



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION 2.0

- Awarding Best New and Innovative Solutions and Tools for Citizen Participation

Contest duration: 13 May 2019 – 15 June 2019

Eligible countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Croatia, Italy, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain

Organizers: [Belgrade Open School](#), [Gong](#), [PiNA](#), [Institute Alternative](#), [Access Info Europe](#)

Contest:

Do you have an idea for a digital tool on how to improve citizen participation in decision-making at local, national, regional or the EU level, and improve communication between citizens and decision-makers? Is your idea innovative in approach to solving problems? Do you have at least one team member who is 18 year+? If you have an awesome idea that you want to develop or finish, and is not published yet, join us!

The deadline is June 15, 2019.

Who can apply?

You can be an individual or a team, student, activist, organization, start-up or citizens' initiative interested in improving society and governance – or even better a mix! We invite you to come up with user-friendly digital solutions such as: web tools or portals, communication tools, mobile apps, you name it.

What can it do for everyone?

It can help the citizens to be more involved in decision-making process and bridge the gap between the citizens and the authorities. Your idea should contribute to better governance, increased transparency and strengthened democracy.

Prize – What's in it for me?

Maximum 5 top ideas will be selected and a grant award in the amount of 2,000 Euros (including transaction costs and taxes) will be awarded to the winner with the aim of developing the awarded e-tool solution. Also, if you enter the final round of the Contest you will get an opportunity to pitch your idea to tech enthusiasts, government representatives, and international non-profit organizations at the **Debate in Zagreb in September 2019**.

Open source and open data

The awarded digital solution will have to be published as open-source and open to the public. If application is built on available open source solutions and uses or encourages using open data, this is an additional bonus.

How to apply?

Easy! Just fill in the application form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RS59Y2C>
Applications must be submitted in English.

Selection process and next steps

Your project ideas will be evaluated having in mind these criteria: community impact, innovativeness, implementation potential, sustainability and open data framework. The Selection Committee composed by external experts and representatives of the consortium of organizations in the YOU4EU project will decide on the best project ideas in two rounds of the Contest. We might get back to you during the second round of the selection if we need additional information.

After the selection is finished, maximum top five finalists (teams or individual participants) will be invited to present their ideas at the Debate in Zagreb in September 2019, where the winner(s) will receive the Contest grant award for the development of digital tool.

YOU4EU project

The Contest is organized within the Project **"YOU4EU – Citizen Participation 2.0"** whose goal is to shift the position of the citizens from passive actors to agents of change, which are empowered and encouraged for democratic and civic participation at the Union level, and with a developed understanding of their role in the policy-making process. The project is supported by Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union.

Hashtag: #participation2 and #YOU4EU

If you have any question directly connected to this Call for Applications, please contact us at andrea@gong.hr (with subject Contest_Citizen Participation 2.0).



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