Digital tool for participation improvement: Decidim

Description
Main site: https://decidim.org
Demo: https://decidim.org/demo/

History
#1 - 2020-07-17 18:43 - Daniel Armando Rodriguez
Digital infrastructure for participatory democracy led by the Barcelona City Council with collaborators and collaborators from around the world.

Decidim is a web environment (a framework) that allows you to create and configure a web portal or platform, as a social network, for democratic participation.

The portal allows any organization to create massive processes of planning, participatory budgeting, collaborative design of regulations, urban spaces or elections.

It also allows to organize face-to-face meetings, call meetings, registrations, publication of minutes, structure government bodies or assemblies, convene consultations or channel initiatives. Decidim can also help in the organization of government bodies, councils or assemblies, in the convening of consultations and referendums or in the channeling of member initiatives to impact on different decision-making processes.

Decidim allows to digitally structure a complete system of participatory democratic governance for any organization.

Principal functions
You can use Decidim in a public or private organization, with hundreds or thousands of potential participants.

Thanks to Decidim you can configure spaces for participation (initiatives, assemblies, processes or consultations) and enrich them through the multiple components available (face-to-face meetings, surveys, proposals, voting, results tracking, comments and many more).

#2 - 2020-07-29 15:20 - Florian Effenberger
- Parent task changed from #3252 to #3251

#3 - 2020-07-29 15:22 - Florian Effenberger
- Subject changed from Decidim to Digital tool for participation improvement: Decidim

#4 - 2021-04-06 08:13 - Uwe Altmann
In the main task, there is a discussion of a display error in the Firefox browser, which concerns the admin console. Look at https://redmine.documentfoundation.org/issues/3251#note-26

#5 - 2021-05-18 09:38 - Florian Effenberger
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Daniel Armando Rodriguez
- Status summary set to Test instance available at https://vm162.documentfoundation.org

There is a test instance available at https://vm162.documentfoundation.org
Daniel, Sophie, are there updates on this?
Seems there's also some discussion in #3251

#6 - 2021-05-18 16:30 - Uwe Altmann
I checked this a bit. My conclusion is: A mighty tool for participation, but it needs a (semi)professional moderation - in terms of time as well as in skills. It's not like an email discussion or a forum thread - you have to have a plan and a structure in advance and a moderation to use and foster the process permanently. I may set up a more sophisticated test process if someone is interested to find out more. Or prepare a summary talk?

#7 - 2021-05-18 17:51 - Daniel Armando Rodriguez
Yep, indeed. A plan is needed to use the platform. I've requested everyone to give it a try as it would be better to (try to) use it with a usual workflow IMO.

From my PoV it's suitable for a feedback request. Much better than mailing lists in that case.

#8 - 2021-05-18 18:04 - Uwe Altmann
To make it more clear: Imho this is made for politicians (with a payed staff) or professionalized political organizations like municipalities to ask their people on their opinion and probably also to discuss on an issue. It is *not* suitable for a loose peer group of people to get an issue discussed and decided, because you necessarily need a skilled process controller/moderator in charge of each single process; this is the greatest difference to a mailing list or a forum i.e.

So why it is "Much better than mailing lists in that case"? In both cases you'll end up with a list of feedback statements - single post in decidim and single mails in a mailing list. Decidim is surely better to ease a discursive process - *if* you have the resources. Do we?