

DEVELOPING A PARTICIPATORY POLICY

Duration: 2 days (14h)

Date: available within 2 months

Price general public: EUR 990 net /pers. (no VAT)

Price in-house: EUR 3270 (4-12 pers.)

OVERVIEW

Local public policies are a fundamental tool for ensuring the sustainability of the social contract. The more participatory they are, the more sustainable the results, because it is the citizens who say, "We are the ones who did this."

To secure and sustain citizen engagement over time, participatory policy leaders must demonstrate strong governance, effective facilitation, transparent communication, regulatory mediation, and empowering delegation.



AUDIENCE & PRE-REQUISITES

- **Audience:** Municipal staff and employees of regional and national institutions.
- **Pre-requisites:** None

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Develop a strategy for local participatory policy
- Plan programs, objectives, and steps for implementation and engagement
- Draw a communication plan to inform, invite, and guide participation
- Apply participatory democracy methods in the field
- Facilitate small and large group discussions
- Adapt communication to stakeholders and the objectives of participation
- Work together to address the dilemmas and challenges of community life
- Build trust and manage stakeholder expectations through transparency, accountability, and inclusive decision-making.
- Ensure inclusivity and equitable participation by engaging underrepresented and diverse community voices
- Leverage digital and hybrid tools to expand access and ongoing dialogue.

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PROGRAMME

- History of participation as a socio-political instrument for inclusion and justice.
- Participation :
 - A tool for maintaining social balance
 - A method for facilitating positive local and neighbourhood change
- Different types of participation: local, national and international examples.
- Planning participatory projects
- Stakeholder mapping
- Communication, action, and management plans.
- Meeting Toolkit:
 - Opening meetings & presenting topics
 - Facilitating processes
 - Addressing controversies, dilemmas, and conflicts of interest
 - Summarizing alternatives and outcomes
 - Making decisions and planning
 - Evaluating the effectiveness and impact of a participatory approach in your community.
- Tools to monitor, evaluate, and refine participation processes to ensure sustained engagement.

METHODS & EVALUATION

Rich and flexible training design: theoretical input, discussions, reflection and sharing of experience, role-plays and simulations, practical exercises.

Training assessment:

- Short term impact
- Long term impact

Learning assessment :

- Self-evaluation
- Questionnaire after the training

Recognition : EUROBOGEN certification

OTHER RELATED TRAINING

- Place the SDGs at the heart of regional policy.
- Lead the ecological transition.
- Citizenship education

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