representing the IOPD in international meetings, providing economic or human resources, as well as leading a specific thematic area or project.

Who can be a promoter member?

Any local or regional government that is already an ordinary member of the ODP and that has the will and the possibility of being actively involved in the leadership of the network and its activities. It therefore requires political interest, availability to participate in meetings, ability to collaborate in the preparation of working documents and organize activities or work groups.

How to become a promoter member?

The local or regional government that wants to be a promoter member must send a formal letter signed by the highest political responsible and addressed to the technical secretariat. This letter must state the commitment of the city to integrate the IOPD's coordination committee, describe what are the topics that most interest the city, and propose activities, projects or resources to make available to the network.



The technical secretariat will analyse the proposal and after issuing a favourable report, will pass the final decision to the Coordination Committee to approve the new promoter member.

If necessary, a collaboration agreement can be signed between the local government and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), an entity on which the Observatory administratively depends, to make the transfer of economic resources to the technical secretariat.

What does being a promoter member imply?

Promoter members must commit to participate in at least two annual meetings of the coordination committee and lead a work group or activity. As members of the coordination committee, they will be responsible for validating the new members and monitoring the implementation of the work plan.

Promoter members are expected to make contributions to the IOPD in the form of an economic contribution or in kind. By contribution in kind, it is understood: translations of documents, preparation of reports, organization of conferences with the network, administrative or technical support.