

Citizen Engagement in Policymaking

2 days total (9 hours) || ONLINE

Citizen engagement is recognised as a crucial task for socially robust, fit-for-purpose and inclusive policymaking. This training covers rationales for citizen engagement, principles of best practice, as well as applied tools for running citizen engagement activities. The course includes a focus on deliberation and co-creation practices, illustrating different methods with case studies, and guidance on how to plan citizen engagement activities specifically at design stage of policymaking. The training offers discussion, as well as practical exercises and a hands-on group work in which participants will be invited to work on an applied case.

The training consists of four main modules:

Module 1: Rationales of citizen engagement across public policy settings

Module 2: Examples at local, regional and EU level initiatives

Module 3: Approaches and methods with case study examples

Module 4: Planning citizen engagement in a case study

Draft agenda

20th April (Day 1) – all times are CEST	
09:50	On-line ‘room’ is opened.
10:00	We start: welcome and Introduction
10:10	Getting to know each other.
10:30	Break
10:35	Module 1: Citizen Engagement: meanings and rationales
11:15	Q&A
11:35	Break
11:45	Module 2: Contexts of Citizen Engagement – examples.
12:10	Q&A
12:30	Lunch break
13:30	Energiser
13:40	Module 3: Approaches and methods illustrated, with a focus on co-creation and deliberative practices.
14:40	Break
14:50	Q&A
15:15	Hands-on group activity: Introduction to Day 2 – preparation for the case study selection.
16:00	END

21st April (Day 2) – all times are CEST	
09:50	On-line 'room' is opened.
10:00	We start: Energiser
10.15	Module 4: Planning of Citizen Engagement.
10:45	Q&A
11:00	Break
11:10	Hands-on group activity. B O rooms.
12:30	Lunch Break
13:30	Hands-on group activity. Cont. B O rooms.
14:45	Break
14:55	Discussion – reflection, challenges and needs
15:35	Implementation of CE opportunities: The Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy. The Community of Practice website and its inventories. Q/A
15:55	Evaluation
16:00	END

Please be on time in the morning and afternoon. Thank you!