

Empowered citizens as the heart of good governance and a strong democracy

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**In modern and free societies
citizens are the subjects,
not objects of politics**

Freedom means the right, the
capacity and the possibility to
act and participate in the way the
common life is organized and
functions



Without being free, involved and invited to participate:

- You can not identify yourself with your state
 - You are not able to learn
 - You can not be integrated
 - You will be manipulated
- You can prevent conflicts to become violent
- You can bridge the gap between society and state/political class



**Participative Democracy
provides the society with
the institutions and
proceedings it needs :**

- **Open electoral systems**
(Candidate cumulation and panachage)
- **Citizen Referenda and
Initiatives**
- **Citizen Motions to the Parliament and
Constitut.Court**



**Participation is much more
than consultation –
but without consultation
there can not be any
participation**

Participation is a process which starts with Consultation and allows mutual information and learning:

1. By Consultations citizens start to think about a issue, get informed and involved.
2. By Consultations Politicians learn to know what citizens want and expect.