



Workshop | June 6th, Guimarães, Portugal

# Opening participation in Smart Cities: Challenges to engage citizens through information systems.

*A half-day workshop to share and discuss the potential of information systems meant to engage citizens in the development of smart cities through e-participation technologies. As a result, it is expected to propose “wiser” participation strategies to effectively involve citizens in decision-making processes.*



### Why

Despite the significant amount of public and private investment, the number of examples of unsuccessful Smart City platforms and tools to promote citizens participation is still growing. A more critical approach, or “wiser”, is needed where citizens are closely involved in the Smart Cities’ development .

### For Whom

Practitioners, researchers, professionals and government representatives, and university students from multiple disciplines working on projects related to promote civic engagement and participation in Open and Smart Cities.

### Format

The workshop will hold a space for discussion through the presentation of proposals. For each 10-minutes presentation. At the end of all presentations, a set of roundtables will take place to define the most important aspects and contributions of the presented cases. Participants will be encouraged to implement future e-participation platforms aiming for a “wiser” approach for the smart cities. With the definition of relevant ideas, a final discussion will be held to identify lessons learned and future steps.

### Agenda

14:00 - 14:15: Introduction  
 14:15 - 16:00: Presentations  
 16:30 - 16:30: Coffee Break  
 16:30 - 17:20: Roundtable discussion  
 17:20 - 17:30: Break  
 17:30 - 17:50: Final discussion  
 17:50 - 18:00: Wrap-up and debriefing.

### Workshop Chairs

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### Application process

Registration & questions: [geoc3.ecis@gmail.com](mailto:geoc3.ecis@gmail.com)

In order to participate in the workshop, please submit a short paper (max. 2000 words excluding references) based on your experience, research or idea to promote “wise” approaches for e-participation platforms or citizens participation strategies in Smart Cities.