





Citizens Engagement in EU cohesion 2021-2027

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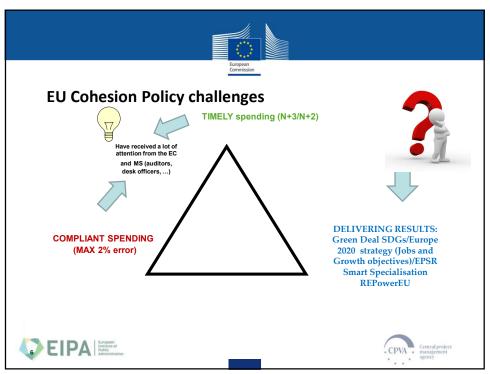






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Citizens Engagement and EU Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

- Programming and implementation:
 - No more citizens summary in AIR; consultation of citizen platforms; accessibility of citizens to websites; EU Charter of fundamental rights
 - Triple helix in PO 1 + citizens cooperatives (3+1 = 4), citizen and green transition "social readiness", citizens as IT users/benefits of digitization/digital citizenship
- Example selection of MS 2021-2027 programmes:
 - Cantabria: ITI PO 5 for the district of Besaya DG REGIO OECD pilot
 - West NL: ITI co-creation citizens for energy transition
 - FR Grand Est support new needs coming from "initiative citoyennes"
 - FR Centre-Val de Loire: communauté énergétique citoyenne





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URBACT IV 2021-2027

URBACT III networks applied the concept of participation using the 'local group' tool which had responsibility for co-design of the Integrated Action Plan. 97% of URBACT cities having completed this process considered that the participatory approach used during their network would continue after. In addition, URBACT III capitalisation work on how cities understand and implement these principles shows that the benefits of engaging with residents in a participatory process are not always clearly seen.
 Demonstration effects from cities more advanced in community engagement and support in understanding the mechanisms and the skills involved are necessary. New forms of participation should be encouraged and improved, including co-creation and co-design in cooperation with inhabitants, civil society networks, community organisations and private enterprises.







Conclusion

What are the lessons learned from the training and how can they be used in the next steps in your 2021-2027 programmes?





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EC initiatives

- EC Recommendation (EU) 2023/2836 of 12.12.2023 on promoting the engagement and effective participation of citizens and civil society organisations in public policy-making processes
- Five European Citizens' Panels since COFE: <u>European</u>
 <u>Citizens' Panels European Commission (europa.eu)</u>
- Citizens' Engagement Platform: <u>Citizens' Engagement Platform European Commission (europa.eu)</u>
- 5th Citizen Participation and Deliberative Democracy Festival, Brussels, 12-14 June 2024





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