

A new chapter for democracy  
Capacity-building for citizen participation  
in regions and cities

Our aims: support good participation, establish a permanent mechanism, connecting structures and processes of EU policy-making.



## Aims of the Project

### Raising Quality

**Establish quality principles** for inclusive, deliberative and effective citizen participation, so that the diversity of opinions can be incorporated into the political debates.

### Integration

Establish a **permanent mechanism** and integrate citizen participation processes into the institutional system of regular EU-political decision-making processes.

### Connecting political levels

**Link the political levels** more closely, especially concerning relevant European legislative initiatives, so that the recommendations of cities, regions and their citizens are taken into account in Brussels.

## Networking, learning, applying: Our offer for capacity-building for administrations and politicians



### Three modules to strengthen citizen participation in Europe

#### Planning Workshops for regions and cities

**Engaging citizens in EU policy making:** Fostering the quality of concrete participation projects. Enabling initiators to conduct local, regional, and transnational citizens dialogues and panels, - in an inclusive, deliberative and effective way.

#### Training young politicians

Becoming a “**Citizen Participation Professional**”: Training for young politicians in basics of participatory democracy, designing, implementing and facilitating citizen participation. Several workshops and events, e.g. a summer or winter academy

#### Materials and digital modules

Materials, handouts, templates: **hands-on material** is published. Digital forms of capacity building such as e-learning can be developed – specifically tailored to the needs of European regions

## Next steps: Foreseen timeline of the project in 2023



### Foreseen timeline of the project in 2023

**Today - Kick-off event on the 9th of March**

We want to **clarify your expectations and needs** for support to carry out concrete participatory projects & identify relevant topics for local, regional, and transnational dialogues.

**End of March / Beginning of April**

**Information event:** Concrete capacity building program, including content, processes, dates of workshops. Start of the application procedure

**April**

**Agreement on concrete support.** Cluster cities and regions with common interests and participation topics. **Start of capacity building** for regions and cities

**May**

Start of the capacity building for young politicians

# Thank You!

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