

Seminar of digital democracy • session #5



How are you doing?

...and your projects?



Programme

Session	Theme	Date	Place
✓ Session #1	Introduction	22 September 14:00	LECL80
✓ Session #2	Social media politics	13 October 14:00	LECL80
✓ Session #3	Algorithms and filter bubbles	27 October 14:00	LECL80
✓ Session #4	Digital divide and online tools to shape political opinions	10 November 14:00	LECL80
👉 <u>Session #5</u>	Civic tech and the digitalization of citizen participation	24 November 14:00	LECL80
📅 Session #6	Internet privacy and data collection	8 December 14:00	LECL80
📅 Session #7	Blockchain, web3 and decentralized governance	22 December 14:00	LECL80

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Today's programme

- Individual projects: work session
- Civic tech and the digitalization of citizen participation: animation by Elie



Individual projects

— *Collective work session*



“Civic tech and the digitalization of citizen participation”

— *Discussion*



Examples of civic tech projects



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People Powered's Guide to Digital Participation Platforms

The screenshot shows the homepage of the People Powered website. The header is light blue and contains the logo on the left, the text 'Global Hub for Participatory Democracy', and a navigation menu with links for 'About', 'Participatory Democracy', 'Resources', 'Get Help', 'News', 'Community', and 'Connect'. Social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter are in the top right, along with a yellow 'Donate' button. The main content area features a large dark blue banner with the title 'Guide to Digital Participation Platforms' and the subtitle 'When to Use Them, How to Choose & Tips for Maximum Results'. Below this is a dark grey navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Introduction', 'Participation', 'Selecting a Platform', 'Setting Up', 'Running a Process', 'Looking Forward', and 'Resources'. On the right side, there are vertical social media buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The main text begins with 'Introduction to this Guide' and starts a paragraph: 'In the past decade, it has become increasingly common to engage citizens in various aspects of government via online platforms. In fact, in the release of their most recent data, the publishers of the PB Atlas'. To the right, another paragraph starts: 'At their best, platforms enable decision-makers or communities to manage:' followed by a bullet point: '• Community and stakeholder engagement'.





DIGITAL PARTICIPATION PLATFORM RATINGS¹

Complex Platforms²

Platform name	Overall Score ³ Score: 0-100	Cost \$-\$\$\$\$ NA if info not available	Capacity Requirements Score: 0-100	Features Score: 0-100	Accessibility Score: 0-100	Ethics & Transparency Score: 0-100	Track Record & Reliability Score: 0-100
Decidim	79	\$	44	85	92	92	63
Citizen Lab	77	\$\$	81	77	65	92	75
Your Priorities	77	\$	56	38	79	100	88
CONSUL	76	\$	56	62	75	92	69
Neighborland	64	\$\$\$\$	94	92	42	42	88
Delib	59	NA	75	77	44	58	100
Democracy OS	55	\$\$\$	50	62	42	79	50
Cap Collectif	51	\$\$\$\$	63	54	54	38	75
Bang the Table / EngagementHQ	47	NA	59	77	50	58	38

Notes

1 Ratings generated by an international, independent committee of experts on digital participation platforms. For more information about the methodology, including the committee selection process and the variables included in each criterion, visit peoplepowered.org/platform-ratings.

3 Ratings based on six criteria: **cost, capacity requirements, features, accessibility, ethics and transparency, and track record and reliability**. The score for each criterion was standardized to a scale of 1-100, giving each equal weight. The **overall score** for each platform is the average of the six scores.



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Civocracy	60	\$\$\$	88	46	63	50	63
Loomio	58	\$\$\$	72	46	67	83	31
Social Pinpoint	54	\$\$\$\$	63	77	50	63	50
Discuto	54	\$\$	63	62	48	33	44
Fluicity	54	NA	81	62	56	50	75
LiquidFeedback	53	\$\$\$\$	47	54	46	83	63
Cocoriko	51	\$\$\$\$	75	62	46	50	50
76 Engage	48	NA	94	46	54	67	25
Participation / Decision21	37	NA	38	54	46	25	63

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Additional participation platforms to consider

Platform name	Website	Country	Language(s)
Community Support Fund E-Platform	http://www.participation.cn	China	Chinese
Spilno	https://spilno.org	Ukraine	Ukrainian
BiPart	https://bipart.it/	Italy	Italian, English, Polish, Greek, Spanish
Civis	https://www.civis.vote/consultations/list	India	English, Hindi
Parti Townhall	https://townhall.kr/	Korea	Korean
Citizen OS	https://citizenos.com/	Estonia	English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Indonesian, Russian, Spanish



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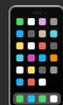
Specialty Platforms²

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Participatory Budgeting							
Ethelo	58	NA	84	69	44	63	88
Cobudget	57	\$\$	72	54	33	58	50
Deliberative Processes							
Pol.is	65	\$	47	46	63	83	50
Assembl	55	\$\$\$\$	100	62	63	33	50
Participatory Planning and Policy-Making							
CoUrbanize	51	NA	94	62	38	50	63
Konveio	50	\$\$\$	75	31	54	50	38
Language							
Mobilny Rozhlas (Czech)	44	NA	38	54	54	17	100
Hromadskyi Project (Ukrainian)	27	NA	13	62	33	17	38

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Platforms that work well for simple participatory processes, such as those that focus on one type of participation. **Specialty platforms:** Platforms that work well for a



Questions for discussion

- What is/are civic tech?
- What is civic tech used for?
- Are social media civic tech?
- Should citizen participation be digitalized?
- What are the pros and cons of digitalizing citizen participation?
- How should citizen participation be digitalized?
- What are the democratic challenges of civic tech?
- What do you think of the idea of open data?
- What do you think of liquid/delegative democracy?
- What's next for civic tech?
- ...



See you next time! 🖐️

