



## **PREAMBLE:**

Several municipalities of Latin America and Europe, committed with the democratic processes of their respective cities, manifest the need to promote participatory democracy processes as a way to further representative democracy.

Conscious that these processes are developed in different towns all over the world, and that all experiences are useful and necessary, they have decided to constitute an International Observatory of Participatory Democracy to promote and further participatory democracy in the municipal sphere.

The Observatory is defined as a tool for towns to enrich their participatory democracy processes based on the co-operation and exchange of experiences, the search for economic resources and knowledge.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Observatory are the following:

1. The stimulation of the co-operation between the towns, based on the exchange of participatory democracy in the municipal sphere. A bank to share experiences has been created for that purpose.
2. Co-operation with the towns in their search for resources to apply and develop the experiences object of this Observatory. A bank of economic, knowledge and any other type of resource of interest was created for that purpose.
3. Open an agenda of activities to spread all those acts or programs of interest of the towns.
4. Enable a space for news where any element of interest can be displayed.
5. Advance in the studies and the reflection of the concepts and the practices of the participatory democracy.
6. Enlarge the Observatory to all those municipalities of any part of the world that are interested in collaborating in this process.





## COMPOSITION OF THE OBSERVATORY

The partners and the collaborators will compose the observatory.

### THE PARTNERS:

Any MUNICIPALITY or municipal entities that voluntarily acquires the commitment to promote participatory democracy in its own sphere and that collaborate to reach the objectives of the Observatory can be a partner.

### COLLABORATORS:

Collaborators shall be all those entities, organisations and institutions that voluntarily acquire the commitment to promote participatory democracy and want to collaborate in the development of the objectives of the Observatory.

## ORGANISATION OF THE OBSERVATORY

In order to ensure the operation of the Observatory a Secretariat and a Co-ordinating Committee have been constituted.

### SECRETARIAT

A partner town will be in charge during a period of three renewable years and will be in charge of:

1. Management of the web page of the Observatory
2. Management of the bank of experiences
3. Management of the bank of resources
4. Management of the agenda of activities and news
5. Co-ordinate the various activities of the observatory
6. Hold the representation of the Observatory before the various instances with which it has a relationship.



## CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

It shall be composed by the members of the following partner municipalities: City of Barcelona (Spain), Mairie de Nanterre, Ajuntament de Barberà del Vallès, Ayuntamiento de Bilbao, Secretaría de Descentralización y Participación Ciudadana, Gobierno de Buenos Aires, OA Flor de Maig. Centre per la Participació Ciudadana, Ayuntamiento de Córdoba, Conseil Général du Val-de-Marne, Municipalidad de Cuenca, Ayuntamiento de Donostia, Ilustre Municipalidad de El Bosque, Gobierno Municipal de La Paz, Prefeitura Municipal de Porto Alegre, Prefeitura de Recife, Mairie de Saint Denis, Prefeitura Municipal de Sao Paulo, Ajuntament de Sta. Coloma de Gramenet, Câmara Municipal de Vila Real de S. António, Ajuntament de Vilanova i la Geltrú, Municipalidad de Villa Gesell, Ayuntamiento de Vitoria-Gasteiz, Ayuntamiento de Madrid, Camara Municipal de Setubal

The Co-ordinating Committee will promote all of those activities to achieve the objectives of the Observatory.

## OPERATION

1. The Observatory will use the mechanisms available through the web page to communicate debates among its partners.
2. An annual meeting will be held with the assistance of the partners, in one of its towns, to elaborate and approve the annual objectives.
3. Specific work groups can be constituted to, either in person or virtually, develop specific aspects of the Observatory.