

INNOVATION IN POLITICS AWARDS AND CONVENTION
ON 11 MAY 2023 IN WARSAW:

EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES MEET ON ONLINE PARTICIPATION, DELIBERATION & E-VOTING



THE INNOVATION IN POLITICS AWARDS CONVENTION AND GALA

Every year since 2017, 400–500 government representatives and politicians meet in a European capital to **exchange their best practice of innovation in political work**. They do so, because they see the need to strengthen democracy and improve politics.

They come from different parties, countries and focus areas – but together they share the courage and the creativity to develop and implement new methods and technologies in their work.



1ST CONVENTION FOR DEMOCRACY TECHNOLOGIES IN EUROPE

Democracy technologies are at the heart of the conference this year: Best practices in the field of online participation, deliberation and e-voting will be provided to the representatives of governments and political organisations from 25 countries.

The convention is designed around such case studies, with the method of exchange sessions and dialogue of all participants, so that government representatives can benefit comprehensively for their own work.

Democracy  Technologies

OUR NETWORK

Since 2017, the yearly Innovation in Politics Awards Finals (Conference and Gala) have attracted government representatives and politicians from all over Europe. So far, the Finals were held in Vienna, Berlin and also nine smaller European capitals. They are usually hosted by the mayor and the participation rate on average is 450 people. Most participants have a longstanding and dedicated connection with one of the programmes of the Institute: Innovation in Politics Awards, the European Capital of Democracy, the Act.Now Mayor's Network, and Democracy Technologies.

Our Supporters in 2023

The events in Warsaw are held under the auspices of the **Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Marija Pejčinović Burić**, under the patronage of the **Vice-President for Democracy and Demography of the European Commission, Dubravka Šuica** and the **mayor of Warsaw, Rafał Trzaskowski**.

Some facts and figures about the participants at the yearly event:

Average composition of participants per country

Austria	19
Baltics	11
Belgium	14
Finland	6
France	48
Germany	76
Greece	5
Ireland	14
Italy	23
Poland	55
Slovakia	5
Spain	21
Sweden	12
Switzerland	12
The Netherlands	8
United Kingdom	25
Other	93

Average number of participants **447**

Average composition of participants per function

Councillors of municipalities and cities	115
Mayors and executive councillors	32
Public officials of municipalities and cities	59
Elected regional government representatives	53
Public officials of regional governments	24
Members of parliaments	16
Ministers and staff members	11
Representatives of hosting cities and governments	36
Ambassadors	4
Representatives of European institutions and international organisations	25
Party managers	18
Representatives of foundations	7
Representatives of companies	22
Other	25

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WE INVITE YOU ... AND YOUR COMPANY

YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE OUR SPECIAL OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAMME RESERVED FOR HANDPICKED GUESTS DURING THE INNOVATION IN POLITICS AWARD 2023 CONVENTION AND GALA IN WARSAW.

As a representative of a Democracy Technology / Civic Tech company, we would provide you with highly valuable experience you can benefit, personally and professionally. Our **premium package** consists of the following:

1. In the week before the conference, you will receive a curated list of participants that may be relevant to your company .
2. We will provide you with an expert overview of the projects their teams work on so you have an easier time starting the conversation. This type of information can serve your own teams later on.
3. The day before the Convention, we plan to organise an evening meet-up between you, other players from the Dem/Civic Tech field and representatives of various European social impact and venture capital funds. You will get a chance to present your company, and to steer conversations.
4. At the Convention, we will hold a special session in which a limited number of Democracy and Civic Tech companies present their best practices to participants from the public sector. You will be one of them.
5. Our team will assist you with orientation and help you with identifying people you aim to talk with. Our goal is to make your experience as seamless as possible.
6. Shortly after the Convention, we will send interested participants a pitch deck about your product and encourage them to contact you.

For the **premium package** described above, we charge a fee of 2,500 Euros (1,900 for early bird booking until 10 April)

This package also includes 2 regular tickets for the Convention and the Gala.

If you are interested in the premium package, please contact Tomas Rakos (tr@innovationinpolitics.org)

The **regular company ticket** is available for 290 Euros and can be booked [here](#).

The ticket provides you with access to 400 top public officials, government representatives and politicians from across Europe.

2023: PREMIERE AT THE CONVENTION

This year: As we see a rising demand in our network for new methods in online participation, deliberation and e-voting, we decided to focus the convention around this topic. So this year will see the **first Convention for Democracy Technologies in Europe**. For 11 March 2023, we have developed an extensive programme at the Innovation in Politics Awards, based on the interests of the government representatives and politicians we work with.

Here an excerpt of the programme:

- Winning Hearts, Minds and Votes – with Online Participation
- Meet the latest Participation and E-Voting Technologies from Companies
- Digital Participation in Cities – Possibilities and Limitations
- Local Leadership – How to translate best practices into local reality?
- Can Artificial Intelligence replace Politicians?
- See the full programme [here](#).



THE EVENING GALA



The evening Gala is the final event of the Innovation in Politics Awards and attracts government representatives and politicians from all over Europe.

VOICES

The Innovation in Politics Awards are continuously growing. Government representatives and politicians from all European countries are joining us on our mission to strengthen democracy and improve policy work.



Dubravka Šuica

Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, European Commission

"I applaud your work in providing an environment in which creativity can flourish and in which our democracy can be viewed as a right and a value to be much cherished."



Beata Klimek,

Mayor of Ostrow Wielkopolski, Poland, and Finalist of The Innovation in Politics Awards 2017, category "Quality of Life"

"We don't have all the answers for all the questions, but we should ask the questions to find the way. And this is the great responsibility, not only for the city but for the inhabitants, too."



Eamon Gilmore,

European Union Special Representative for Human Rights

"Most people in politics try do do the right thing – but there are occasions when doing the right thing is not always the popular thing."



Axelle Lemaire,

Former Minister for Digital Affairs, France and Winner of The Innovation in Politics Awards 2017, category "Democracy"

"There are always good reasons not to go ahead. So the capacity to stick to the very initial reasons why politicians chose to enter politics in the first place I think is key."



Jean-Claude Juncker,

Former President of the European Commission and Winner of The Innovation in Politics Awards 2018, category "Civilisation"

"Innovation is not only a concern of the economy but also of those who are active in politics. This award is showing that we are not alone and that this concern is shared by many."



Matthias Strolz,

Founder and former chairman of NEOS, Austria

"I would love to see politicians with an open heart, open mind, open will, and open to what comes their way. They should understand themselves as gardeners, they cultivate social fields."



Jean-François Rapin, President of the Commission of European Affairs for the French Senate

"We owe our children a strong commitment to the fight against climate change. This calls for efforts in all areas – energy, industry, transport, construction, agriculture, digital technology: we must rethink our ways of living. It is a global challenge. The European Union wants to face it with ambition. To support this ambition and facilitate this demanding transition, let us focus on innovation, technological but also political, both on a continental and local level, thanks to new ideas that are real and concrete game-changers that the Innovation in Politics Institute promotes and disseminates, I am happy to contribute."