Policy recommendations

Recommended issues and policies that could be crowdsourced at European level in

relation to the Future of the European Union:

- **Healthcare** (Common safety concerns in public health):
- Environmental issues (Climate change);
- Citizenship education (Active participation);
- Constitutional design of the EU.

The first two topics are both shared competences of the EU suitable for a first crowdsourcing pilot project at EU level.

In addition, the following policy-cycle phases and democratic debate steps are recommended for piloting the EU level crowdsourcing:

- issue identification by collecting ideas;
- policy formulation through solutions identified by citizens.

More detailed recommendations are available at http://ecas.org/projects/eucrowd/.



Call for action

Interested in e-participation of citizens in politics and policy with a focus on the application of crowdsourcing in fostering a democratic debate on the future of the European Union?

Join the network of civil society organizations in European citizens crowdsourcing!



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Crowdsourcing cases and platforms

The EUCROWD project identified the following platforms and good practices of using crowdsourcing for citizens' participation that could be used for fostering a democratic debate on the future of the European Union and improve democratic engagement in the EU policymaking:

https://kogu.ee (Estonia)

https://dcentproject.eu/ (EU)

https://www.kansalaisaloite.fi/fi (Finland)

https://parlement-et-citoyens.fr/ (France)

http://demo.democracit.org/ (Greece)

https://manabalss.lv/ (Latvia)

https://e-dem.nl/ (Netherlands)

A technological platform to be used for a crowdsourcing pilot at the EU level could include existing tools used at national level, EU level or a careful mix of both.



EU citizens' expectations on crowdsourcing

432 participants including 185 young people attending 8 international EUCROWD events in Amsterdam, Athens, Brussels, Helsinki, Ljubljana, London, Paris and Riga shared several expectations for European crowdsourcing process and platforms:

- engage citizens in crowdsorcing of policy areas affecting daily life;
- be transparent about the process and use open standards;
- policymakers must take into consideration citizens' contributions;
- enable deliberation and co-creation;
- follow user-friendly design and web accessibility standards;
- protect the privacy of its users and deal with security issues;
- disseminate widely and provide multilingual communication.

Events reports are available at http://www.inepa.si/eucrowd/results/.



Knowledge centre on crowdsourcing

Crowdsourcing is an open call for the crowd to participate in a policymaking process by submitting their ideas, knowledge or opinions (T. Aitamurto, 2016).

The EUCROWD project gathered an online collection of 100+ resources on crowdsourcing as an e-participation method and as a means of fostering European citizenship and improving conditions for democratic engagement at the European Union level.

Knowledge centre on crowdsourcing includes articles, case studies, evaluations, papers, presentations, and toolkits accessible at

http://ecas.issuelab.org/?category=Crowdsourcing.



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