

DemocracIT

Improving citizen participation in democratic processes



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SciFY at a glance



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Technological Non Profit Company

We are **Sharing Technology, Spreading Knowledge** and **Build Communities**

to Solve Real-Life Problems



Impact areas



SCIFY
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E-democracy
tools



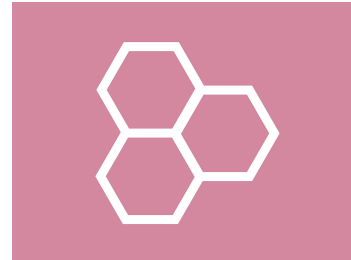
Empowering Citizens

Assistive
technologies



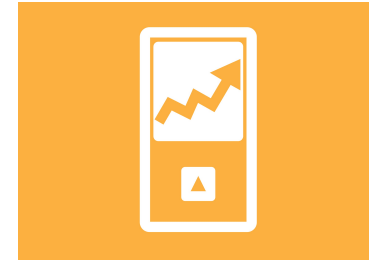
Freedom for people
with disabilities

Supporting
Civil Society



Helping Civil Society
bring results

Organizational
Intelligence



Helping Organizations
get smarter


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How we bring results



We create communities



We develop ICT solutions



We freely share technology



We spread the knowledge



We solve problems



We change realities



In 2015, our work had a direct impact on 8.500 people

Public consultations in Greece

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- Open.gov started in 2010 | 630+ public consultations up to now
- O.G.P | reviewing 2012's action plan
“...out of a total number of 11 commitments undertaken within the action plan, two (2) were completely or substantially implemented, while seven (7) were considered partially fulfilled...”
- Greek action plan | Main goals
 - improve the consultation process
 - boost citizen participation
 - enhance transparency



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Technology tools for crowdsourcing

What technology tools can we use to facilitate policy making process?

Online platforms / applications

A set of online platforms (websites and online applications) to facilitate crowdsourcing techniques

Advanced IT tools

Artificial Intelligence used to enrich existing applications or create new ones
Maximize the potential of crowdsourcing



DemocracIT: Power to the citizens

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Tools for **structured discussion**

Comment on parts of text / comments
Agree/Disagree, Sentiment annotation...



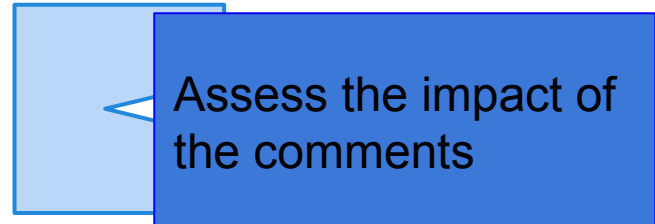
Gamification (reward active contributors)

Workshops



Collaborative assessment

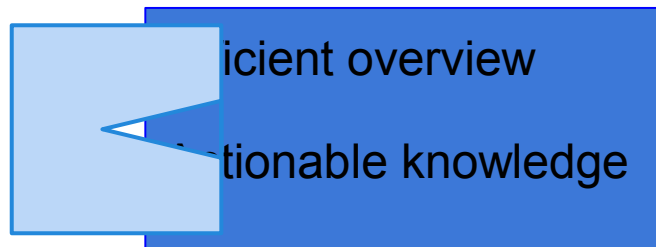
Compare the final law to the draft
Policy - related Key Performance Indicators



DemocracIT: Effective policymaking

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Summarization of comments
Text summarization
Visualization and info-graphics
Topic discovery



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DemocracIT: Next steps

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- Run pilots
- Apply gamification techniques
- Become a testbed for new technologies (text summarization , clustering)
- Internationalization - Apply it to other languages



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Open consultation: To tech or not to tech?

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Is technology enough of a disruptor?

How about motivation and participation?

Is one project enough?



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Community activation,
specifications, case scenarios,
evaluation, contacts with key
people



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