

Recommendations: The Right to Participation

TRIPLE BENEFITS FOR GOVERNMENTS, INVESTORS, AND CITIZENS

The actions below will contribute towards resilient and sustainable built environments, and engaged citizens and residents, fostering social cohesion and reducing community opposition to decarbonisation initiatives at project and wider city level.



GOVERNMENT

- Facilitate, enable the time for, and establish structures for **participatory processes** for decarbonisation plans and projects, with particular attention towards traditionally excluded groups, such as working women, children, minorities, elderly, people with disabilities, the homeless, and the LGBTQ community: processes include a spectrum from consultation through to co-creation
- Create an environment of **collaboration and platforms for partnerships** between municipal and national government, technical teams, investors, civil society, and cultural organisations
- **Consider designating funding** from municipal budgets towards participatory budgeting approaches and investment funds for hyper-local intervention



FINANCE

- **Engage developers** in portfolio to ensure that they have adequate provisions in place to consult end-users and local communities at the earliest stages of all projects, and throughout



PROJECT

- **Ensure meaningful participation** with end-users and local communities, with particular attention towards traditionally excluded groups from the earliest stages of the project and throughout its lifecycle – ensuring that engaged participants' views have the opportunity to change project decision-making
- **Create the space and processes for co-creation** where possible, engaging end users and local communities directly in aspects of the projects' design and use
- Consider applying a **community benefits agreement** to the project, whereby specified benefits are included in a formal agreement with local community members
- **Increase the diversity** of built environment professions working on the project, to include sociologists, anthropologists, urbanists, social workers, psychologists