



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION? HELL NO!

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Not everyone is convinced by the value of citizen participation...



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**"Participatory
democracy? What's
the point? Citizens are
already given a right
to vote for people to
represent them "**

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**"Working with citizens
is useless because
they are not experts"**

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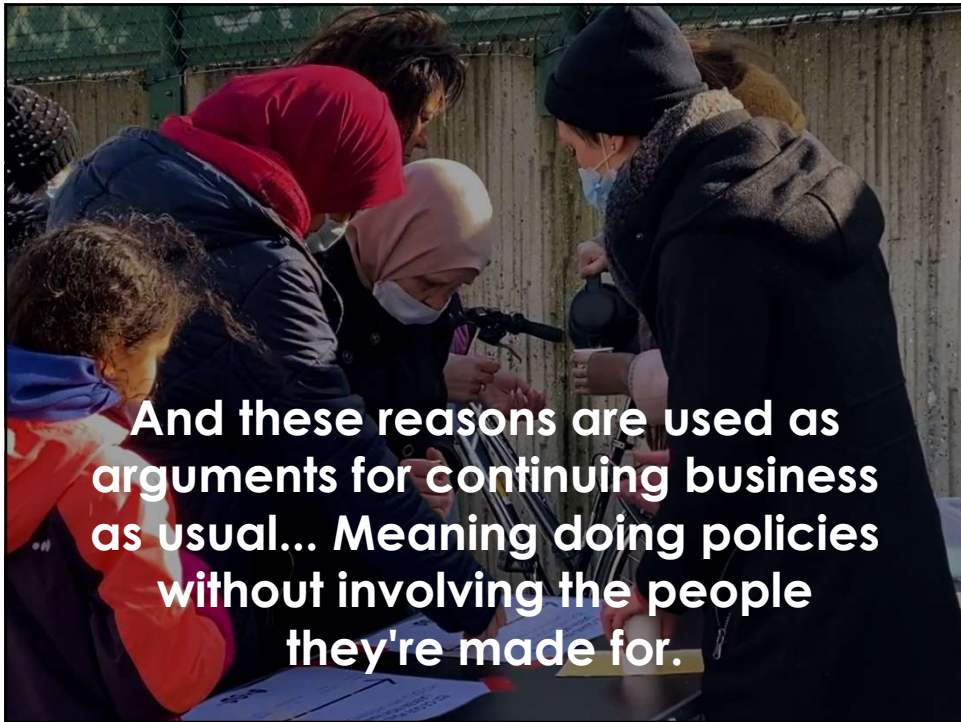
"Citizens are better at complaining than at finding solutions "



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Citizen participation? Hell no!

- Because it slows down every project or process.
- Because citizens have tons of different interests, the consensus is unreachable.
- Because citizens are already given a right to vote for people to represent them.
- Because it requires a lot of resources to train citizens.
- Because citizens don't understand politics & how a city administration works.
- Because it requires too many human resources.

EIPA European Institute of Public Administration

CPVA Central project management agency

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Why a game?

A provocative game to put your feet in it. To express things that elected officials and/or civil servants would never dare to say.



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The point?

To list and identify all the arguments that are often heard to better deconstruct them



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How to play?

1. In sub-groups, participants each draw 2 cards from the deck placed in the centre.
2. Individually, they look at the cards in their hands without revealing them to the others, then discard those that are less relevant to them.
3. The discarded cards are placed face up on the table and can be retrieved by the other players. New cards can be drawn from the deck.
4. The round ends when each player is satisfied with the 2 cards in his or her hand.
5. Each player, in turn, reveals their hand to the rest of the group and quickly comments on their cards.

You want the game?

It's downloadable online but you can also ask partners of Active Citizens for a physical version





More info:
<https://urbact.eu/activecitizens>

