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Local Authorities

- Barcelona
- Grenoble
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National

- PB Scotland and Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) - www.scdc.org.uk
- Network of Participatory Municipalities, Portugal (RAP) - www.portugalparticipa.pt
- Scottish Government - www.gov.scot
- University of Edinburgh - www.ed.ac.uk
- Wire Academy, Portugal - www.wiremaze.com/wireacademy

International

- Democratic Society (Dem Soc) - www.demsoc.org
- Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV) - www.fmdv.net
- International Observatory for Participatory Democracy (IOPD) - www.iopd.org



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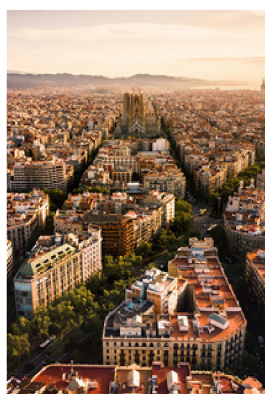
Climate change is already affecting our place on the planet in dramatic ways, so it's vital we find urgent solutions that involve local communities in the decisions that need to be made now. Fortunately, in recent years, a growing number of citizens, communities and cities of all kinds have implemented participatory budgeting (PBs) that focus on environmental, ecological, climate and energy issues with extremely positive results. Such successful cases clearly indicate that the deepening of participatory democracy mechanisms is essential to address the dramatic effects of climate change, especially on the most vulnerable, with a dual perspective of social and climate justice.

In these circumstances, the European Caravan of Participatory Budgeting [PB] for Greener Cities provides an opportunity for participants to share their experiences, testimonies and doubts on green participatory budgeting, and to gain as well insights on how to implement it in their own cities, from a technical, logistical and participatory process perspective. As these are international events taking place in different cities and focusing on the environmental and climate dimension of participatory budgeting, it is expected that each of the cities and participants will share innovative practices and responses regarding primarily the "green, climate and youth" dimensions of PBs. The ultimate intention of these events across Europe is to empower participants to adapt and implement these innovations in their own cities and to understand how and to what extent participatory democracy contributes to climate change adaptation and mitigation at the local level.

The European Caravan consists of five events taking place from October to December 2022, featuring various activities such as workshops, visits, conferences, panels, films, etc. Each event will be coordinated by a host city or institution and will take place in person (with some online options available in Scotland and the UK) and in one language only in order to ease communication and exchanges. The fifth and final event will be part of the 21st International Conference of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD) and will allow for an exchange of and debate about the results of each of the previous events.

The Coordination Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in one or more of the following events:

- Valongo, Portugal, awarded with the Europe 2022 Green Leaf Award: 26 October
- Barcelona, Spain: 18 November
- Edinburgh, Scotland: 16-17 November
- Saint-Égrève, Grenoble Metro Region, France: 6-7 December
- Grenoble, France, European Green Capital 2022: 8 December, as part of the 21st IOPD Global Conference



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VALONGO

Valongo has a rich and diverse identity, with unique regional characteristics which affirm and distinguish it, such as, for example, the age-old tradition of biscuits and regueifa bread, the art of Traditional Portuguese Toys, the tradition of the Festa das Bugiadas and Mouriscadas, the religious monuments and the beauty of the hills of **Santa Justa and Pias, in the Parque das Serras do Porto.**

The Municipality of Valongo is also focused on its people and community life and has implemented activities and projects that promote the empowerment and active involvement of its citizens, as well as other activities aimed at improving the quality of their lives and the sustainability of the Municipality.

An example of this is the **Participatory Budget** which is, in its genesis, similar to other participatory budgets, but in Valongo it has played a structuring role and has allowed other participatory processes to be developed, which reveals its success and the Municipality's continuous commitment to ensure conditions for an effective and broad citizen participation.



BARCELONA

Barcelona has been a pioneer in setting up participatory governance structures. In 1986 the first regulatory rules were approved with the aim of facilitating citizens' **influence, deliberation, co-production and decision-making on the issues that affect them.** The city's participatory architecture has been growing and developing, attempting to meet the citizens' demands and responding to the social and political context of each moment.

Recent initiatives as relevant as the Decidim platform, already present in more than 30 countries around the world, or participatory processes such as participatory budgets or deliberative citizens' assemblies, endorse Barcelona as a benchmark city and global beacon of democratic innovation and the exploration of new mechanisms that allow citizens to mark changes in the public agenda and in government action.

The Participatory Budget 2020-2023 is the first participatory experience of its kind in the city as a whole, allowing the city's residents to choose for the first time directly which projects to invest in for each of Barcelona's ten districts. The process, which began on 3 February 2020, has 30 million euros from the municipal budget to invest in the 76 projects that were finally chosen and are currently being implemented.

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EDINBURGH

Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, is set to host an international Green Participatory Budgeting (PB) Caravan event in 2022.

Over two days in November (16th & 17th), Edinburgh University will provide venues for a range of learning and information sessions that will showcase, raise awareness, and encourage learning about Green Participatory Budgeting and climate change from across Scotland and the UK.

These engaging, participative events will show what works, support shared learning, and make the case for communities having their say on how we address the global climate challenge.

Partners providing input to the sessions will include PB Scotland, Scottish Government, City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) and members of the Green PB Action Group.

A range of online and in-person sessions will be available to people from across the UK and beyond.



SAINT-ÉGRÈVE



With around 16 000 inhabitants, Saint-Égrève ranks 6th out of the 39 of Grenoble Metropolitan Area. It enjoys 62 hectares of public spaces, including 32 for parks, magnificent viewpoints over the surrounding mountains, waterways and ponds, turning it into a Green City, within Chartreuse Regional Park.

The city offers numerous cultural and festive events throughout the year and enjoys quite a rich associative fabric. St Egrève provides as well opportunities of practicing artistic, cultural or sporting activities. In short, Saint-Egrève is a modern city which has integrated 21st century issues for its current and future development for many years now, especially those related to sustainable development.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING AND PARTICIPATION IN SAINT-ÉGRÈVE

PB was launched for the first time in early 2022 as a way to empowering citizen and more broadly to foster local democracy, citizen initiative and activities at neighbourhood level. The city is committed to promote local democracy through a set of connected activities:

- Developing tools to create direct relations with residents, local organizations and other political actors;
- Promoting civic engagement, starting with identifying the needs of the diverse types of inhabitants and increasing financial resources for collective initiatives;
- Clear and transparent communication with citizens;
- Implementing mechanisms for citizen participation adapted to local culture.

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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

The International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD) is an exchange network of over 1000 cities around the world in which civil society organizations and research centers are associated to develop, implement and disseminate experiences on participatory democracy at the local level in order to deepen democracy in the government of cities.

IOPD GOALS:

- To be the worldwide center of reference within the participatory democracy field.
- To create synergies between cities, organizations and research centers in order for them to think about the quality of democracy at the global level.
- To produce and improve the existing knowledge in the local participatory democracy field.
- To exchange experiences about democratic innovations in all regions of the world.
- To recommend policies to public administrations of the world, preferably local ones.

GRENOBLE DECEMBER 7-10, 2022

Every year, the IOPD holds an international conference to discuss and reflect on the state of participatory democracy in the world.

The IOPD conference is a gathering of experts in the field of participation and political leaders who advocate a more participatory local democracy. It is also an opportunity to promote cooperation between cities and international organisations in the area of democratic innovation.

The IOPD is currently chaired by the City of Grenoble, France, where its 21st conference will be held, from December 7 to 10, 2022.



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TOWARDS A RENEWED
DEMOCRACY IN THE FACE
OF THE ECOLOGICAL,
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CRISIS

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TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Municipal, regional or national technicians in the areas of environment, youth, planning, education and citizenship;
- Students, teachers and researchers in the areas mentioned;
- Elected officials with special interest in the areas of environment, youth, planning, education and citizenship;
- Members of non-governmental organizations related to the areas mentioned; Public in general.



WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- Sharing knowledge and good practices on participatory green and climate budgeting;
- The launching of the green dimension of the Valongo youth participatory budgeting;
- The formulation and dissemination of a document that will combine the experiences of green and climate PBs which were presented, the lessons learned, the testimonies of the participants, and last but not least, the formulation of an agenda with concrete proposals for action, to be presented in your respective countries and at the international level;
- The definition of policy recommendations and guidelines on participatory budgeting that can contribute immediately and effectively to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

JOIN US IN THIS EUROPEAN CARAVAN OF GREEN PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING ACROSS EUROPE AND BE PART OF THE GROUP OF CITIZENS AND CITIES WHO ARE SEEKING TO TACKLE THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

WELCOME TO ALL!

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