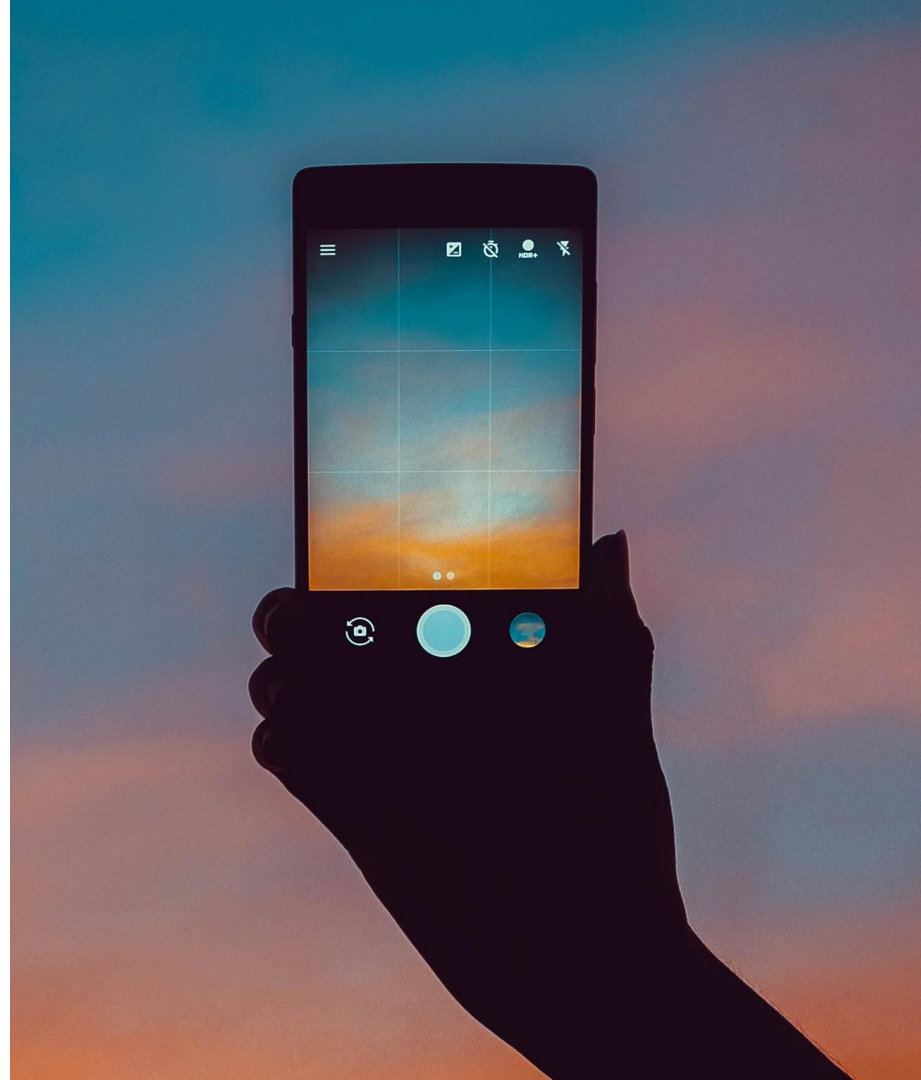


OPIN Community Online Meeting



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Recording of the online meeting

We will be recording our meeting today and uploading it to the video platforms (such as Youtube or Vimeo) for integration on our websites www.digy-project.eu and www.opin.me.

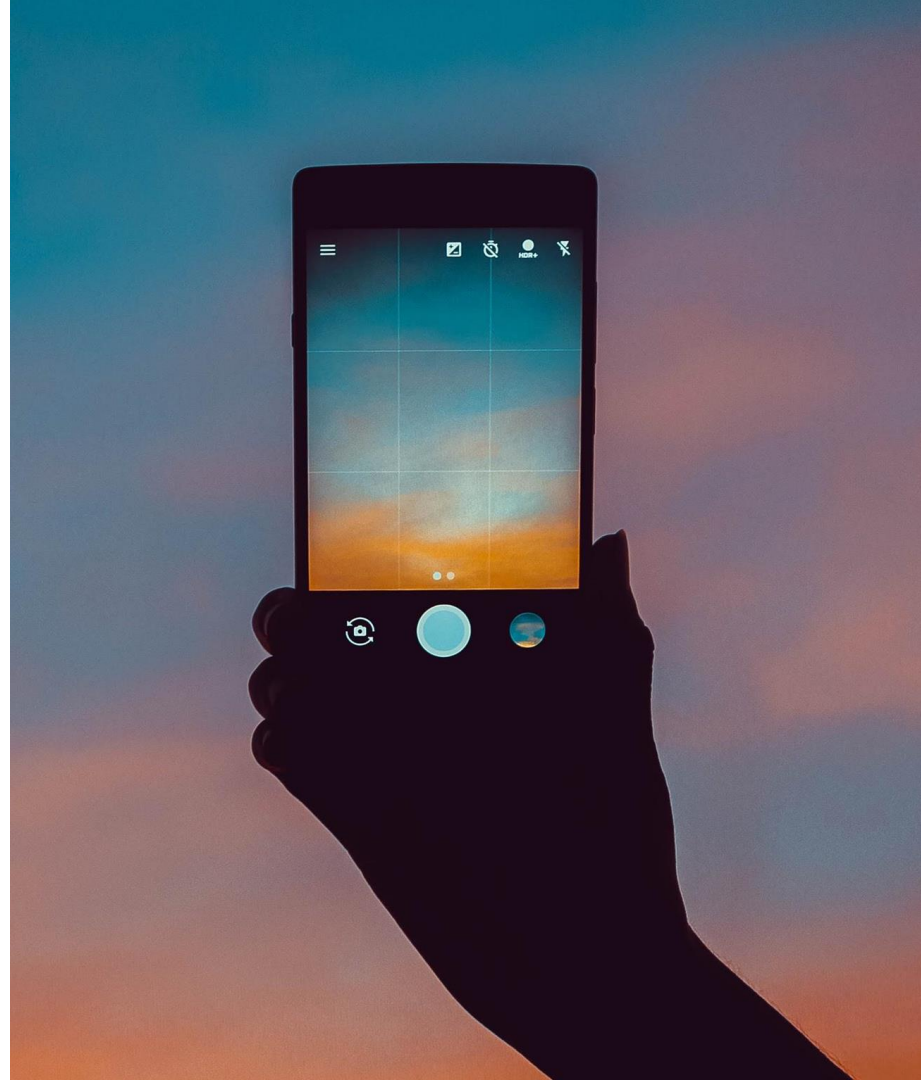
We will also use parts of the videos and screenshots on social media (such as facebook accounts of DIGY partners).

You can switch off your camera, change your name and skip the introduction round if you wish.

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Welcome

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30 July 2021

1 pm till 2 pm

Please introduce yourself in the chat!

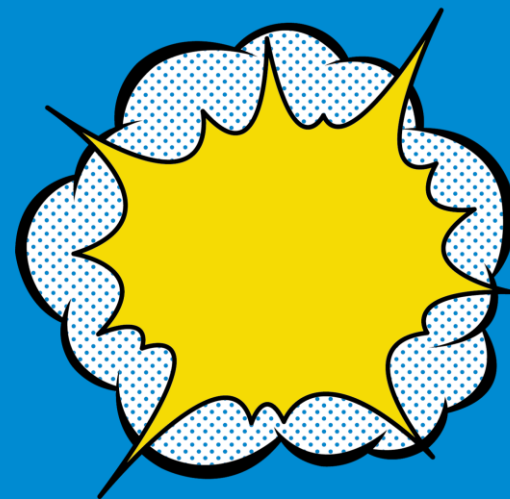


- Name
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- Email
- One sentence:
My link to eParticipation

SOURCE: www.internet.com

eParticipation, OPIN platform and the possibilities it offers

- 1 pm eParticipation (on OPIN)
- 1:20 pm Good Practice example from Slovenia
- 1:25 pm Good Practice example from Georgia
- 1:30 pm Breakout rooms for discussions and networking
- 1:50 pm Summary and learnings



eParticipation is the “New Normal”

In general, young people are more active users of online forums and social media than older citizens and more difficult to engage in face-to-face participatory processes.

This is why incorporating eParticipation can be a great way to make sure your participation project is a success!



What is eParticipation?

➤ Participation refers to different ways of letting groups express their opinions and exert influence in decision-making processes. There are varying degrees of participation.

➤ eParticipation refers to formats, which make use of digital means. There are...

1. **platforms**, which allow for whole participation processes to take place online (including: collecting ideas, discussion, voting, polling, documentation of results etc.). OPIN is one example
2. and **smaller tools**, which can be used for specific tasks, such as the collection of ideas.



Why eParticipation?

- **Independence of space and time.** People can participate where and when they want.
- **Lower costs.** Direct costs for a physical venue, transport and catering can be avoided.
- **Scaling up.** More people can participate without adding much to the costs.
- **Greater transparency.** Each step of the participatory process can be tracked and made available.



Why eParticipation?

Keep in mind two things:

1. eParticipation offers plenty of advantages, but it requires planning, time, and effort.
2. Direct contact and offline meetings are still important.

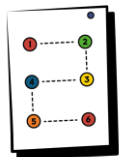


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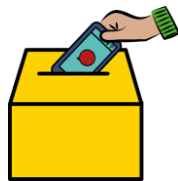
EARLY INVOLVEMENT

Involve young people as early as possible in the decision-making process



TRANSPARENCY

Be clear and honest in your purposes and objectives from the outset. This way young participants and the general public can see what is going on and how decisions are made.



GENUINE INFLUENCE

Ensure ownership of the results through genuine influence on the decisions to be made.



MATCHING OF EXPECTATIONS

Be clear about the extent to which young people will be able to influence the outcomes of the decision-making process you involve them in.

General Principles 2



INFORMATION

Use targeted information which is comprehensible for the young participants and presents different and possibly conflicting points of view on the issue to be debated.



NEUTRALITY

Management of the participatory process should be unbiased and open to different participants and opinions.



PRACTICAL ORGANISATION

Be visibly in control of the practical organisation of project activities offline as well as online



DELIBERATION

Give young people the opportunity to discuss the different needs, wishes and opportunities in a structured way with each other and – if possible– with different stakeholders, experts and decision-makers.

OPIN Platform and Community

- OPIN is an all-in-one digital and mobile participation toolbox for youth organizations or public administrations
- OPIN provides participation projects with a digital home. All stages of the project are transparent and supported by OPIN's software
- OPIN Community provides a space for peer-to-peer exchange with other experienced youth initiators
- Check it out: <https://opin.me/en/>

OPIN Platform



Benefits

- ✓ Features for digital and mobile participation
- ✓ Intelligent community management
- ✓ Integration of offline events
- ✓ Multimedia information about your project



Quality eParticipation

- ✓ Transparent
- ✓ Easy-to-use
- ✓ Impactful
- ✓ Platform dedicated to youth

OPIN Tools

Brainstorming

Collect ideas together

Idea Challenge

Collect ideas and vote

Map-bases projects

Collect ideas and locate them on a map

Text Review

Compose and discuss texts

Community Debate

Collect ideas to discuss, debate and prioritise them

Poll

Run customisable, multi-step polls

Agenda Setting

Plan meetings

Example from Slovenia

Collecting high school student's ideas for a recreational park using OPIN brainstorming tool (Heart of Slovenia - HoS)

- **Goal:**

- collecting ideas, wishes and needs on further offers and activities
- engaging young people in the development of local environment to become active citizens.


- **eParticipation** and usage of **OPIN:**

- very helpful in the time of the pandemic
- enabled Municipality to engage with young
- HoS supported the participants on eParticipation and OPIN
- using brainstorming tool from May till mid June 2021 (creation of proposals and comment on them)


- **Results and learnings:**

- workshops organized in the school by teachers (mentors)
- 25 valuable comments received
- connection between Municipality and High school (HoS took over a mediating role) – key to success
- staying in touch with the Municipality was very important







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Postavitev kolesarskega poligona na Ježi v Litiji

by Heart of Slovenia Litija

Občina Litija načrtuje postavitev kolesarskega poligona, ki bi ga uredili kot medgeneracijski rekreacijski park. Ideje in predlogi dodatne infrastrukture in aktivnosti so s strani mladih zelo dobrodo...


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TIMELINE


INFORMATION


PARTICIPATION

RESULT



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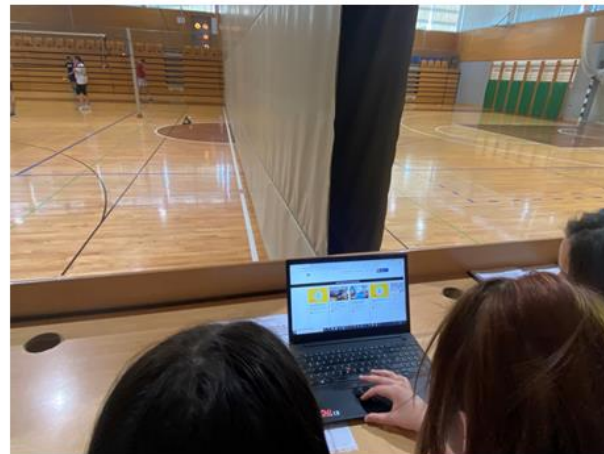
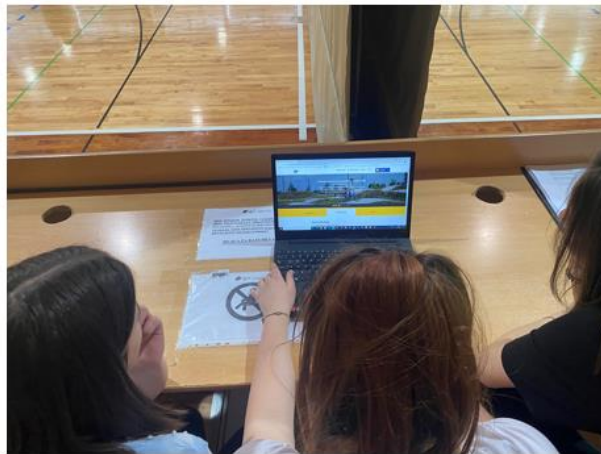
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Example from Georgia









Breakout rooms

- Switch on your camera
- Introduce yourself in 30 seconds (name, organisation, focus of your work, what interests you in eParticipation)
- Which are your main questions about eParticipation?
- How can your organisation benefit from eParticipation?

Questions and Answers

- Post a star in the chat (*) to indicate that you want to speak
- Or write your question into the chat.

Quick Registration

<https://opin.me/en/accounts/signup/>

Learnings

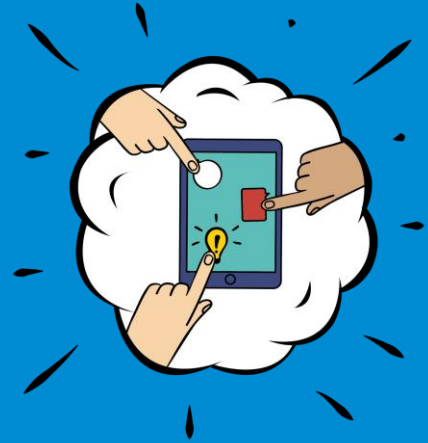
Two questions to answer

1. What did you learn today?
2. What do you want to learn more about?

Go to OPIN Community Forum

<https://opin.me/en/communitydebate/7th-community-meeting-eparticipation-on-opin/>

...and fill in your learnings



Get information about the OPIN Community

Community mailings:

<https://digy-project.eu/eparticipation-on-opin/community-join/>

Email: community@opin.me

Next Online Meeting

Monday, 13 September

10 am CET

Videos and Social Media

<https://zoom.us/j/98019443734>

