

# the **PERMANENT CITIZEN ASSEMBLY**

Imagine living in a neighbourhood where every voice counts—where decisions affecting your community aren't made behind closed doors, but openly, transparently, and by people like you. This isn't some distant ideal.

It is a growing movement led by empowered citizens, and it's called the **Permanent Citizen Assembly**.



Across cities and neighbourhoods, citizens gather in assemblies that are inclusive, transparent, and democratic spaces - everyone is invited to take part in shaping local futures.

The assemblies operate at **three levels** of decision-making:

For local issues, their decisions are binding and directly implemented by the neighbourhood.

1.

For issues such as municipal contracts or regional planning with wider implications, they work in coordination with higher-level institutions, ensuring that local perspectives inform regional decisions.

2.

And for broader issues or policies, for example with a wider or national relevance, the assemblies submit suggestions or recommendations to administrative bodies, amplifying the voice of their communities.

3.

# INCLUSIVITY IS KEY.

These assemblies are designed to be accessible to everyone, using common spaces with childcare services, elderly care, translation services and digital tools to make participation possible for **those who can't attend physically**.

The concept of **liquid democracy** allows participants to delegate their vote on issues where they may lack time or expertise. Time commitments are carefully structured to be flexible, with options for **asynchronous** or **remote participation**, helping people balance involvement with their personal and professional lives.

**Education programs** teach democratic values and inclusive facilitation techniques—including active listening and inclusive engagement—empowering people to participate confidently in respectful, safe spaces.

And for transparency, all meetings, discussions and decisions are documented in easy-to-read formats, accessible online and in physical spaces through the **Assembly Magazine**.



Beyond governance, assemblies create systems of mutual aid in selected vital areas—food distribution, healthcare assistance, childcare and education, financial aid, legal assistance and counselling, transportation, technological and digital support, mental and emotional support, ecological initiatives, and more.

What does this create?

**A community built on trust, not red tape.**

This isn't just civic engagement; it's a blueprint for change, drawing on best practices from other European countries.

**By coming together, neighbourhoods can become the driving force for stronger, more connected cities.**

**WOULD YOU JOIN THE ASSEMBLY?**