

Athens, 30/04/2025
Protocol Number 239/AM

To: Stichting Consul Democracy Foundation
Attn: Simon Strohmenger, Director

Subject: Letter of Support for "Digital Participation in Southeast Europe: Building a knowledge structure" (DiPaSouea) Project

Dear Mr. Strohmenger,

As the **Civil Society contact point for Athens OGP Local¹** and member of the **Working Group for the Athens Municipality Action Plan for OGP Local²**, I am pleased to offer our support for your CERV application "Digital Participation in Southeast Europe: Building a knowledge structure" (DiPaSouea). As an organization that promotes open technologies and participatory governance, we recognize the value of your initiative to enhance digital citizen participation across Southeast Europe.

Our contribution will specifically focus on:

- Facilitating connections with relevant stakeholders in the Athens Municipality, including department heads, elected officials, and civic engagement specialists who can provide valuable insights and support for the implementation of the Consul platform in Athens.

1 <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/athens-greece/>

2 <https://ogp.cityofathens.gr/en/>

- Supporting knowledge sharing and dissemination activities throughout the project lifecycle, leveraging our experience from Athens OGP Local and our participation in the Athens Municipality Action Plan.

We believe that these areas of support will contribute to the successful implementation of digital participation tools in Athens while enhancing the knowledge base being developed through the DiPaSouea project.

Sincerely,



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