

Council of Europe

based in Strasbourg, 21 field offices

created in 1949

46 Member states in Europe

Main goal

defending and promoting

Human Rights

Democracy

Rule of law



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DEMOCRACY and CIVIL PARTICIPATION

Engagement of citizens in decision making

=crucial for good quality, sustainable and inclusive policy making

Alternative ways of civil participation

= one of the ways forward to face democratic back sliding

Participation is a human right

= participation of citizens is crucial to defend their HR



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Civil Participation in Council of Europe

Protection of Civil Society

- Freedom of assembly Freedom of association,
- Freedom of speech

European Court of
Human Rights

Commissioner of
Human Rights

Development of Civil Society

- Women empowerment
- Minorities rights
- Youth participation

World Forum For
Democracy

Conference of INGOS

Engagement of Civil Society

- Standard setting for participation
- Capacity building and awareness raising for citizen participation
- Technical assistance to implement participatory initiatives

STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION

- Guidelines for civil participation in political decision making (2017)
- Recommendation on the participation of citizens in the local public life (2018)
- Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the decision making process
- Recommendation on Deliberative Democracy (2023)

CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS RAISING FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

School of Participatory Democracy

➤ since 2022, graduates
from 11 countries, 4 Schools
conducted



Technical trainings

➤ More than 30 On- and
Offline trainings per year on
participatory tools

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Development of Strategic 5 Year Plan - Tirana/Albania
- Organisation of 2 Citizens Assembly – Georgia
- Organisation of Climate Assembly – Skopje/NMacedonia
- Organisation of 2 Citizens Assembly – Ukraine
- Development of strategies to involve IDP children in host community schools – Ukraine
- Development of urban plan/public space – Ukraine, Georgia
- Preparation of national wide Citizens Assembly -Czechia

Government for citizens

**Make participatory
Democracy work!**

Thank you for your attention!

