

## Partners research – URBACT APN 2019

**Title:** the use of digital tools to strengthen the citizen's place in the governance of the city, especially in decision-making related to environmental transition (water management ...)

**Topic field :** digital tools / governance

### **Short description of the idea:**

In a period of relative mistrust of the peoples facing their governments, the aim is to question the place of the citizen in decision-making.

In what way, at the level of a city, is it possible to give meaning to the notion of citizen? How to reconcile better the roles of elected representatives and citizens?

With the advent of digital, new forms of citizen relations can be imagined to strengthen the sense of belonging to the city.

In Agen, if we have set up neighborhood committees with dedicated budgets, we want to go further in terms of consultations using digital tools, especially with the environmental challenges of the city of tomorrow (adaptation to climate change, management water resource, etc.).

### **Description of cooperation:**

- *Background/ challenge to tackle*

It will be necessary to take into account the "stall" of the population refractory to digital so as not to accentuate the divide between connected citizens and having access to a new governance and the rest of the population.

- *objectives of the proposed action*

The objective is to reposition the citizen in the center of the city, to participate in order to co-build the city of tomorrow that will experience an unprecedented environmental transition.

### **Partners profile (size of the city, country, category of region, XXX...):**

Agen (35000 inhabitants) is a candidate as well as her German twin city Dinslaken (70000 inhabitants).

It would be interesting if cities of the same size could accompany us.



Agen can possibly be a leader but would prefer that a city that has already participated in the URBACT program can accept to be a leader

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