WP2 Organization of roundtables

1. Sending invitation: one month (or earlier) before planned roundtable; if after 2 weeks not enough people confirmed attendance then individual calls if possible; 2nd mail 5-7 days before planned roundtable.

2. Meeting organized in 2 parallel sessions with mixed representatives/participants (from project description: *representatives of local municipalities; crowdfunding specialists; representatives of crowdfunding platforms; individuals engaged in the process of creating and implementing civic budget; representatives of local NGOs that focus on fulfilling the needs of the community; local entrepreneurs who are interested in sustainable development and community well-being; young local community activists who are working towards creating positive social change platforms, activists, NGO's, municipalities etc.*)

3. Discussion is recorded (only audio), for qualitative research purposes. Additional person to take some notes is advisable. Participants' consent necessary in before starting discussion beginning, while giving signature on the attendance list. If needed the information about the organization of the meeting can be separated and printed for each participant, to avoid the formation of queues.

4. On the attendance list participants also indicate if they wish to receive a report on the role of civic crowdfunding, to which the information acquired from the meeting contributes.

5. After discussion in parallel groups – coffee, refreshments in one plenary room for both groups.

6. Summing up the meeting in plenary meeting and networking session.

7. Handing out the Certificates of Participation.

8. After max 2 days follow up email: sending a message to the participants with thanks and a few words of summary of the meeting with basic take aways.

WP2 Discussion scenario - about 1h 30 min – 2hours

A. Provide participants with identical information about crowdfunding terms incl. civic crowdfunding across countries (about 7 min)

B. Remind participants to identify themselves in terms of whom they represent:

Please remember to indicate what category of participants you represent (categories in project: local municipalities, crowdfunding specialists; platforms; individuals involved in civic budgets; NGOs; entrepreneurs; community activists)

First round of questions

1. Can you share any personal experiences or observations related to civic crowdfunding projects, either as a supporter or as someone within a community where such initiatives have taken place? What aspects stood out to you, either positively or negatively?

2. From your perspective, for what kind of projects/ideas civic is crowdfunding the most suitable way of funding? Are there specific elements that make a project a legitimate candidate for civic crowdfunding?

3. When thinking about civic crowdfunding, what concerns or reservations come to your mind? Are there specific factors that might influence your decision to participate or not in such initiatives?

4. Would you ever consider initiating a civic crowdfunding project? What would motivate you to start this kind of project?

5. In your opinion, when, under what circumstances public institutions, local government or municipalities should actively participate in civic crowdfunding initiatives? Are there specific cases that require their involvement? Should they be involved at all?

6. From your viewpoint, who should be responsible for the civic crowdfunding project: Local governments, NGOs or perhaps different civic organizations?

C. Show an example of crowdfunding campaigns (about 7 min):
- 1 local one
- 1 international

Second round of questions

7. Having seen these project examples, what are your initial thoughts or impressions? Are there specific aspects that draw your attention or elements you find particularly interesting or impactful?

8. Do you see any potential challenges or areas for improvement in these projects? What would you change?

9. In your opinion, which of these projects do you think aligns most closely with the needs and priorities of your community? Are both examples potentially applicable locally?

D. Show information about SDG (about 3-5 min) - Third round of questions

10. Do you believe that civic crowdfunding projects can help in achieving sustainable development goals?

11. Can you think of a local idea, problem, or shortage that you believe could be effectively solved or enabled through civic crowdfunding?

12. What specific challenges or opportunities do you see in funding such initiatives through crowdfunding?