



Projecte de participació ciutadana
per a la millora de la riera de Caldes

What is the purpose of this process?

To share opinions, knowledge, decisions and resources among all the stakeholders involved in the stream (citizens, entities, experts, public authorities). To make this possible, the construction of a network of citizens involved in the rehabilitation of the Caldes stream has been encouraged and web support has been provided to gather and stimulate initiatives aimed at raising awareness and improving this area.

The process consists of three stages with the following objectives:

(1) Comment (PPGIS-Comment)

To generate a collective map of the places that citizens like and do not like, as well as the places where they would suggest initiatives for improvement through an online PPGIS tool open to the participation of all citizens.

(2) Decide (PPGIS-We decide)

To guide the process of selecting initiatives to improve the stream environment based on the opinions entered on the PPGIS website and the group discussion workshops held to gain greater consensus when identifying priority actions.

(3) Get Involved (PPGIS- Get involved)

To provide advice on the design and development of a web platform for local entities that allows them to report on initiatives and actions for improvement proposed to recruit volunteers and expand the network of citizens committed to the stream.

Who is behind it?

Research groups from UIC Barcelona and UdG, with the support of RercerCaixa, ACUP and FECYT.

The technical group that promotes this process provides a methodological framework for sharing opinions and knowledge among citizens (on an organisational and / or individual basis), experts in the rehabilitation of waterways and local public authorities. Specifically, it collects the views of citizens, links experts who provide advice on the improvement strategies identified by citizens and encourages discussion with the authorities on the detected priorities in order to guide citizen-based decision making.

What is the public's role?

The public is at the centre of this participatory process, both as part of organised groups (entities, associations, clubs, etc.) and on an individual basis.

The public's role includes:

- (1) Providing feedback on the riparian landscape through the website
- (2) Discussing and deciding which initiatives for improvement take priority where there is a consensus
- (3) Taking part in design, data analysis and process dynamics

What is the process expected to accomplish?

- To create an interactive map of the stream based on the citizens' opinions (places they like or do not like, indicating why and where they would propose initiatives for improvement).
- To identify initiatives for improvement that the citizens consider important and to assess the feasibility of both those that can be undertaken by the entities with the help of volunteer citizens and those requiring technical and economic resources from the public authorities.
- To increase the number of people interested in taking care of the stream, to boost the commitment of entities and people sensitive to the issue and to facilitate synergies and cooperation between people, entities and local groups in different cities and towns.
- To provide web support to citizens, especially to existing entities or to a possible joint entity created as a result of the process that allows the process for the rehabilitation of the stream to be kept open.

What benefits does it have?

It offers a new methodological framework of participation for the participatory improvement of the riparian landscape based on the public's experiential knowledge. This framework allows for a more efficient improvement of the stream because it factors in the aspirations and abilities of all stakeholders.

For more information on the activities carried out so far, please visit viulariera.org

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