



# INVOLVING LOCAL RESIDENTS



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**Citizen participation at local and  
Parisian level**

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## An effective right to citizen participation

Guarantee an effective right to civic participation and involvement for all Parisians, without condition

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## Co-construction at every stage

Allow Parisians to participate in the development of public policies for the City of Paris at every stage—from conception to evaluation

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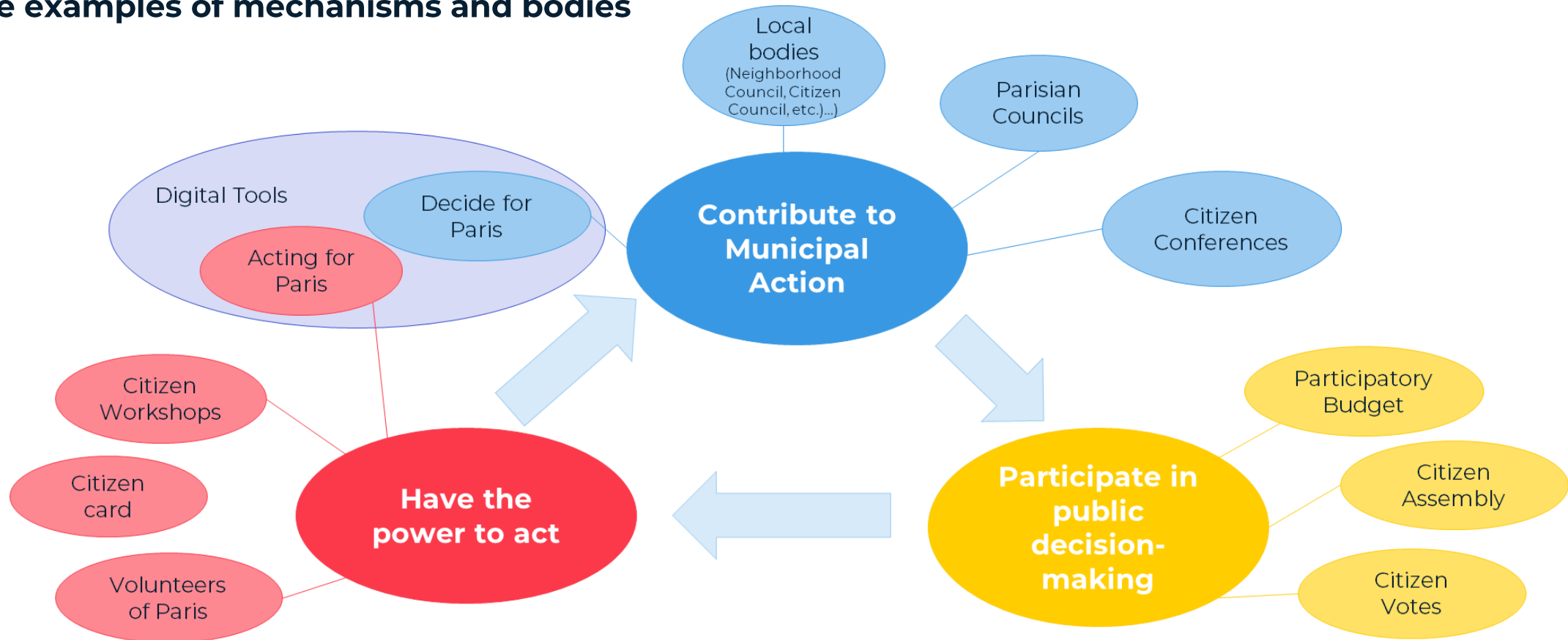
## Collecting the voice of all

Collect the voices of the most distant and invisible public from participation and civic engagement

# Main pillars of citizen participation in Paris

Since 2014, numerous citizen participation mechanisms have been implemented: permanent participation bodies, citizen votes, citizen conferences, etc.

## Some examples of mechanisms and bodies



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**Contribute to Municipal Action:  
The Enhance Your Neighborhood's  
method**

# Enhance Your Neighborhood: A New Method to Transform Paris



The "Enhance Your Neighborhood" approach allows for concentrating all transformations of a neighborhood within the same period and better organizing work in the streets of Paris.

## A strategy staggered in several stages

- Division of the City of Paris into 80 neighborhoods
- Development of a diagnosis
- Implementation of public consultation by district town halls and online public consultation so that residents of these neighborhoods can give their opinion on the work to be carried out
- Establishment of an investment plan for voted projects
- Proposal of a schedule for grouped works

## Advantages of this new method

- Allow residents to **collectively decide** on projects to transform public spaces (greening, traffic calming, accessibility, etc.).
- Promote **better readability** for residents regarding the duration of work, temporary nuisances, and expected positive transformations.
- Avoid, as much as possible, reopening the redeveloped street by one or more concessionaires (gas, electricity, heat network, etc.) in the following years

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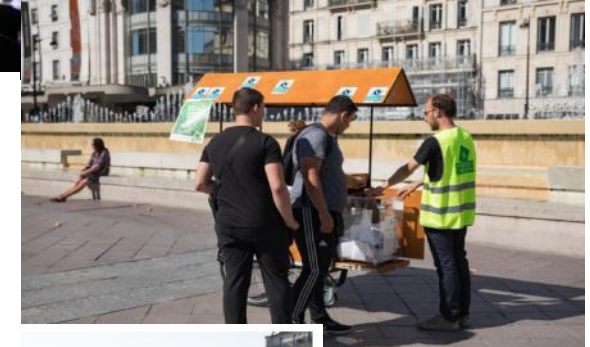
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## Parisian Participatory Budget

# Participate in public decision-making

## ❖ The Participatory Budget (2014)

- Improvement of public policies through the mobilization of citizen expertise: allocating part of the City's budget to realize their ideas
  - Creation of social bonds: Through co-construction and ideation project workshops in popular neighborhoods
  - School of democracy: Discover the functioning of a municipality, the creation of public policy, etc
  - Within the City of Paris: Allows for a breakdown of service work, greater transversality
- ⚙️ 2 levels: "All Paris" Projects and District Projects, voting by majority judgment, digital voting (Decide for Paris) or via ballot boxes, existence of mobile ballot boxes to be as close as possible to Parisians



# The Parisian Participatory Budget since 2014



Renovation of the Stravinsky fountain thanks to the participatory budget (2018)

- ❖ **23,912 ideas submitted**
- ❖ **1,345 projects voted on**, including **372 in popular neighborhoods**
- ❖ **769 million euros** of investments decided by residents
- ❖ **And over 3,530 completed projects**

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**Citizen Assembly of Paris**

# History and objectives of the Citizen Assembly

The Citizen Assembly is a "citizen, deliberative, and permanent body [...] its role is to allow citizens to participate directly in the development of public decisions of the City of Paris"

To do this, the Citizen Assembly can:

- **Ensure citizen vigilance:** make the voice of Parisians heard.
- **Explore public action:** decipher, evaluate projects or municipal policies of its choice.
- **Develop a wish and/or a citizen deliberation:** influence public decision-making with the possibility of issuing wishes or a citizen deliberation in the Council of Paris.

The Citizen Assembly also has a "**right of follow-up**" that allows it to monitor the progress of its recommendations

The Citizen Assembly is composed of **100 citizens, aged at least 16 and residing in Paris**

- **80 people come from municipal electoral lists (French nationality and European citizenship):**
- **15 people are drawn by lot following a call for applications to citizens of non-EU member countries.**
- **5 people aged 16-17**

## Examples of a subjects dealt with by the Citizens' Assembly :

**The "Street Code":** to integrate the arrival of new mobilities and guarantee an open public space for all, members proposed rules to take into account the needs of terraces, public transport, and other soft mobilities



**Garden Streets:** 100 greened and de-paved streets for the coming years. Their work resulted in a citizen wish, voted by the Council of Paris in July 2024.



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Citizen Votes

# Subjects proposed for referendum

Since 2023, Parisians have been invited to vote every year on issues relating to the sharing of public space.

- ✓ In 2023, they were asked to vote **for or against dockless e-scooters** (result: 89% against).
- ✓ In 2024, they were asked to vote **for or against the introduction of a special parking charge for heavy, bulky, polluting private cars (SUVs)** (result: 55% in favour).
- ✓ Finally, on 23 March this year, the question asked was **for or against greening and pedestrianising 500 new streets in Paris**, spread across all neighbourhoods (result: 66% in favour).







**Thank you for your attention**