

Local Consul-Partners: Be Part of our Network!

Digital participation offers immense opportunities to strengthen democracy at the regional and national levels and empower citizens as co-decision makers. As a Local Partner organization, you have the unique opportunity to collaborate with the Consul Democracy Foundation and other stakeholders in shaping a vibrant and participatory society. Below is an overview of the benefits of partnering with the Foundation and your potential role and activities as a regional partner.

Why Partner with the Consul Democracy Foundation?

- **Networking and Collaboration:** You have the opportunity to engage with other Local Partners, organizations and municipalities, share best practices, and learn from their experiences. To do this, we set up a regular Local Partner meeting where you can get support and ask questions, and create a specific Consul Partners Slack channel.
- **Visibility and Support:** By partnering with the Foundation, you gain increased visibility for your work and may receive additional support in promoting digital participation in your region or country. For this, we include your organization in the 'Our Partners' section on the project website and refer to your organization as 'Local Partner' in all our public communications.
- **Access to Resources and Expertise:** As our Local Partner you gain access to brain power, technical support, co-funding opportunities and (in the near future) training materials in the field of digital participation.

Your Role as a Local Partner:

- **Spreading Consul:** You contribute to the spread of the Consul Democracy platform in your region by recruiting new municipalities, offering training sessions, and supporting the implementation and design of digital participation in various municipalities or institutions. During our regular Local Partner meeting, you report on regional developments.
- **Community building and Knowledge-sharing:** As a Local Partner you are a bridge between the regional Consul landscape and the international community. You are a contact point for regional Consul users and implementation companies who shares local experiences and knowledge with the global community (through our Slack channel and newsletter).
- **Awareness-raising and Mobilization:** As a regional expert, you help to raise awareness of the importance of digital participation in your region and empower citizens to actively participate in decision-making processes.

Joint Projects with the Consul Democracy Foundation:

- **Knowledge sharing:** We can set up better knowledge sharing systems coordinating the work of regional users, partners and companies on the one hand and the international community on the other.
- **Fundraising:** We can initiate joint fundraising projects to generate additional financial resources for promoting digital participation in your region.
- **Events:** We can organize joint online or offline events to raise awareness of digital participation, exchange best practices, and foster collaboration between regional partners, organizations and governments.

A Local Partnership with the Consul Democracy Foundation offers you the opportunity to play an active role both in promoting digital participation and strengthening local democracy and in making a positive contribution to strengthening local democracy. We invite you to join us in shaping the future of your region or country together.