

Hybrid conference “*Digital crowdsourcing for better air quality in Europe*”

Radisson Blu Plaza hotel Ljubljana, Slovenia, Tuesday 22th November 2022

(Conference room, 15th floor)

The aim of the conference is to share experiences and discuss practical aspects of using crowdsourcing method for citizen's e-participation in policy-making for better air quality in Europe. Experts, activists and policy-makers in the field of on-line engagement and environmental policies will come together to highlight current challenges and present innovative approaches in co-creating European and national air quality policies in dialogue with the citizens.

Digital Crowdsourcing represents an opportunity for a large scale citizens participation as shown by the [Co-Deciding Europe crowdsourcing experiment](#). During the first phase of the pilot, 2385 comments about the major problems with an air quality were identified and 625 suggestions for solutions were provided on-line by citizens from 6 cities across Europe. Suggested solutions such as supporting renewable energy infrastructures, car-free and greener cities, strengthen public transport network in non-urban areas, increased cycling and walking infrastructures, building insulations and taxing big polluters will be [formulated by citizens and experts into policy proposals](#) on air quality.

The conference is organized under the “Co-Deciding Europe: Civic Tech for Good Governance and Active Citizenship!” project aiming to empowering citizens to co-create policies with decision makers through Crowdsourcing. Crowdsourcing is a participatory democracy mechanism that takes advantage of the availability of technological solutions to solicit and analyse “the wisdom of the crowd”.

Participation at the conference is free of charge, but registration is compulsory. The registration deadline is 20 November 2022. For registration please visit the following link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/registration-digital-crowdsourcing-conference-ljubljana-2022>.

The conference “Digital crowdsourcing for better air quality in Europe” will be streamed on-line for on-line for registered participants.

9:00-9:30 *Registration*

9:30-9:45 *Welcome and opening speeches*

- **Simon Delakorda**, MSc, director, Institute for Electronic Participation, Slovenia
 - **Bence Ságvári**, PhD, Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest, Hungary
 - **Małgorzata Nowak**, EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation, Poland (on-line)
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9:45-10:30 *Session 1: Crowdsourcing as an e-participation method*

- *Why co-create policies through the “wisdom of the crowd”?* (**Assya Kavrakova**, European Citizen Action Service, Belgium)
- *Practical checklist for planning a successful e-participation case* (**Kristina Reinsalu**, PhD, e-Governance Academy Foundation, Estonia)
- *Digital crowdsourcing platform on air quality in Europe – lessons learned* (**Gustavs Ērglis**, Foundation of Public Participation, Latvia)

10:30-10:40 *Coffee break*

10:40-12:00 *Discussion Panel 1: Addressing challenges of citizens e-participation in policy-making (facilitator Simon Delakorda, INePA)*

- **Tilen Gorenšek**, PhD, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Digital Transformation
- **Albin Keuc**, Consortium of Slovenian Thematic NGO Networks, Slovenia
- **Csaba Madarász (TBC)**, The Voice – aHang, Hungary
- **Andrej Vozlič**, PhD, Decentralized governance & blockchain democracy, Slovenia

12:00-13:00 *Lunch break*

13:00-13:30 *Session 2: Citizens’ crowdsourcing on improving air quality in Europe*

- *Engagement strategies for citizens crowdsourcing on air quality* (**Petko Georgiev**, ProInfo Foundation, Bulgaria)
- *What are European citizens suggesting for better air quality?* (**Joze Roth**, European Environmental Bureau, Belgium)

13:30-14:50 *Discussion Panel 2: Co-creating European and national air quality policies in dialogue with citizens (facilitator Iveta Kazoka, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS)*

- **Jerneja Jug Jerše**, PhD, Head of European Commission Representation in Slovenia
- **Špela Žohar**, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Joze Roth**, European Environmental Bureau, Belgium
- **Tomaž Gorenc**, Institute for Health and Environment, Slovenia

14:50-15:00 *Conference closing*

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