

Citizen engagement

Rationale, Legal basis, Capacity Building

backbones of democratic governance

“WE RECOGNISE that strong citizen and stakeholder participation, public integrity, inclusive representation, openness, quality evidence and accountability are essential backbones of democratic governance and necessary to support trust in public institutions.”

OECD, Declaration on Building Trust and Reinforcing Democracy, 2022

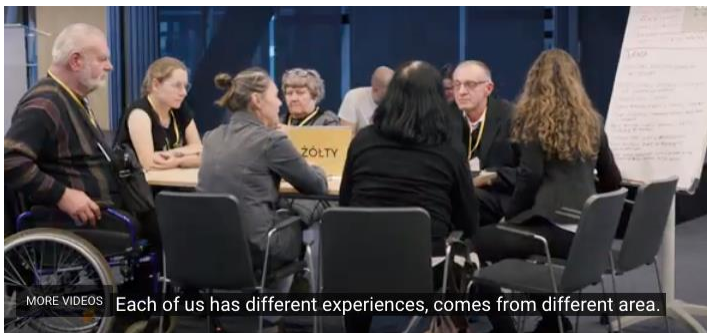


I expect you to **actively communicate** on the Commission's actions and decisions and explain the benefits and opportunities stemming from our work. You should also help **tackle disinformation**, notably by providing clear and accurate information at all times.

Third, this Commission will start **a new era of dialogue** with citizens and stakeholders. You should organise a first edition of the **annual Youth Policy Dialogues** within the first 100 days so that young people can be heard and can help shape your work.

This will be part of our work in embedding **citizen participation** in our work. We will build on the Conference on the Future of Europe to instil a true and **lasting culture of participative democracy**. We will choose policy areas and proposals where recommendations from a European Citizens' Panel would have the greatest value and follow up on their proposals.

Mission letters, page 3



citizen assemblies

participatory budgeting

participatory planning

co-design



Deliberative processes ‘wave’



45%

Database of the OECD.
Deliberative processes in the
EU

<https://doi.org/10.1787/339306da-en>

Rationales

- TRUST
 - IN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND,
 - POLICY AND DECISION MAKING
- QUALITY OF POLICIES
 - fit for purpose*

Recommendation on promoting the engagement and effective participation of citizens ... in public policy-making



- "The inclusive and effective involvement of citizens, civil society organisations and human rights defenders in political decision-making processes **should be actively promoted by public authorities**"
- "Member States should introduce citizen-led participatory and deliberative exercises <...>, **such as citizens panels, citizens assemblies, and other dialogue and co-creation formats.**"

European Commission Communication on Enhancing the European Administrative Space (ComPAct), 2023

- where **citizen engagement in policymaking** is an area of **skills development** at Public Administrations level – **Pillar 1**



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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

Enhancing the European Administrative Space (ComPAct)





GUIDANCE | **RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY** | **CAPACITY BUILDING** | **NETWORKING**

Training on co-creation and deliberative processes

for local, regional and national public administrations

objectives

- Equip public administrations across EU with practical knowledge and competences on how to do participatory processes
- Tailoring skills and competences to specific needs and contexts

BASIC LEVEL

RATIONALES

PLANNING

CO-CREATION
METHODS

DELIBERATIVE
METHODS

ONLINE PROCESSES

PARTICIPANTS
RECRUITMENT

FACILITATION
TECHNIQUES

FOLLOW UP

ToT LEVEL

Pilots in local language



Denmark, June 2023



Poland, October 2023

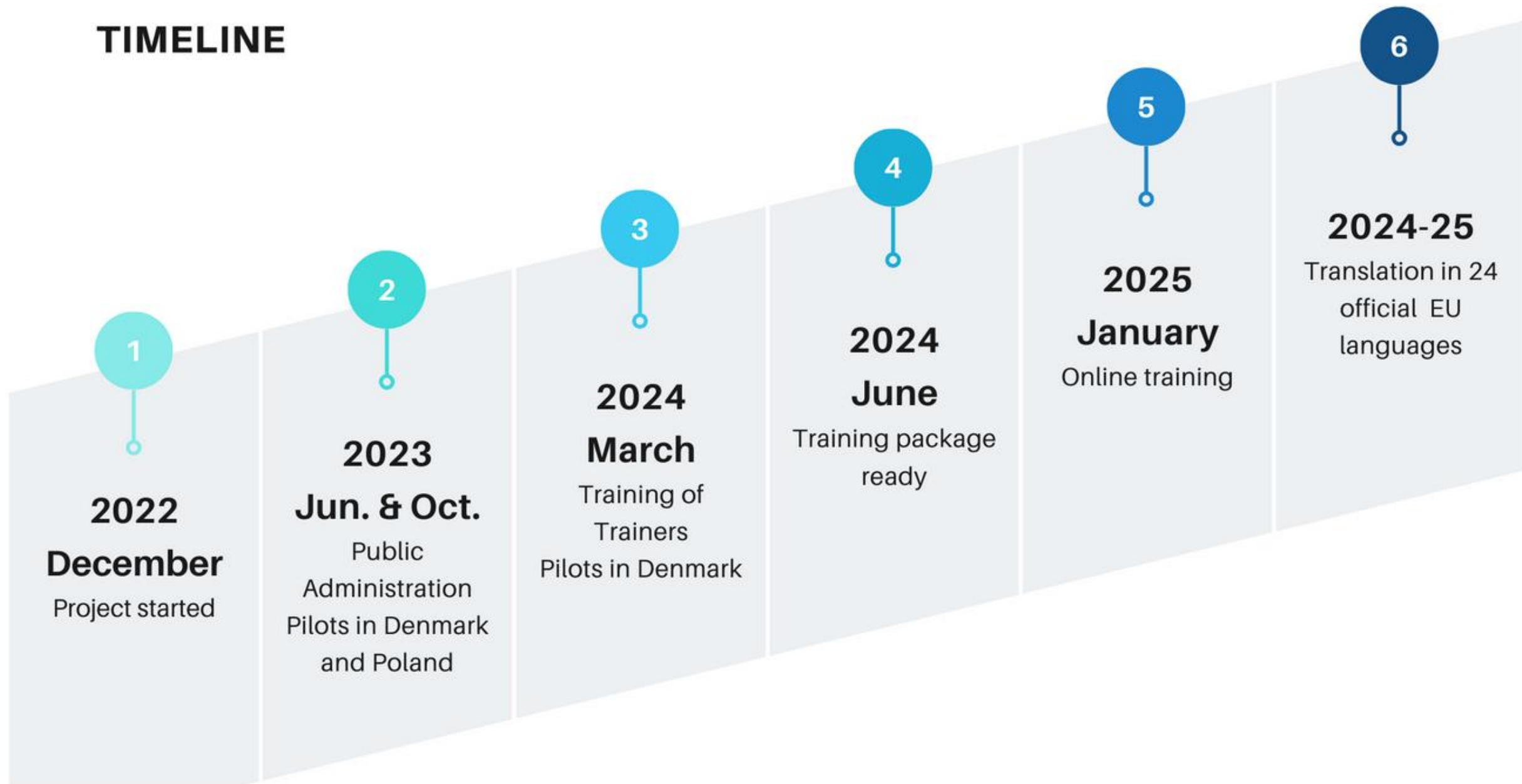
Online training – EU Academy

Goals:

- Support tailored training paths
- Foster community building

- ***Asynchronous activities***
- ***Synchronous sessions***

TIMELINE



Technical and Support Instrument?

- Mapping Needs
- Proposing recommendations and roadmaps to help public administrations to accommodate citizen participation practices
- Capacity building to public administrations
- Monitoring and evaluation frameworks
- **Deadline: 31st October 2024**
- **Contact CC-DEMOS/ OECD NOW**