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The Institute

Who we are

The Innovation in Politics Institute is an internationally active, non-partisan organisation that identifies, develops and applies innovations in politics - with the aim of strengthening democracy in Europe. The Institute has its headquarters in Vienna and partner offices in 14 other countries.

What we do

The Institute develops projects and programmes for politicians and political institutions to make democratic politics more successful, such as the Innovation in Politics Awards, Act Now and the European Capital of Democracy. We provide these programmes to politicians, institutions, civil society and citizens, to create impact for the primary mission – to improve democratic politics. As of today, we have established a community of more than 5,000 politicians throughout Europe, who participate in our programmes and provide their know-how and experience to their peers. In all our activities, we apply our unique method: identify best practice, develop core insights and localise them, and implement innovative political work for specific tasks.

Creating a stage and inspiration for the future of European democracy.

Starting in 2021, the annually selected European Capital of Democracy will curate, organise, and implement a wide range of activities and events designed to improve and strengthen democracy.

Selecting and displaying the most innovative political projects in Europe.

Since 2017, the Innovation in Politics Awards has been putting together a representative jury of 1,000 European citizens and letting them jointly select the best political projects on an online platform.

Opening the policy-delivery process to the public.

Building on expertise gained in successful political work from all over Europe, we bring together international project-owners, politicians, experts and citizens to co-create new policies in creative and unique formats.

Developing projects to strengthen social cohesion.

Within the framework of Act Now, the Institute accompanies citizens and politicians from Europe and the MENAT region in developing projects to strengthen social cohesion in regions, cities and villages.



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Mission: The Innovation in Politics Institute strengthens and improves politics, beyond party lines and across borders in Europe.

