

Experimentation of e-democracy methodologies

DETAILS

Starting date:
September 2005

Period:
24 Months

Innovation areas:

- **Digital citizenship development**
- **Information society actions and projects**
- **Cooperation between different administrations**
- **Networks and technologies**

THE PROJECT

Through a significant and permanent connections system with the citizenship, the project wants to test on field computerised participation methodologies for the regional politics definition and to the manage services for all the institutional levels.

PARTICIPATION... WHY?

- For a wider administrative transparency, to improve institutions and citizens' attitude towards self responsibility, collective learning through the spreading and the sharing of information too many times not well-known enough from the people.
- To increase the effectiveness of the administrative action, supporting the political organs to define problems in a correct manner and through an appropriate analysis and to choose suitable solutions.
- To increase the efficiency of the administrative action, broadening the approval area to the choices of the administrations. The involvement of the citizens interested in the decision-making phase will avoid that such choices are going to be reconsidered later.

THE AIMS

- To define in an integrated way the participation processes.
- To promote a bigger participation of the citizens and the associations for what concerns the administration choices about issues and policies that turn out to be relevant for their interests.
- To promote in the administrations a new participation culture through the involvement of the administrators, pulling down any cultural and technological obstacle.
- To define, to test and to spread a methodology

THE STRONG POINTS

1. Wide and structured network of partners

- Implication of all the institutional levels
- Implication of the relevant associations

2. Successful projects already operating in the region

- "UNOX1" Municipality of Modena
- "DEMOS" Municipality of Bologna
- "URPeRETE" Regione Emilia-Romagna

3. Cnipa Co-financing

"Partecipa.net" was candidate to the national projects selection for digital citizenship development approved from Cnipa (first national e-democracy announcement of competition) and will benefit from a 300.000 euros funding.

4. Favourable Context

- Regione Emilia-Romagna computerised plan
- ICT and online services spreading in Emilia Romagna (73% of the municipalities has at least an Internet Public Access Point; 39% of internet users has already had a web contact with the public administration; more than 60% of population considers useful e-democracy services)

Source: Data Benchmarking Regione Emilia Romagna, 2003-2005

- The LR 20/2000 regional city planning law requires to concentrate the strategic and development aims

