



## Participatory Democracy Network of the LINK 4 Cooperation project

### COOPERATION ONLINE PROTOCOL

The openness of democratic systems and institutions to promote greater participation of citizens in political and administrative processes is a prerequisite for the further development of good governance in any country, region or local government.

The LINK 4 Cooperation project promotes the principles of good governance with the aim of effective and responsible work of local government units in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a focus on 12 local governments, project beneficiaries. The project will strengthen the capacities of local authorities (elected officials and civil servants) and civil society in the implementation of participatory processes.

In order to support the process of creating a more inclusive local government, LINK 4 Cooperation aims to create a Participatory Democracy Network that unites civil society around the common goal of building participatory democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

#### Principles promoted by the Network:

- openness and transparency
- participation
- partnership

#### A modern approach

Participatory Democracy Network for will take full advantage of digital democracy or the process of developing democratic policies through digital communication channels (Internet platforms and social networks).

The creation of virtual digital hubs will involve and activate citizens through alternative communication channels. The project will enable the Network to put into use all the tools of e-participation and digital democratization.

As a tool to help the development of digital start-up and inclusion, the project consortium will provide 12 smart benches in cities and municipalities, project beneficiaries, provide free internet connection to interested citizens who will leave their suggestions on digital hubs, and will be specially created for them.

With the help of modern technology, the benches will:

- Enable networking on a single portal for democratization;





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- Enable the flow of all information in real time by providing a virtual "space" on each of the smart benches for all interested parties to give their ideas that the networked non-governmental organizations will confirm and turn into concrete actions of participatory democracy;
- Ensure the sustainability of the process of participatory democracy as a key tool for initiating discussions and proposing changes

### Who can become a member?

All civil society organizations, with a special focus on grass-root, locally registered organizations, and interested in participatory democracy and creating a stimulating environment for cooperation of CSOs and local authorities, can become members of the Participatory Democracy Network.

### The process is as follows:

- Registration via the link: <https://www.link4cooperation.ba/postani-clan/>

### Advantages of membership in the Network:

- Joining the Online Protocol for the purpose of developing relations and continuous cooperation with local government units
- The possibility of applying project ideas through a grant scheme whose implementation is planned in the third year of the project
- Participation in education and capacity building of the organization through the Leadership Academy Program (LAP) of the Council of Europe in the second year of the project
- Achieving cooperation/collaboration with other civil society organizations
- Direct cooperation with citizens through virtual digital hubs



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