

## Digital Democracy Day 2018

### Crowdsourcing EU legislation: Taking Decisions With Citizens and Not For Them!

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#### Background information

Many local and national governments worldwide are using *crowdsourcing* methods to enable people to participate in policy debates in a constructive way and to learn from each other throughout the deliberation process (“wisdom of the crowd” principle). Digital Democracy Day 2018 will explore how to encourage democratic engagement by exploring several national case studies and establishing a framework for an EU level pilot of crowdsourcing on the ‘Future of Europe’. Could *crowdsourcing* be the way forward in fostering European citizenship, improving conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level and contributing to citizens’ understanding of EU policy-making processes?

Digital Democracy Day 2018 is being organised in the framework of the EUCROWD project, under the Europe for Citizens programme of the European Commission. The event will give an overview of international crowdsourcing practices, conclusions from conferences in Europe organised by project partners, and recommendations on the most suitable policies to be crowdsourced at EU level and the most appropriate e-participation tools to be used.

The conference will feature two panels:

- Let’s Crowdsource! - Lessons Learned from Citizens at the National level
- Building Our Future Together! - Towards a Crowdsourcing Pilot at the EU Level

## Agenda

- 9.00 – 9.30** Registration
- 9.30 – 9.45** Keynote Speech
- **Gilles Pelayo**, Head of Unit, Europe for Citizens Programme, European Commission
- 9.45 – 11.15** Panel 1: Let's Crowdfund! - Lessons Learned From Citizens at the National Level
- Moderator: **Simon Delakorda**, Executive Director, Institute for Electronic Participation (INePA), Slovenia
- **Imants Breidaks**, ManaBalss, Latvia
  - **Nicolas Patte**, Parlement & Citoyens, France
  - **Alexandros Tzoumas**, Science For You (SciFY), Greece
  - **Josien Pieterse**, Netwerk Democratie, Netherlands
- 11:15 – 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:50** Panel 2: Building Our Future Together! - Towards a Crowdfunding Pilot at the EU Level
- Moderator: **Assya Kavrakova**, Executive Director, ECAS
- **Elisa Lironi**, Digital Democracy Manager, ECAS
  - **Anthony Zacharzewski**, Director, Democratic Society
  - **Serge Novaretti**, Policy and Programme Manager, DG CONNECT, European Commission
  - **Wietse Van Ransbeeck**, Co-Founder, CitizenLab
  - **Stefan Schaefer**, Head of European Affairs, King Baudouin Foundation
  - **Rasmus Øjvind Nielsen**, Researcher, Danish Board of Technology Foundation
- 12.50 – 13.00** Concluding remarks
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch