

Call for Authors

Exploring Digital Participation for SALTO PI's Participation Resource Pool

Welcome to SALTO PI's call for authors! We invite seasoned writers and experts to contribute their insights on digital participation for our [Participation Resource Pool](#). As an advocate for democratic engagement within the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes, SALTO PI seeks articles that explore the evolving landscape of digital participation. We seek in-depth explorations into the realms of transferring traditional participation methods into digital, analysing opportunities, challenges, and trends in digital engagement, and intersection of digital participation with elections and AI.

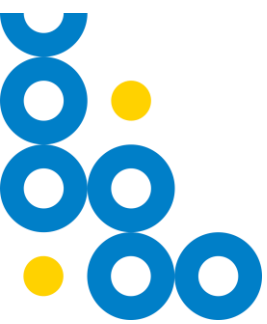
Context

SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centre (SALTO PI) focuses on fostering democratic participation in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. As a hub for knowledge dissemination, the [Participation Resource Pool](#) (the "Pool") aims to integrate digital participation as a key focus area. This call invites insightful articles to enrich this platform.

Article focus

We invite experienced writers and experts to contribute 1 or more article that explores the various facets of digital participation, specifically:

1. **Transferring Traditional Ways of Participation to Digital Realms:** Delve into methodologies, tools, and strategies that effectively transition traditional forms of participation to digital landscapes, aiming to enhance their impact and outreach.
2. **Opportunities, Risks & Challenges of Digital Participation:** Analyze the landscape of digital participation, highlighting the inherent opportunities it presents, the risks involved, and the challenges faced by individuals, communities, and institutions.
3. **Trends in Digital Participation:** Explore emerging trends shaping the landscape of digital participation, including the evolving dynamics, technologies, and societal changes influencing how people engage digitally.



4. **Digital Participation and Elections:** Investigate the relationship between digital participation and electoral processes, examining the impact, possibilities, and potential drawbacks in utilising digital platforms for democratic practices.
5. **AI and Elections:** Focus on the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and electoral processes, assessing how AI influences digital participation in elections, its implications, and ethical considerations.

Additional requirement for all articles

Each article should elucidate connections between digital participation and Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programs, emphasizing their relevance in formal and non-formal education.

Tasks

Task 1: Writing an article

- Articles should be 1500-2000 words, engaging, and jargon-free.
- Approach: Informative, conversational, and backed by research, highlighting project examples and case studies where relevant. Interviews can be integrated to bring in more practical touch.
- Keywords: Easy to read, educational, practical, and inspirational.
- Visuals: Authors are responsible for suitable photo selection or notifying SALTO PI otherwise.

Task 2: Peer-review

Collaborate with fellow authors for peer-review to enhance each article's expertise.

Timeline

- **Proposal Submission Deadline: 22 November 2023 (11:00 AM CET)**
- Briefing Meeting: 27-29 November 2023
- First Draft Submission: 13 December 2023
- Peer-review: 14-18 December 2023
- Final Draft Submission: 19-22 December 2023
- Final Version Production: 26-30 December 2023
- **Final Article Submission Deadline: 30 December 2023**
- Review and Editing: Conducted by SALTO PI team in January 2024



Working conditions and payment

- The working language is English.
- Work is carried out and completed online.
- Sync communication meetings with the SALTO PI team will take place during office hours (9:00-17:30 EEST/EET).
- The fee for the service is €990 lump sum per 1 written and peer-reviewed article. If applicable, SALTO PI will cover VAT or reverse VAT additionally.
- The texts will become the property of SALTO PI however, the author of the article will be credited.
- The SALTO PI team will handle proofreading and editing.

Required competences

- Have at least 3 years of experience and good expertise on digital participation
- Acquainted with the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes
- Proven experience in creating similar articles (references in English needed).
- Fluency in English (written and verbal).

Submission requirements

Interested parties are requested to submit the following documents in English:

- A cover letter introducing the service provider and a brief proposal outlining the article's scope, methodology, and intended focus. Each author is invited to apply to write 1 or more articles. Please notice that your brief includes all topics that you wish to cover – the evaluation is done per topic. The topics are:
 - Transferring Traditional Participation to Digital Realms
 - Opportunities, Risks & Challenges of Digital Participation
 - Trends in Digital Participation
 - Digital Participation and Elections
 - AI and Elections
- A detailed curriculum vitae highlighting relevant experience and qualifications including links to previous research outcome of relevant previous research work.

Submitted documents should be sent to participation@salto-youth.net email address with the subject line *Articles on Digital Participation for Participation Resource Pool* **by 22 November 2023 (11:00 AM CET)**.



In your communication, please identify if you are offering the service as an individual or a company (please provide company name).

Evaluation and selection

Offers for each article topic will be evaluated separately. The submitted offers will be evaluated by three SALTO PI employees regarding the:

- **Required experience/qualification (50% weight on the total score)** presented in the CV and portfolio. Required experience/qualification will be evaluated on a 1-10 point scale by each evaluator based on how well the documents showcase:
 - Relevance and quality of previous research (based on the individual CV and portfolio review). Relevance is defined in accordance with the eligibility criteria listed above,
 - Maximum points in this evaluation category corresponds to 50 points (i.e. 50% weight on the total score).
- **Brief outlining approach, scope, methodology and focus on the articles (50% weight on the total score):**
 - Relevance of the proposal. Clarity and feasibility of the proposed approach and timeline. Relevance is defined in accordance with the eligibility criteria listed above.
 - Maximum points in this evaluation category corresponds to 50 points (i.e. 50% weight on the total score).

Total scores will be calculated by adding up the scores of both evaluation categories.

