



eParticipate

eParticipate Initial Deployment

The eParticipation Trans-European Network for Democratic Renewal & Citizen Engagement

eParticipate is a web-based eService of existing “best of breed” applications (called Public-i) that enable public bodies to engage citizens in the democratic process, particularly at local level which is most immediately relevant to citizens’ lives.

In spite of the potential of the Information Society and the huge investment in eGovernment initiatives in all Member States, there continues to be a growing democratic deficit towards all forms of Government, particularly at local level. eParticipate is addressing this emerging gap across Europe in line with the i2010 objectives.

eParticipate is an Initial Deployment of the service to 10 Municipalities in 8 key EU Member States, as a follow-on from the successful Market Validation of the eParticipation multimedia platform that was developed for local eGovernment in the UK. Each Local Authority is providing live and archived Internet webcasts of local Municipal meetings, and other local community events. Citizens can view these broadcast on-line at any time and interact as they choose. The project is evaluating service operation in each region and developing sustainable deployment revenue models by working with local Business Partners. The project objectives and targets are as follows:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activate Democratic Renewal and increased Citizen Engagement across Europe. 2. Demonstration of viable regional deployment models 3. Deploy the eParticipate service across Europe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% increase in citizen participation in local democratic activities in 8 local authority regions across the EU. • 50 Local Authorities committed to using the service. • Operation of a localised service in each territory • An European User Group of Local Authority Users • Trans European Business & Deployment Plan • Initial Network of committed Local Business Partners |
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eParticipate Partners	MS	Role	Web
1. National Microelectronics Applications Centre Ltd	IE	Coordinator & Business Partner	www.mac.ie
2. Public-i	GB	Service Supplier	www.public-i.info
3. Waverley Borough Council	GB	Local Authority User	www.waverley.gov.uk
4. Fingal County Council	IE	Local Authority User	www.fingalcoco.ie
5. Ayuntamiento de Getafe	ES	Local Authority User	www.ayto-getafe.org
6. Mesto Vrutky	SK	Local Authority User	www.vrutky.sk
7. A.S.Partner, s.r.o.	SK	Business Partner	www.aspartner.sk
8. Comune di Genova	IT	Local Authority User	www.comune.genova.it
9. Commune de Elancourt	FR	Local Authority User	www.ville-elancourt.fr
10. Digitech	FR	Business Partner	www.digitech.fr
11. Software602, a.s.	CZ	Business Partner	www.602.cz
12. Vysocina Kraj	CZ	Regional Authority User	www.kr-vysocina.cz
13. Management System Solutions	ES	Business Partner	www.mss.es
14. Lattanzio e Associati	IT	Business Partner	www.lattanzioeassociati.it
15. In-JeT ApS	DK	Business Partner	www.in-jet.dk
16. Odder Kommune	DK	Local Authority User	www.odder.dk
17. Bristol City Council	GB	Local Authority User	www.@bristol.gov.uk
18. Ayuntamiento de Brunete	ES	Local Authority User	www.@brunete.org

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