

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

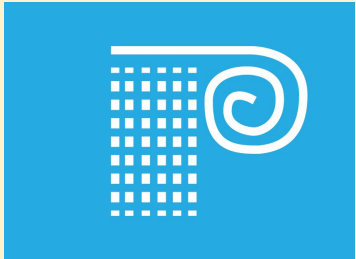


Impact areas



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E-democracy
tools



Empowering Citizens



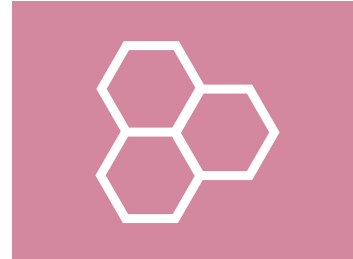
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Assistive
technologies



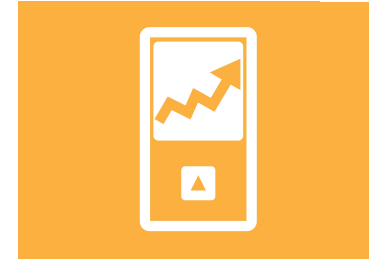
Freedom for people
with disabilities

Supporting
Civil Society



Helping Civil Society
bring results

Organizational
Intelligence



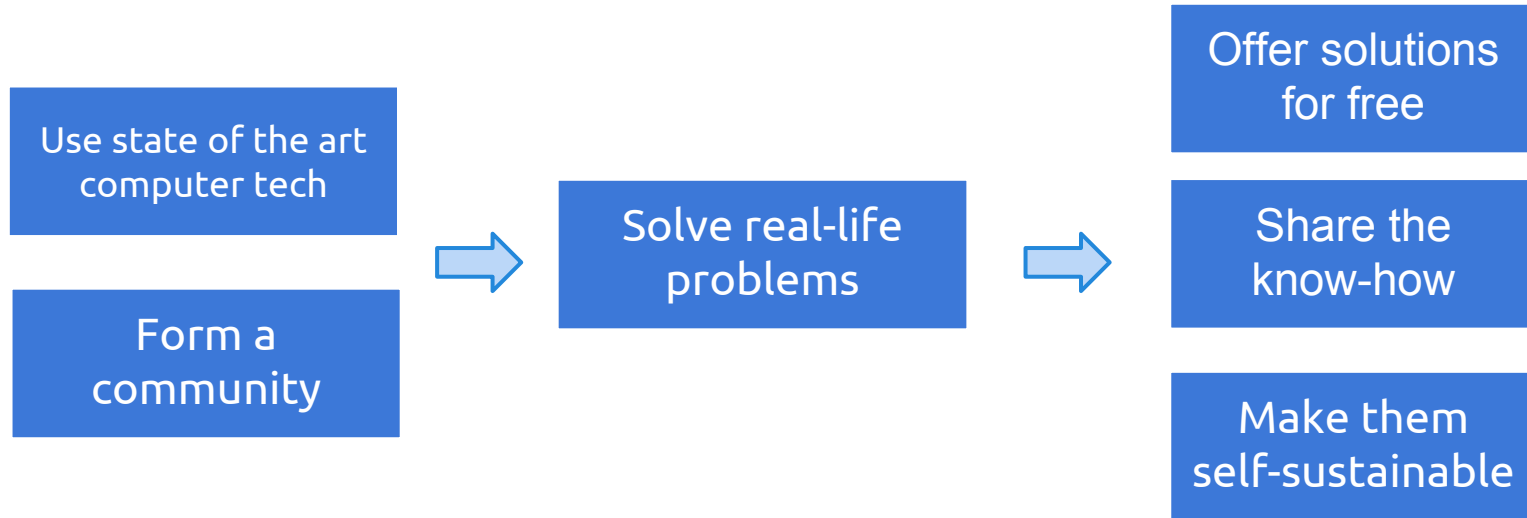
Helping Organizations
get smarter



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How we do it

Sharing Technology to solve real-life problems



DemocracIT: Strengthen public consultations

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Artificial Intelligence tools,
sentiment analysis & data analysis

Place Identity gr

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



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Public consultations in Greece

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- Open.gov started in 2010 | 508 public consultations
- 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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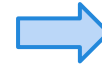
DemocracIT: Power to the citizens

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Tools for **structured discussion**

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



Support a productive consultation

Gamification (reward active contributors)

Workshops



Reinforce citizen participation

Collaborative assessment

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



Assess the impact of the comments

DemocracIT: Effective policymaking

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Summarization of comments

Text summarization

Visualization and info-graphics

Topic discovery



Efficient overview

Actionable knowledge



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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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