

DECIDE - Local Processes at Glance

The methodology applied was based upon a double field of intervention: local and transnational. More than 30 good practices of citizen participation were identified, collected and exchanged among the partners and implemented and tested in different local environments.

Youth Council

Measure suggested in specific modifications by the Region Alsace (France), Municipality of Reggio Emilia (Italy) and Municipality of Vejle (Denmark) was implemented and tested in Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Albania.

An initiative of participatory democracy, consultation, reflection and action that enables young people to directly contribute – with an actual decisional power – to all policies affecting the youth and educate them about the democratic life in Europe

Bazaar of NGOs

Measure developed by ADVW Novo Mesto (Slovenia) was implemented and tested in Denmark, Malta and Macedonia.

Bazaar of non-governmental organizations is devoted to practical and illustrative familiarization of visitors with the work they perform for the public benefit and the role they play in their local communities.

Public Discussion

Measure suggested by UBBSLA (Bulgaria) and LDAs Zavidovici and Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina) was implemented in Croatia

The public discussions improve the living environment of the city through enhancing active citizen participation in decision making process, development of local policies, programmes and action plans.

Student Advisory Council

Measure suggested by the CKO (Slovakia) and tested in Romania and Italy

The measure was developed to bring together youth representatives from local schools and promote the interests of young people in the local context.

Information research through alternative method

Measure suggested by Birgu Local Council (Malta) was implemented and assessed in Slovenia

The measure consists of development and implementation of alternative methods to information research in order to improve awareness about proposed works, activities and consultation between the councils and the residents.

Other examples of best practices identified by the partner organizations on the basis of existing local measures of democratic compact and suggested for testing:

- Participatory budgeting
- Community center
- TV show "Ask the Mayor"
- Volunteer center
- Citizen's panels
- Newspaper Participation
- Unconventional Public Hearing
- Neighborhood watch—improving security
- Temporary use of places for NGOs
- Q-AGEING
- Youth Advisory Council for Under 14
- Social protection of persons with disabilities
- Network of Cities for drug policy



Democratic Compact:

Improving Democracy in Europe

DECIDE aims at developing a democratic compact, namely a set of measures that are needed in Europe to increase the quality of democracy and citizen participation. This objective has been achieved through the establishment of a thematic network of towns and by adopting a bottom-up approach.

The measures of democratic compact were identified, exchanged, further elaborated and tested by all the project partners. The partnership is composed of 26 partners from 14 countries: 4 countries of the "old" EU15, 6 countries accessing the EU between 2004 and 2007 and 4 IPA countries. This allows an enriching exchange among partners with different track record in the EU and contributes to develop a sense of belonging to a common "house".

The main final outcomes of DECIDE are:

- the establishment of a thematic network of towns committed to increase the quality of democracy and citizen participation in the enlarged Europe
- the democratic compact, a set of measures which have been tested and that can be further disseminated and implemented