



WHAT IS A PARTICIPATHON?

We combined the best parts of youth participation and hackathons (marathons of solution design) to create a special tool: **the Participathon**.

A Participathon is an event that is all about designing real solutions for social change within a specific community or environment.

It makes civic engagement attractive to young people by giving them a real voice and real power to act.

WHAT WE MEAN BY TRUE PARTICIPATION

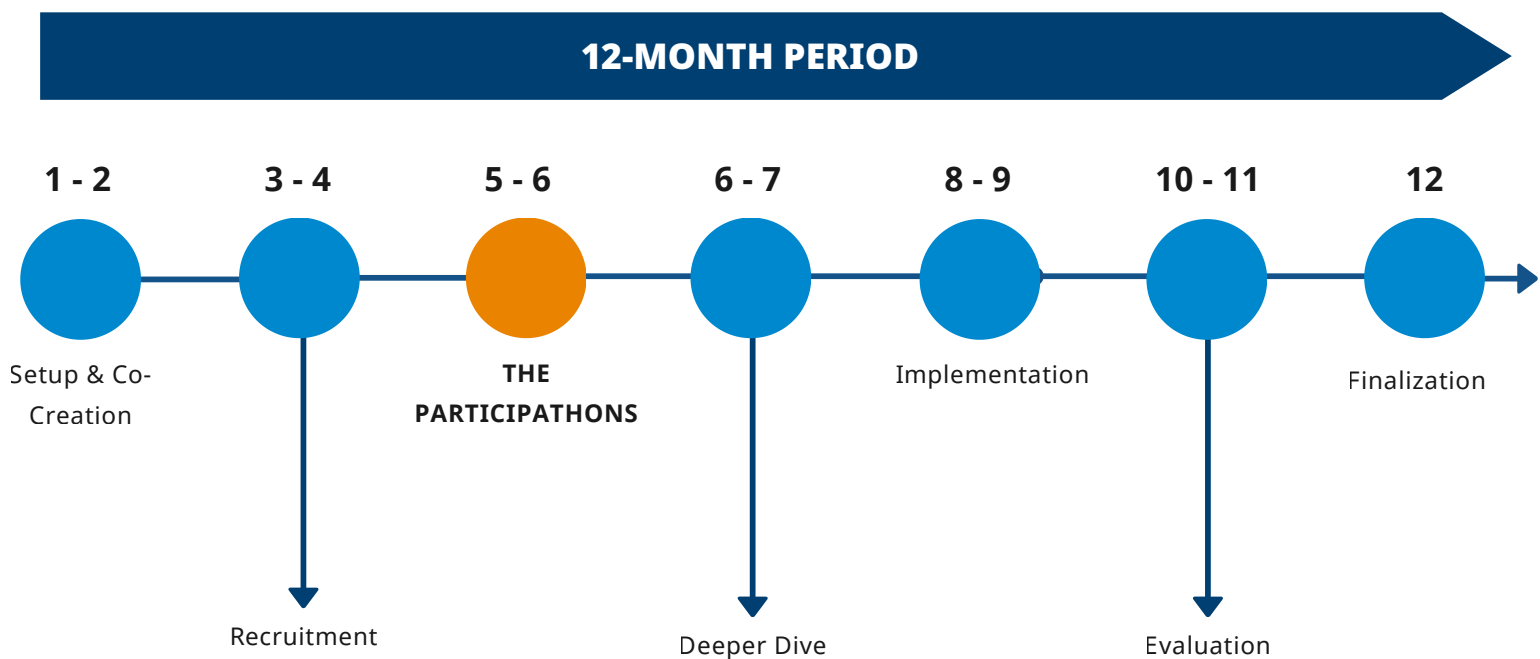
True Participation isn't just listening - it's putting young people in charge of the decisions. It is participation that is:

1. **Inclusive and open to everyone**
2. **Attractive and fun**
3. **Hands-on**, helping the youth feel like they have a real impact
4. Helps young people build their **agency** - the feeling that they can influence the world around them

HOW A PARTICIPATHON WORKS

A Participathon is an intensive, 2-day live event that is preceded by a preparation process.

- Who: A minimum of **12 young participants**.
- What they do: They work in teams, using co-creation and lots of brainstorming to **design solutions to pre-selected challenges**



Participathons are more than just an event; they are a proven process for enabling True Participation and empowering young people to design and implement real social solutions.

By supporting this initiative, you are helping to tackle the critical issues of youth burnout, financial challenges, and the need for collaboration that young innovators face every day. You are building the next generation of effective changemakers.

Let's build a future where young people are not just consulted, but are actively leading the change.



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