

# Innovative Implementation of the Partnership Principle Call for expression of interest:

## INFORMATION WEBINAR AND Q&A

March 24, 2022

10.00 – 11.00

# Agenda

10:00-10:05	Welcoming of participants and round of introductions
<b>10:05-10:15</b>	<b>Presentation of first pilot and final project report</b> <i>Brief recap of the first collaboration between OECD and DG REGIO and overview of the Engaging Citizens in Cohesion Policy report</i>  Speakers: Francesco Amodeo, Ieva Cesnulaityte
<b>10:15-10:35</b>	<b>Presentation of the call for proposals</b> <i>Brief recap of the call for proposals, the selection criteria, the deadlines and where to obtain all the information</i>  Speakers: Francesco Amodeo, Mauricio Mejía
<b>10:35-10:50</b>	<b>Q&amp;A Session with the OECD and DG REGIO</b> <i>Questions from the participants regarding call for proposals and/or scope of project for both the OECD and DG REGIO</i>
10:50-11:00	Wrap-up and next steps <i>Brief overview of next steps and key information in order to complete an application</i>

# Pilots with authorities & Grants to CSOs

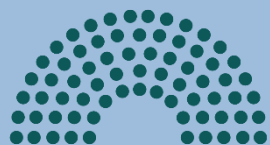
# The five pilots

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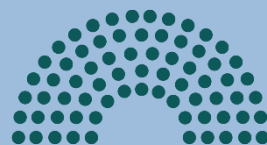
Citizen participation guidelines for territorial development strategies

Regional Ministry  
of Cantabria



Pilot deliberative Process: Besaya's Citizens Jury

Interreg Flanders –  
The Netherlands



A plan for a pilot deliberative process



Citizen participation playbook

Interreg  
Romania-Bulgaria

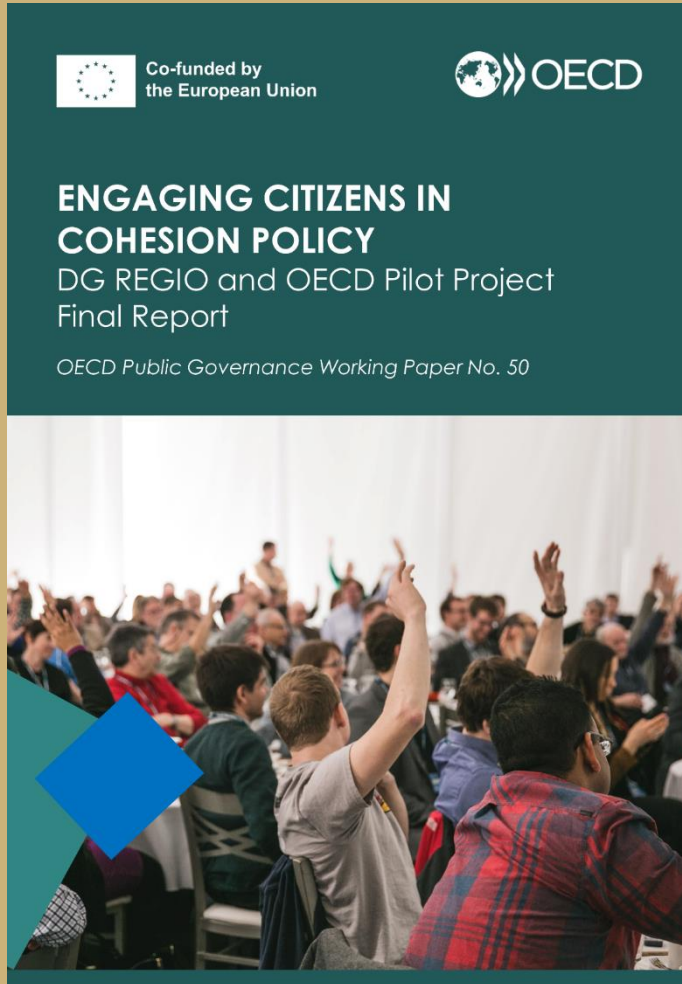


Checklist for quality citizen participation process

CEUTP in Poland



Citizen participation guidelines for transport infrastructure projects



## ENGAGING CITIZENS IN COHESION POLICY

DG REGIO and OECD Pilot Project Final Report

- **Details about the five pilot projects**
- **Lessons learned**
- **Recommendations for the EU cohesion policy community**

# Financial grants to CSOs

- Scope of the call:
  - Offer financial support to civil society organisations (up to 25.000 euro, 85% EU contribution) for innovative approach
  - Collect information on how they engage with citizens and public authorities
- Beneficiaries:
  - 18 out of 78 proposals from non-profit private or public organisations were selected
  - Projects started as from November 2020 with a duration of 12 months (few months extension in some cases because of COVID-19)

# Outcome

- **To engage with citizens and authorities requires resources:** both time and financial resources are necessary;
- **To reach out to all citizens is not an easy task:** not only young people / students but also ordinary citizens should contribute to design and implement cohesion policy;
- **To reach out to public authorities might be also difficult:** the involvement of relevant authorities make participation effective;
- **To understand the added-value of participation takes time**

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# Objectives of the call

- Strategic objectives:
  - Promote cooperation between public authorities and civil society organisation
  - Promote new forms of participation
- Operational objectives
  - Test innovative citizen participation approaches in cohesion policy
  - Identify conditions to build strong and long-lasting partnerships
  - Collect good practices of citizen participation in cohesion policy to be shared among and beyond project partners
  - Promote peer learning and support community of practitioners.

# Three pillars of stakeholder participation

As defined in the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government(2017)

## 1.

### INFORMATION

- Initial level of participation
- One-way relationship
- On-demand provision of information
- Proactive measures to disseminate information

## 2.

### CONSULTATION

- More advanced
- Two-way relationship
- Requires provision of information plus feedback on outcomes of process

## 3.

### ENGAGEMENT

- When stakeholders (including citizens + civil society) are given opportunity and necessary resources to collaborate during all phases of the policy-cycle and in service design + delivery

# Participation methods

- **Representative deliberative processes** such as Citizen Juries or Assemblies.
- **Co-creation mechanisms** such as hackathons, public challenges or maker spaces.
- **Co-governance arrangements** such as co-operatives, digital commons, or shared spaces.
- **Civic monitoring** such as social auditing or communal evaluation.
- **Open innovation practices**, such as crowdsourcing, hackathons or public challenge
- **Participatory budget** as a mechanism to allow citizens and CSOs to influence public decisions through the direct allocation of public resources to priorities or projects

# Eligibility criteria

- Joint application by a public authority and a civil society organisation
  - Public authority (MA/ IB or beneficiary in a programme funded by ERDF, Cohesion Fund or JTF)
  - Civil society organisation (public/private non - profit organisation)
- Relevant national / coordinating body informed by public authority and political support received
- Pre-identified area for cooperation between public authority and CSO (also in selection criteria, i.e. clarity)

# Selection criteria –step 1

- Application part 1:
  - Identify **areas** where to implement innovative citizen participation mechanisms:
    - Clearly identify the link between citizens participation and one or more of the five Policy Objectives in your specific context
  - Select a **precise context** where to apply innovative citizen participation mechanisms:
    - Choose the appropriate level programme/strategy/investment and the cycle stage decision making/implementation/monitoring;
  - Define **operational objectives** to reach through innovative citizens participation mechanisms

# Selection criteria – step 2

- Interview (online)
  - At least two weeks' notice;
  - Presence of public authority and CSO's representative
  - 30' to spell out motivation and expected support by OECD
- Application (part 2)
  - To be sent to at the latest 4 weeks after the day of the interview;
  - Provide description of project to implement with support of OECD
  - Define the team "public authority & civil society organisation" that will work in the project.

# Timetable for selection



# Timeframe and expected assistance





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# Questions and Answers

Register for a 15min conversation with the OECD  
and DG REGIO

With the following link:  
<https://framadata.org/P92EFJKyem9prASr>

# Thank you

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