

Decidim: open source digital infrastructure for participatory democracy

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Decidim is a digital platform for citizen participation

Free/libre, open and safe technology.

With all democratic guarantees.

Reprogramming democracy is now possible with Decidim.

Strategic planning

Participatory processes

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- All
- Awaiting funding
- Funding available

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808 proposals

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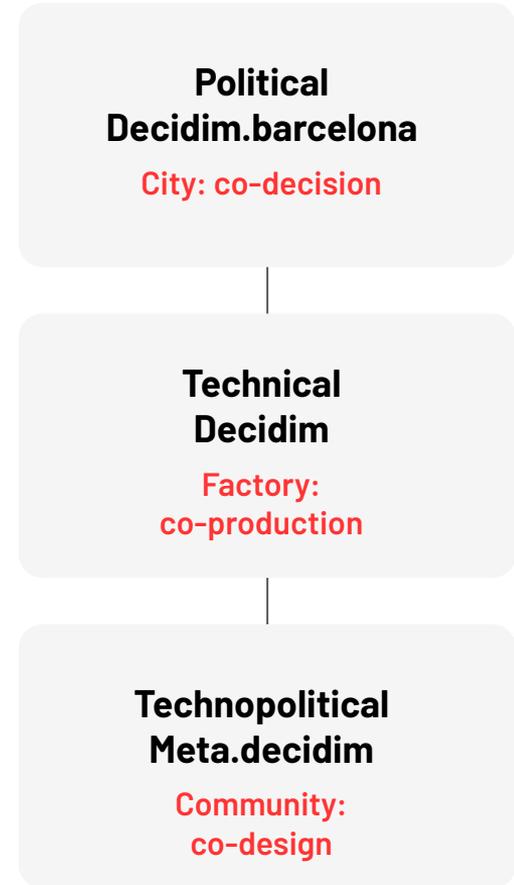
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3 layers model of Decidim



What makes Decidim unique?

1. **Participation model:** Open, flexible and replicable, a model to maximise citizen participation.
2. **Public-common code:** Building a FLOSS project from public sector
3. **Democratic governance:** Public-community governance of a digital common



Participation model

The political layer: Open, flexible and replicable, a model to maximise citizen participation 🚀

- A standard for citizen participation adaptable to different local realities
- Core values defined in the code and the Social Contract
 - Transparency
 - Traceability
 - Integrity
 - Democratic Quality
- Decidim takes participation to the next level, allowing thousands of people to interact at the same time.



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**democratic organizations
are using decidim today**

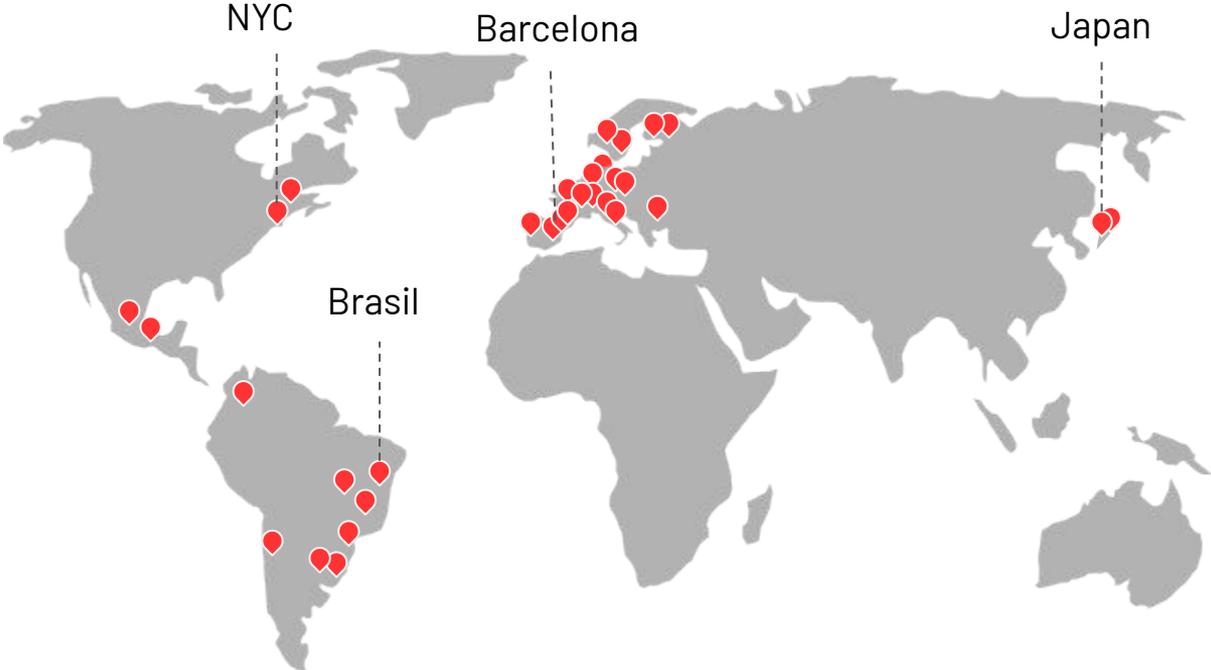
30 countries

240 cities and govern organizations

180 social organizations



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Public-common code

The technical layer: Building a FLOSS community project from public sector 

- Open to contributions from the first day.
- The community can propose new features and participate in the roadmap definition.
- Building alliances with local partners to implement Decidim around the world.

“What makes Decidim special is the community” (Simonas Zilinskas, OSP)



Community participation



Translate Decidim

- **33** languages
- **320** project members
- **47,000** words translated

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Description

Free Open-Source participatory democracy for cities and organizations
<https://decidim.org>

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Details

Source language: English
Project members: 116
Words to translate: 23 042

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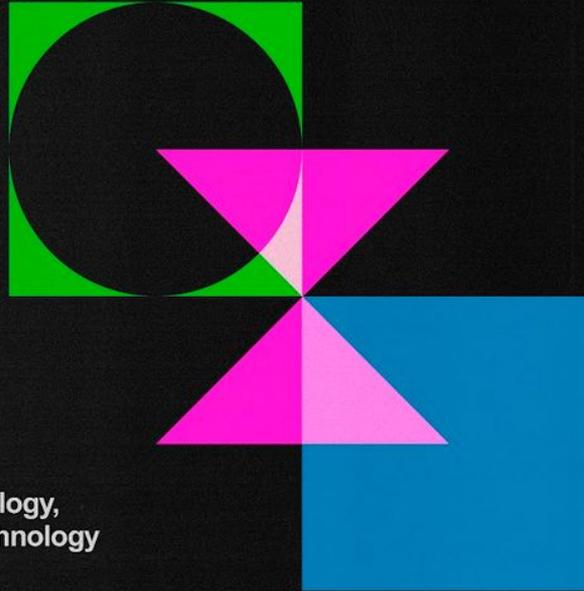


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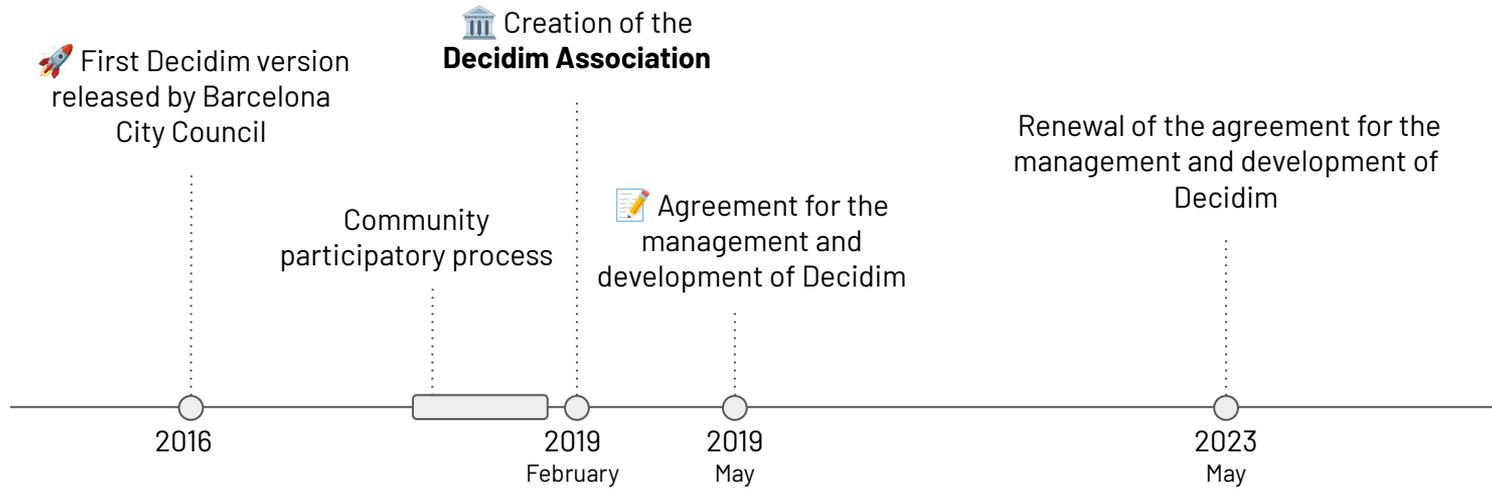
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Web: meta.decidim.org
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Democratic governance

The technopolitical layer: Public-community governance of a digital common 🏔️

- The Decidim Association is the central actor of the project
- Barcelona City Council has ceded to the Decidim Association the management and maintenance of the source code.
- Unique example in the world of how to implement FLOSS as a public policy with a community governance.



Governance model





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-  Association
-  Community





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 Association Members

 **General Assembly**

Coordination
Comitee

Technical
Office

Thematic Committees

 Association

 Community



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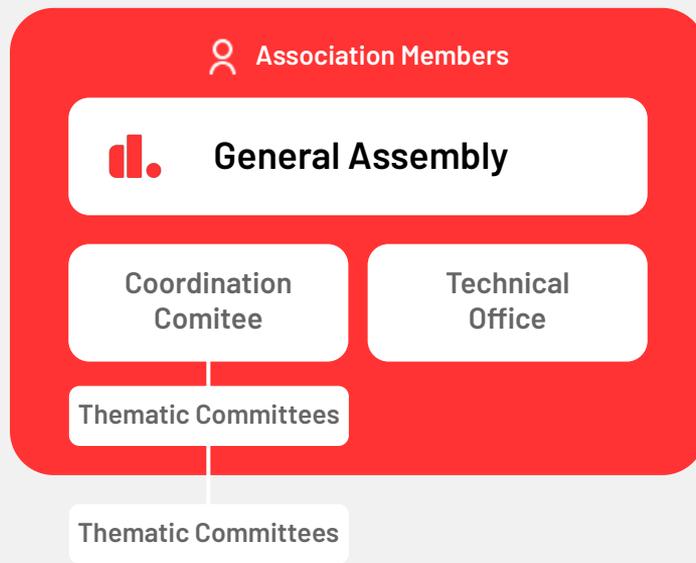
Thematic Committees

 Association

 Community



- Cooperatives
- Public Administrations
- Civil servants
- Developers
- Tech companies
- Hackers
- Organisations



- Local chapter
- Admins
- Universities
- Researchers
- Technical experts in participation
- Facilitation and consultant companies

- Association
- Community



Partnership policy

Why?

To ensure the sustainability of decidim as a digital commons.

To enable a path to contribute back to the project maintainers.

Conditions:

- Contribute back to the Decidim Association
- **Fee of the 3% of the yearly income** generated by Decidim activities.
- Every Decidim Partner will be made publicly visible in the Decidim website



Decidim official partners

Service providers

PokeCode^{xs}

octree

Colectic

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TO POWER

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OpenSourcePolitics
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Decidim in the future

Challenges and objectives

- New sustainability model
- Becoming an infrastructure for participation of worldwide reference
- Expanding use cases beyond governments



Thanks!

More info at: decidim.org

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