



CSOs FOR MAKING  
LOCAL DEMOCRACY WORK

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# PARTNERSHIP AS KEY FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Rethinking the cooperation between  
local authorities and civil society

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## 4 DISCUSSION PANELS

### 1. Towards more effective partnership with civil society

- o How does civil society participate in the process of creation and implementation of public policies on local level?
- o How involved are different stakeholders in decision-making on local level?
- o How to enable long-lasting and sustainable partnership with civil society?

### 2. Is it all about the money? Support to civil society organisations: what is it all about and why

- o How are local authorities supporting the activities of civil society organisations?
- o What is the enabling environment for civil society on local level?
- o Is a true partnership defined only by financial support?

### 3. Reimagining citizen participation: digital technology vs. paperwork

- o Do we need to institutionalise new digital forms of citizen participation?
- o E-participation as tool to support digital democracy on local level
- o How to adopt digital participatory practices in priorities setting and budgeting?

### 4. International cooperation towards strengthened local partnerships

- o How are the EU projects supporting the partnerships on local level?
- o Decentralised cooperation as means for mobilisation of local stakeholders

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