



INSTITUTIONALISING CO-CREATION? A RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE

Online seminar, 16 February 2023, 12:00 – 13:30 CET

The event is public but participation is upon registration only. Please write us an email at EU-CITIZEN-ENGAGEMENT@ec.europa.eu to express your interest to participate and to receive the credentials to login.

The Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy is organising an online lunch seminar to present the results of the research work conducted by Ann Karin Tennås Holmen (University of Stavanger) and Helena Junyer Puig (University of Utrecht).

The research projects investigated the institutional challenges to co-creation encountered by local partners, whether local municipalities or non-governmental actors, from the ten European cities involved in the [BiodiverCities project](#).

BiodiverCities is a pilot project funded by the EU at the request of the European Parliament, run by the Joint Research Centre in collaboration with Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission. It is part of the portfolio of projects of the Commission's [Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy](#).

Programme

12:00 **Welcome** by Ângela Guimarães Pereira, CC-DEMOS

12:10 **Sustainable co-creation with citizens**, Ann Karin Tennås Holmen, University of Stavanger

12:25 **Reflections** from Mauricio Mejia Galvan, OECD and Jose Ferreira, Municipality of Valongo

12:40 **Institutional challenges in co-creation processes** by Helena Junyer Puig, University of Utrecht

12:55 **Reflections** from Franca Marsh, Palma Nana NGO and Mauricio Mejia Galvan, OECD

13:10 Q&A

13:30 End





MEET THE PANELISTS!



Ann Karin Tennås Holmen is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Stavanger, Norway, and holds a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Bergen. Her research covers the area of local and regional development, network governance, regional innovation, public innovation and co-creation. In 2019, the book “Innovation meets Municipality” was published, for which she was the editor. She participates in the BiodiverCities project following a selection of the municipalities to learn how they institutionalize co-creation and what challenges they meet.

Helena Junyer Puig is a Sustainable Development Governance master's student at Utrecht University. In her master's thesis, she analysed the institutional barriers municipalities face in co-creating urban green infrastructure. In her study with the Joint Research Centre, however, she shed light on the institutional barriers that impede non-governmental actors' collaboration with local authorities in co-creation projects, from both non-governmental actors and municipality's points of view.



Mauricio Mejia works in the Open Government Unit at the OECD, focusing on citizen participation, including deliberation, commons and digital engagement. Prior to joining the OECD, Mauricio worked at the French Parliament and French Government, where he contributed to strengthening participatory practices in France. Mauricio is a Mexican national, and studied at Sciences Po Paris, where he now teaches the course “Re-imagining democracy and the digital public space”.

Franca Marsh is an anthropologist, facilitator and trainer. Franca works for the social cooperative Palma Nana in the city of Palermo and in the rural areas of Sicily. She coordinates projects of non-formal education, citizen engagement and land regeneration.



José Manuel Ferreira, architect, works at the Urban Planning Department at the Municipality of Valongo, Portugal, since 1997. Between 2015 and 2018 José Manuel worked at the Urban Planning Department at the Porto Metropolitan Area, AMP. He has participated in various regional and European projects, both while working at Municipality of Valongo and at the AMP.

The seminar will be moderated by Ângela Guimarães Pereira and Anna Paola Quaglia from the Competence Centre.

