REGULATION FOR THE SELECTION OF THE 2027 OIDP PRESIDENCY AND HOST OF THE 2027 CONFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the guidelines for selecting the host city of the annual conference organized by the International **Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP)**.

The OIDP is an open space for all cities, local and regional governments, and organizations committed to learning, exchanging, and implementing experiences in participatory democracy at the local level. This main objective is materialised by holding an **annual conference**. Its key initiative is the annual conference, an international gathering that fosters dialogue on citizen participation in local democracies and showcases innovative projects from participating cities.

As part of the global agenda of **United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)**, the OIDP Conference should align with the broader priorities of this international organization.

2. ELEGIBILITY

Any local or regional government that is a member of the OIDP may submit a bid. Governments that are not yet members can apply for membership before submitting their candidacy to host the conference.

To ensure geographical diversity in conference locations, **the host city should rotate across different continents**. Since **the 2026 International Conference will be held in Europe** (Kraków, Poland), preference for the 2027 host city will be given to candidates from other regions.

3. BID SUBMISSION

Local and regional governments interested in hosting the **2027 OIDP Conference** must submit the following documents to the OIDP Technical Secretariat via email at oidp@uclg.org:

- A letter from the political head of the local or regional government presenting the bid.
- A general outline of the proposed conference content (maximum **two pages**).
- A description of the technical and financial resources available to support the event (maximum **two pages**).

Deadline

The deadline to submit the applications is **7 May 2025.**

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The call for candidacies will remain open until **7 May 2025**. During this period, the OIDP Secretariat will conduct a census to collect the email addresses of all local and regional government members interested in participating in the vote to select the host city and Presidency of the OIDP for 2027.

Candidate cities and regions will have the opportunity to present their proposals during the **preparatory meeting of the OIDP General Assembly**, which will be held online **one week before the 24th OIDP Conference in Córdoba**.

The selection process will prioritize **consensus**. If consensus is not reached and multiple candidacies are submitted, the OIDP will open a vote. The voting process will be conducted **online** via the **ParticipateOIDP** platform to ensure broad participation among members. Only **accredited local and regional government members of the OIDP** will be eligible to vote, with **one vote per government**.

The final decision will be made during the **OIDP General Assembly**, which will take place within the framework of the **24th OIDP Conference in Córdoba**.

* If no candidacies are received within the established deadline, the General Assembly will discuss how and when to reopen the call for applications.

5. ACCEPTANCE & RESPONSIBILITIES

The selected city will assume the **OIDP Presidency for 2027** and serve as **Co-President in 2028**.

The host government commits to:

- **Covering all financial costs** associated with organizing the conference.
- **Managing the event's content and logistics** in coordination with the OIDP Technical Secretariat, which operates under the agenda of the UCLG World Secretariat.
- **Actively participating in OIDP activities** that require the involvement of the network's Presidency.

6. ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

For detailed requirements regarding the organization of the conference, it is recommended to review the **OIDP Terms of Reference**. Additionally, the **OIDP Internal Regulation** provides further information on the responsibilities of the network's Presidency.