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PRESS RELEASE

WeGenerate Releases Policy Paper on Inclusive Digital Participation in Urban Regeneration

WeGenerate has published its first policy paper, *Connecting the Disconnected*, exploring how municipalities and urban practitioners can use digital tools to foster inclusive participation in urban regeneration. The paper offers guidance on engaging citizens, particularly vulnerable groups, while addressing challenges such as the digital divide.

Connecting the Disconnected maps the European Union policy landscape on digital participation and outlines key risks, including unequal access to technology and digital literacy gaps. It provides practical guidance for cities and civil society actors on assessing engagement needs, co-designing initiatives with vulnerable groups, combining digital and analogue tools, and measuring impact.

The paper highlights three levels of e-participation — e-information, e-consultation, and e-decisionmaking — and notes challenges in ensuring that digital tools contribute to meaningful decisionmaking. It emphasises the importance of understanding local engagement contexts and tailoring strategies to meet the needs of different populations.

Evidence and recommendations are drawn from interviews with staff from municipalities, universities, and public service institutions across Cesena (Italy), Cascais (Portugal), Bucharest (Romania), Tampere (Finland), and Szombathely (Hungary). By considering cities with varying levels of digital access, the paper provides insights for designing engagement approaches that are inclusive and effective.

Connecting the Disconnected is intended to support city practitioners, policymakers, and civil society actors in creating digital engagement strategies that empower communities, bridge the digital divide, and enhance participation in urban regeneration processes.

Read the full policy paper [here](#).

WeGenerate - Co-creating people-centric sustainable neighbourhoods through urban regeneration is a Horizon Europe Innovation Action seeking to infuse the elements of people and co-creation in the urban regeneration processes. The project is based on the journeys of four neighbourhoods and their communities located in different parts of Europe: Bucharest (Romania), Cascais (Portugal), Cesena (Italy) and Tampere (Finland). To learn more about WeGenerate, visit our [website](#)!

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