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**Participants needed for the Europe for Citizens project:
“Modern city for its inhabitants – how ICT can help develop social capital?”**

Organization of the project

Gdańsk is one of the Polish cities which uses ICT to develop and maintain relationships between local residents and local authorities. The city hall of Gdańsk is intending to take part in the programme “[Europe for Citizens](#)”, managed by the European Commission. In cooperation with other European cities and NGOs we are going to kick-off the project “Modern city for its inhabitants – how ICT can help develop social capital?”

We would like to invite your city to become a partner in the project.

Objectives

We are going to create a space for discussing and exchanging best practices of using IT solutions for the cooperation between local authorities and inhabitants of European cities.

Four conferences are planned to take place in 2016 and 2017. The representatives of European local authorities, scientists and NGOs will discuss the following issues:

- How new technologies affect relations between local government and city inhabitants?
- How technologies can be used for a better governance of cities?
- Can technology improve the quality of relations between the inhabitants and local governments?
- Participatory budgets in the digital world – promotion, discussion, voting, feedback.
- ICT technology and the development of local initiatives.
- How technology could help engage more inhabitants in urban areas development?
- Technology for streamlining public consultations, dialogue with inhabitants and NGOs.
- Open data in managing a modern city.
- New communications channels between the local authorities and its inhabitants.

The project will be financed by the “Europe for Citizens” programme. **The costs of travel and accommodation will be covered by the grant. The beneficiaries of the project should arrange free conference spaces in the cities where meetings will be held.**

Your city as a partner of the project

What is expected:

- Participation of your city’s representatives in 4 conferences that will take place in Gdańsk and/or other participating cities,
- Promoting the events among your city inhabitants, NGOs, scientists etc.,
- Taking part in writing a publication on the project’s outcomes,
- Registration on the website <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html> where Participant Identification Code (PIC) can be obtained. PIC is required to apply for the grant – **we ask you to send us your PIC as soon as possible.**



The project “Modern city for its inhabitants – how ICT can help develop social capital?” will be a great opportunity to tighten the cooperation between our cities and to exchange know-how on the use of modern technologies in the European cities.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation in the project no later than August, 17. Please mention if your city is also interested in hosting one of the events. Single point of contact in the city hall of Gdansk, responsible for all the issues concerning the project is:

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More information on the „Europe for Citizens”:

http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/europe-for-citizens-programme/index_en.htm

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