Decentralised Citizens Engagement Technologies

Spanish pilots

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- **2014**  
  Occupation of the institutional space (European elections 2014)
NEW INSTITUTIONS AND CITIZEN PLATFORMS

- 2011 → Camps in the squares of around 30 cities of Spain

- 2014 → Podemos Geographical/Topic based groups
  (Economy, Health, Culture, Science… etc.)

Citizen platforms for the 2015 local elections
  (Guanyem Barcelona, Ganemos Madrid… etc.)
Citizen platform whose aim is to bring together progressive social and political changes for the 2015 Barcelona city elections.

Its policy agenda includes:
- defending social justice and community rights,
- introducing mechanisms to tackle corruption,
- promoting participatory democracy.
D-CENT COLLABORATION: ETHICAL CODE

Code of practices and actions that people who get elected must commit:

– effective mechanisms for funding transparency and democratic accountability
– virtual and real spaces of participation and decision of citizens

1 – 10 Oct: Preparation of the 1st draft of the Ethical Code
10 – 11 Oct: Offline Workshop
11 – 25 Oct: Online debate
25 Oct – 25 Nov: Re-edition of the Ethical Code from online feedback
26 Nov – 3 Dec: Online validation
**D-CENT COLLABORATION: ETHICAL CODE**

- Development of a D-CENT instance powered by DemocracyOS.  
  http://participa.confluenciacodietic.cat/

- Training:
  - Workshop (~400 people)
  - Manuals
  - Video tutorial
The online participation was extensive:

- 365 users
- 321 comments
- 957 ratings
- 139 replies
PODEMOS

• Emerging political party in Spain founded in 2014 (citizen’s initiative that aims to build democracy through citizen participation and popular unity).

• In the 2014 European Parliament Elections, Podemos polled 7.98% (5 seats out of 54 MEPS).
D-CENT COLLABORATION: PODEMOS CIRCLES

PODEMOS SCIENCE CIRCLE

• We built up a D-CENT instance for their first assembly.
• Almost a hundred of citizens participated in, at least, one of the 19 discussion threads created by the administrators of the circle.

PODEMOS R+D CIRCLE

• The D-CENT instance was a copy of the one implemented for Podemos SCIENCE.
• In this instance, about 25 citizens participated in, at least, one of the 44 discussion threads created by the administrators of the Podemos R+D.
New developments

Integration of participation platforms (see participa.podemos.info)

Citizen initiative platforms

Secure voting (see agoravoting.com)

Improvements

DemocracyOS
Collective deliberation and decision-making

Appgree
Large-scale instant polling

Reddit
Debate and prioritisation

Loomio
Internal decision-making

Agora voting
Voting and verification

Selection and filtering
see allourideas.org

Direct communication with electorate
see www.discue.com

Collaborative document editing (legal and policy)
see www.incoma.org

Analysis of mass collective intelligence
see www.incoma.org

Guanyem
Testing
Podemos
Thank you for your time

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