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13 Cities join forces to strengthen European Democracy



13 Cities from all over Europe have joined a network of dedicated cities that are frontrunners in democracy. The European Capital of Democracy’s City Network, with the aim to share expertise on democracy and to change our world for the better, is currently celebrating its launch in Vienna.

“We are proud to start this brand new City Network which will give European Cities, who are already at the forefront of democracy innovation, a unique platform to connect, collaborate and inspire action across borders”, said the founder and Advisory Board member of the European Capital of Democracy (ECoD), Helfried Carl.

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Democracy and participation experts from Antwerp (Belgium), Barcelona (Spain), Bologna (Italy), Braga (Portugal), Brussels (Belgium), Burgos (Spain), Cascais (Portugal), Linz (Austria), Metz (France), Opole (Poland), Rzeszow (Poland), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Valongo (Portugal) have joined the ECoD City Network.

Each of these cities already champions democratic innovation, cohesion, collaborative opportunities and citizen participation. The newly formed City Network is meeting for the first time in Vienna, Austria, from 17-19 October 2022 to share their expertise and best practices in democracy at the municipal level.

All participants will benefit from training, peer learning, field trips and best practice exchange with the aim of working together to create democratic impact in their communities and in cities across Europe.

The City Network's members are competing to become the very first European Capital of Democracy, to be chosen by 10,000 citizens from all Council of Europe member states. Applications are still currently open for citizens from all Council of Europe member states to have their say and join the Citizens' Jury. **[Click here to register](#)**

The European Capital of Democracy initiative was launched by ECoD gemeinnützige GmbH together with The Innovation in Politics Institute GmbH, based in Vienna and Berlin with representations in 16 European countries.

For more information about the European Capital of Democracy, please visit:
<https://capitalofdemocracy.eu>

To register as a Citizen Juror and select the European Capital of Democracy, applications are still open: <https://capitalofdemocracy.eu/join-the-citizens-jury/>

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