



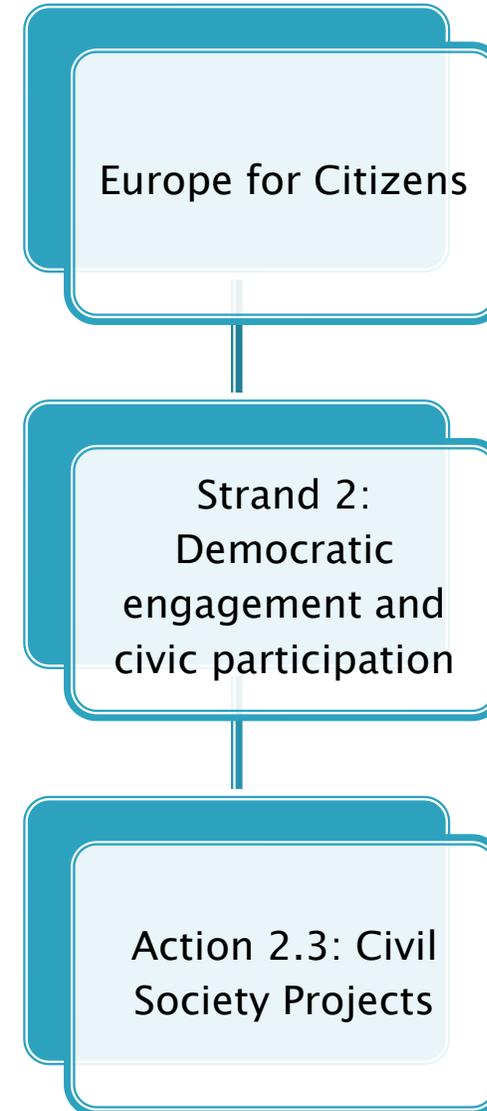
# Europe for Citizens Project

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# EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

- ▶ Our Social Europe through Local Civic Participation will fulfil the general objective of the programme: “To foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level”.
- ▶ Project Duration: 18 months  
Jan 2015-June 2016



# PROJECT AIMS

1. To systematically increase civic engagement of citizens in urban disadvantaged areas with local level decision making to deepen the EU agenda for “Community Led Local Development”
  2. Active input from this local citizen engagement to EU level decision making
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- ▶ The project will mobilise community groups in each partner city to develop “Public Participation Networks” (PPNs) in structured dialogue with local authorities to empower a process of active participative democracy, including through innovative ‘virtual town hall’ tools.
  - ▶ It will target disadvantage groups of citizens who are less likely to engage in participative processes.
  - ▶ The policy impact of the local level engagement processes on actual local authority planning will be achieved in each partner city will be compared through peer review.
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# MAIN PROJECT RESULTS

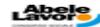
- ❖ A methodology for engaging the civic participation of citizens from disadvantaged areas of cities in influencing the city development plans of their local authorities through a structured methodology of civic participation based on European strategies (Europe 2020, Community Led Local Development).
  - ❖ Public Participation Networks in each country and a Citizens Portal- a 'Virtual Town Hall'.
  - ❖ Recommendations to the EU level on strengthening mechanisms for civic participation, particularly of citizens from disadvantaged communities, on both local level and EU level policy processes.
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# Development of a Citizen Portal

<http://ose.snapwp1.com/citizen-portal/>



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## Work Shop Sheet for 'Citizen Portal'

Dear Colleagues,

In your small groups can you please appoint a facilitator who will support the discussion, a note taker and a person to provide your groups feedback. The session should take 30 minutes to complete.

### Question 1: What is your overall impression of the project aims

### Question 2: Do you think the idea of a 'Citizen Portal' virtual town hall will work and why, (what problems do you think it may encounter?)

### Question 3: How accessible do you think the portal is and have you recommendations for improvements?

**Question 4: In taking the Bus Journey what were your overall impressions of the journey and the key issues (stops) that it the journey took?**

**Question 5: Do you think that the key issues (stops) are the important issues that citizens want to provide feed back on and what suggestions would you make to add or change the key issues?**

**Question 6: How do you think we could promote the dissemination and usage of the portal?**

**Question 6: Do you have any other feedback on the Citizen Portal?**