

Tools for democratic participation and citizen empowerment



Be informed and notified
on issues that matter to
you



Propose and draft
solutions and policy
collaboratively



Decide and vote
on solutions collectively



Implement and reward
people while tracking
progress

Citizen notifications for town hall decision- making

Get notified on issues that are relevant to
you, as and when political decision-making
is taking place

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Collaborative Policy Making

Propose ideas, debate and
collaborate with others on
policy drafting and participatory
budgeting

objective8.dcentproject.eu
decide.madrid.es
participa.barcelonaencomu.cat
yrpri.org

Blockchain Reward Scheme

Complementary currency
toolkit

freecoin.ch

Electronic Voting

Secure electronic voting
system

agoravoting.org

A federated architecture



Own your data
privacy by design, give back control
and ownership of data to citizens



Open source and open standards
build and grow knowledge
commons



**Open authentication and distributed
identity management**
grow an ecosystem of distributed and
secure applications



Blockchain trust
reward citizens for work done in a
transparent and auditable manner

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Technologies for 21st century democracy

D-CENT (Decentralised Citizens ENgagement Technologies) is a Europe-wide project bringing together citizen-led organisations that have transformed democracy in the past years, and helping them in developing the next generation of open source, distributed, and privacy-aware tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment.

Lean UX development: from users' needs into features

D-CENT is running large-scale pilots in Spain, Iceland, and Finland through Lean UX experimentation, leveraging existing network movements with a user-base of tens of thousands of people.

D-CENT builds on Europe's largest experiments in direct democracy – the Open Ministry crowdsourcing site linked into parliament in Finland; the e-democracy website Better Reykjavik in Iceland; Podemos, the new bottom-up spanish political movement and the municipal citizen coalitions Barcelona en Comú and Ahora Madrid.

D-CENT will grow longer-term alternatives to today's highly centralised platforms and power structures and promote the development of knowledge, digital infrastructures and data for the common good.

What does D-CENT do?

The D-CENT tools enable citizens to be informed and get real-time notifications about issues that matter to them; propose and draft solutions and policy collaboratively; decide and vote on solutions and collective municipal budgeting; and finally implement and reward people with blockchain reward schemes.



Propose a
policy idea



Debate options



Draft and scrutinise
options



Vote and make
collective decision



Implement
decisions and run
transparent reward
schemes

D-CENT pilots and tools

Barcelona

Participation platform of Barcelona en Comú, opening the political coalition for horizontal participation by citizens, and used for collaborative drafting of their ethical code leading up to their victory in the municipal elections.

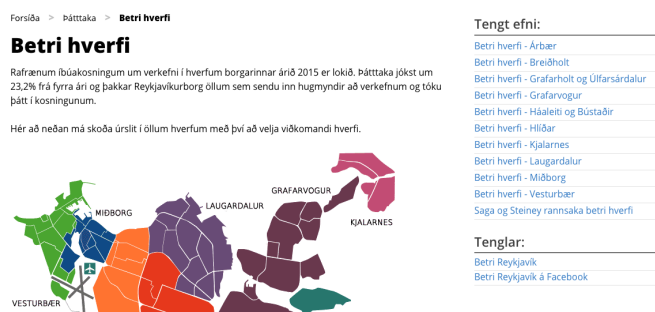
participa.barcelonaencomu.cat/ca



Reykjavik

Participatory budgeting platform for the city of Reykjavik. The platform is a development from the Betri Reykjavik prioritisation and participation platform allowing citizens to submit ideas on how to spend a part of the city budget in their neighborhood.

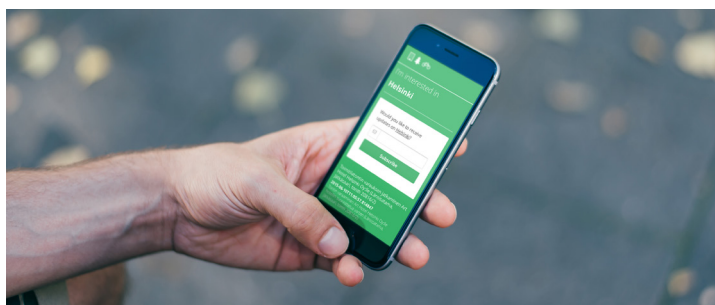
reykjavik.is/betrihverfi



Helsinki

Notifications of municipal policy decisions. Using the municipal open API on town hall agendas, platform allows citizens to sign up to be notified when decisions are made about issues that are of interest or concern to them.

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Madrid

Open consultation and direct democracy platform launched by the Ahora Madrid coalition after the re-cent municipal elections which enables citizens to propose, debate, prioritise and implement policy for the city.

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Why use D-CENT?

- citizens control their own data
- security and privacy by design
- open source and open standards
- open authentication
- distributed identity management
- mass scalability
- reusability of solutions

Modular, distributed, open source

The architecture of the D-CENT platform is modular and privacy-aware. D-CENT is based on open source software and open standards. The code is published on Github. Developers will be able to easily write API-based apps and add new modules.

Blockchain toolkit

The Centre d'économie de la Sorbonne, Dyne, and Nesta investigated the most significant global experiences of complementary and digital currencies at the light of the Bitcoin revolution. D-CENT is developing a blockchain toolkit to manage community trust, reputation, and provide a blockchain reward scheme that is auditable and transparent.

Multidisciplinary research

D-CENT research has focused on new forms of democracy, citizen empowerment and participation. An integrated techno-socio-economic analysis has been carried out on organisational models of emerging social movements, new economic models based on knowledge commons, distributed social networking, identity systems, new models for citizen control of personal and social data, privacy and security by design.

All D-CENT research reports are available to download from our website: dcentproject.eu/resources.

Participate!

We call for open source developers, hackers, social movements, democracy activists, and democratic organisations around Europe to work with us!

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