ABOUT THE OECD INNOVATIVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION NETWORK
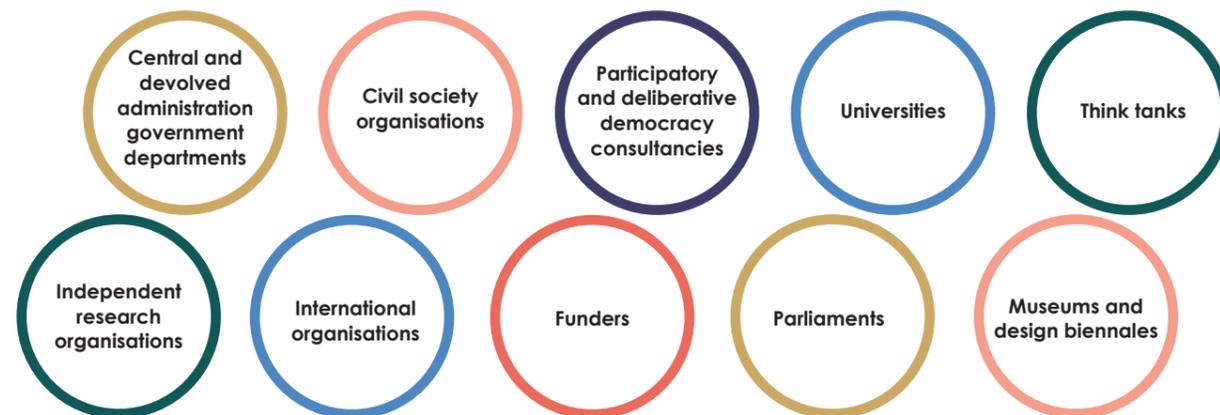
Background

The OECD's Open Government Unit is engaging with a network of practitioners, academics, researchers, civil servants, and designers to support its work on Innovative Citizen Participation. This Network was established in mid-2019 with the aim of collaborating with relevant stakeholders to:

- Frame the topic and scope of the first phase of research;
- Gather feedback and inputs to the research in an ongoing manner, and
- Build bridges and strengthen ties between these important groups of actors.

At present, the Network includes around 70 individuals that come from:

- Central and devolved administration government departments
- Civil society organisations
- Participatory and deliberative democracy consultancies
- Universities
- Think tanks
- Independent research organisations
- International organisations
- Funders
- Parliaments
- Museums and design biennales

Members were invited by the Network co-ordinators to try to ensure balance in terms of gender, geography, professional profile, and area of expertise.

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What being a Network member entails

- **Receiving regular updates** (every 1-3 months) from the OECD Innovative Citizen Participation team about the OECD's work
- **Participating in an annual in-person Network meeting** that allows Network members to provide inputs and feedback into OECD projects and open space sessions for Network members to connect on topics of their mutual interest
  - Previous meetings took place in June 2019 (to help frame the topic and scope of the OECD report on deliberative processes and institutions) and in January 2020 (to provide feedback on the draft report before publication and ideas for dissemination)
- **Participating in advisory groups** linked to specific OECD outputs (for e.g. a report or working paper), which entails regular video calls and collaborative working on a shared document over a specific period of time (*Participation in advisory groups is optional*)
- **Participating in quarterly video calls** organised by the OECD about the forthcoming outputs or about topics put forth by Network members (virtual "open space" sessions)
- **Receiving occasional communication** from other Network members about events, calls, or publications that are of relevance to the entire Network

Next steps

For the next year, the OECD's objective is to continue collaboration with the Network to:

- Keep the Network members informed about the OECD's work on innovative citizen participation,
- Gather feedback and inputs to the second phase of research in an ongoing manner,
- Continue building and strengthening the ties between Network members, and
- Expand the Network to achieve a better balance in terms of geography and profile.

The Network's activities will centre around concrete OECD project outputs. In 2020-2021, there are numerous proposed papers and guidelines to continue building the area of work on innovative citizen participation. These will provide Adherents to the 2017 OECD Recommendation on Open Government with concrete guidance on how to implement provisions 8 and 9 of the Recommendation.

The Network co-ordinators will prioritise inviting new members from underrepresented countries, professional profiles, and areas of expertise.

Planned outputs for 2020-2021

1 WORKING PAPER exploring new ways to institutionalise representative citizen deliberation

2 PLAYBOOK FOR POLICY MAKERS about how to choose a deliberative model

3 EVALUATION STANDARDS for deliberative processes

4 PARTICIPO SERIES on using digital tools to support deliberation (online, face-to-face, or both)

5 PARTICIPO SERIES on new democratic institutions

6 BEGIN DEVELOPING WORKING PAPER on deliberative processes and democratic fitness (linked to Participo series)

7 PROJECT WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE FOR REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY about strengthening citizen engagement in cohesion policy: 5 pilot projects with Managing Authorities, Intermediary Bodies, or Urban Authorities to design citizen and civil society engagement processes that take into account the context and needs of the commissioning body

8 BEGIN DEVELOPING WORKING PAPER on new ways of thinking about the commons (connected to this wider discussion on democratic reform, deliberative processes, democratic fitness)

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