

Cities of Commons

CHANGE! Good practice factsheet

Title of good practice/initiative

Cities of Commons regulation

Description of the good practice /initiative: history, activities, number of involved people, territorial scope, current scale, future plans, impact and benefits (**Max. 400 words**)

The regulation is based on the idea that active citizenship and the dialogue with public sector are crucial for the renewal of the city and its territory, enhancing civic engagement and thus fostering social and environmental development. The main goal of this regulation is to stimulate, give value and regulate different ways of collaboration among citizens, associations, and local government aimed at taking care and manage common goods. The Municipality of Forlì has already made several steps on the way of the adoption of this regulation, a meeting with the Municipality of Bologna (first city in Italy with this experience) and a public event with "Spazi Indecisi" Association for awareness raising activities were organized. Moreover the City Councillor for Welfare is also in charge of participation/cities of Commons Regulations themes.

Brief description of how the specific **local public service** has been **challenged** (with figures, if possible)

Some criticism are linked to the role of the public services for being too restrictive and therefore not to favor citizens with the opportunities of taking care of spaces and commons.

Role of the municipality within the process (e.g. how the municipality facilitates or coordinates the process to systematise/upscale a civic initiative)

The Municipality is the main actor of this process and it has to create, within its framework, a suitable environment for an effective implementation of the regulation. This will be carried out by the means of ad hoc collaboration agreements. We are proceeding slowly and continuously checking our path as we want to avoid the the regulation become solely a formal document

Budget (in total and municipality's own contribution)

Resources are related to the municipal staff involved in the process.

Key attributes (**success factors**) enabling (municipal) staff to implement the project successfully

The key element is linked to the ability of technical services, to understand how the citizens can help to ameliorate the city.



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Key internal, organisational, behavioural **weaknesses** the municipality/organisation had to overcome during the process

There are several criticism on the implementation of Cities of Commons by some municipal departments. In particular it is seen as a further burden of the staff activities/workload. Moreover, many believe that the collaborative agreements, involving and being carried out by citizens, will not be respected.

Links to website for further information on the good practice/initiative

<http://www.comune.bologna.it/media/files/bolognaregulation.pdf> (opensource version of Bologne Municipality regulation)