



## **EUROPEAN PRINCIPLES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICE OF CIVIL PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES**

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## 1. EU : Means and aims

**Minimum Standards of Consultations** (2002) indicated by the European Commission, many possibilities have developed :

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- Consultations and structured dialogue
- Hearings
- Working groups and strategic partnership
- Agora's / single citizens

**Art 11 Lisbon Treat on civic dialogue at ALL levels and European Citizens Initiative**

**EYAC 2013 – Civil Society Alliance**



## **2. National Frameworks**

General Platforms including civil society representatives

## **3. Citizens' participation at the local level**

Citizens juries

Citizens panels (elaboration of agenda setting by the citizens themselves)

Neighbourhood councils with management of resources and responsibilities

Participative approach to budgets in municipalities

Shared vision and spatial plans for the communities



## 4. CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR CIVIL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL DECISION MAKING PROCESS – CONFERENCE INGOS COE

<b>Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Permanent work group or committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Co-drafting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Joint decision-making tools</li> <li>•Referendum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Delegations of tasks</li> <li>•Strategic partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Delegations of tasks</li> <li>•Work group or committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Permanent work group or committee</li> </ul>
<b>Dialogue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Training seminars</li> <li>•Petitioning</li> <li>•Citizen’s initiative</li> <li>•Key government contact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Experts seminars and meetings</li> <li>•Multi-stakeholder committees</li> <li>•Advisory bodies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conferences or participatory meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Capacity building seminars</li> <li>•Training seminars</li> <li>•Public tendering procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Evaluation</li> <li>• Conferences</li> <li>•Research studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Seminars and deliberative forums</li> <li>•Web-based consultation</li> </ul>
<b>Consultation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Single information point for evaluations</li> <li>•Hearings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Minimum standards for consultation</li> <li>•Consultation plans</li> <li>•Web-based consultation</li> <li>•Expert seminars and meetings</li> <li>•Hearings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Open plenary or committee sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Events, conferences, forums, seminars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Feedback mechanisms, polls, surveys, questionnaires</li> <li>•Evidence gathering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conference or meeting to set out next steps</li> </ul>
<b>Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Single information point for key documents</li> <li>•Campaigning</li> <li>•Events, conferences, forums, seminars</li> <li>•Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Open and free access to information on current drafting</li> <li>•Campaigning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Campaigning</li> <li>•Research on key areas of legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Open and free access to information on implementation</li> <li>•FAQ</li> <li>•Websites and E-mail alerts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Open and free access to information on policy progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Single information point for reports and evaluation</li> </ul>
<b>Levels of participation</b>						
<b>Steps in the political decision making process</b>						