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CITY CIVIC MOVEMENTS IN AVEIRO – PROMOTE SMARTER DECISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY

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**Aveiro - Portugal** 

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# A smart city must take smart collective decisions, very often they don't!







**VISION:** Give voice to citizens and create a more democratic, pluralistic and fair decision making process



3.300 posts (1/day) 130.000 visits (80/day)





Amigosd'Avenida

340 members



960 members

# PROJECT:

informal but trustable city civic movements

+/- 5 years [Aveiro 50.000 citizens]



face-2-face meetings several other city civic movements



## THE HUMAN SMARTNESS - ALBOI NEIGHBOURHOOD





#### THE HUMAN SMARTNESS - BRIDGE IN A WATER CHANNEL





## THE HUMAN SMARTNESS — PUBLIC SPACE



#### **IMPACTS**

**DESPITE** 

**MYTHS AND PREJUDICES** 

**DIFICULTIES AND LIMITATIONS** 

LACK TRADITION

PEOPLE DO PARTICIPATE IF

**ADEQUATE ARENAS** (VIRTUAL & FACE2FACE)

**COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT** (TRUST & EMPATHY)

**THEY HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION (EXPERTISE)** 

THERE IS A COMMON SHARE OF IDEAS (CO-CREATE)

**THEY FEEL THEIR VOICES CAN BE HEARD** (INFLUENCE)





#### **SCALING-UP STRATEGY**

AVEIRO PARTICIPATIVE BUDGET - PARTICIPATIVE ITINERANT ROADMAP

INVOLVE CITIZENS IN JOINT REFLECTION ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS FUTURE

VALUE HIDDEN RESOURCES (KNOWLEDGE, NETWORKS, ABANDONED SPACES, CIVIC ENERGY)

**IDENTIFY MICRO TRANSFORMATIVE PROPOSALS** (LOW-COST & HIGH-IMPACT)

**NETWORK OF CITY CIVIC MOVEMENTS** 

WORLD-WIDE NETWORK – GLOBAL CITY 2.0 (http://www.globalcitynetwork.org/)

**SHARE, LEARN AND DO BETTER** 

#### 'CITIZENS DO PARTICIPATE WHEN THEY ARE INVOLVED'



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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