

### Questionnaire for local elected officials (local councilors) on the 12 principles of good democratic governance

At the request of \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, developed a tool to assess local democracy in a commune/city. The approach involves questionnaires for both residents and elected officials. X\_\_, X\_\_ and X\_\_ (names of municipalities/cities) have agreed to be the first to apply these questionnaires. N\_\_ (name of the organization applying the questionnaires) will soon conduct telephone interviews with N\_\_ (number) residents of each commune/city. The results of the study will be the starting point in the development of local democracy. The questionnaire you have in front of you is a survey that we are conducting with the help of elected officials. The questionnaire must be returned completed and the information you provide is confidential. Your participation is voluntary. The study will end in \_\_\_\_\_. The information collected within the project will be used only in an anonymous form. It will not be possible to identify individual responses. More information can be obtained from \_\_\_\_\_, the person responsible for this project, at phone \_\_\_\_\_ or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_.

	<b><i>Given your experience as a local elected official in the commune/city of _____, please state to what extent you agree with the following statements.</i></b>	<b>I don't know/No opinion (0)</b>	<b>It applies very little (1)</b>	<b>It applies quite a bit (2)</b>	<b>It applies quite well (3)</b>	<b>It applies very well (4)</b>
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<b>1</b>	<b>Fair conduct of elections, participation and representation</b> , ensure real possibilities for all citizens to have a say on local public issues;					
	In my capacity as a local elected official, I am in weekly contact with the citizens.					
<b>2</b>	<b>Responsiveness</b> , to ensure that the local authority responds to the legitimate expectations and needs of citizens					
	Overall, I am quite satisfied with the services offered to citizens in this commune/city.					
<b>3</b>	<b>Efficiency and effectiveness</b> , to ensure that objectives are met with the best use of resources					
	I feel that I am doing something useful in my capacity as a local elected official.					
<b>4</b>	<b>Openness and transparency</b> , to ensure public access to information and to facilitate understanding of how local public affairs are organized					
	The local authority does a good job of informing citizens about issues related to the local political agenda.					
<b>5</b>	<b>Compliance with the law</b> , to ensure fairness, impartiality and predictability					
	In this commune/this city, the common interests of all the inhabitants prevail and not the special interests.					
<b>6</b>	<b>Ethical conduct</b> , to ensure that the public interest is put before the private interest					

	In this commune/city, all persons enjoy equal treatment, regardless of their connections to elected representatives and officials.					
7	<b>Competence and capacity</b> , to ensure that local representatives and officials are able to carry out their duties					
	The public administration is quite attentive to the political signals coming from the local elected officials.					
8	<b>Innovation and openness to change</b> to ensure that benefit is derived from new solutions and best practices					
	In this commune/city there are good procedures for handling citizens' complaints and suggestions to improve the delivery of public services.					
9	<b>Sustainability and long-term orientation</b> , the interests of future generations are taken into account					
	In this commune/city, decision makers involve citizens in trying to find solutions to local problems.					
10	<b>Sound financial management</b> to ensure prudent and productive use of public funds					
	This local authority does a good job of informing citizens of what taxpayers are getting for their money.					
11	<b>Human rights, cultural diversity and social cohesion</b> , to ensure that all citizens are protected and respected and that no one is discriminated against or excluded					
	In this commune/city, human rights are respected and their implementation brings improvements for all segments of the population.					
12	<b>Accountability</b> , to ensure that local representatives and officials take responsibility and are held accountable for their actions					
	In this town/town , my colleagues know how to explain the decisions they make to the residents.					

**Demographic data**

a) Age (in years): .....

b) Kind

1 Male 2 Female

c) Last educational institution graduated

1 Primary school 3 Vocational school

2 High school 4 University or college

d) The position/job

- 1 Employed in the public sector
- 2 Employed in the private sector
- 3 Private entrepreneur
- 4 Student
- 5 Beneficiary of social assistance,  
pensioner
- 6 Others

**e) Which political party do you represent in the City Council?**

- 1 ..... (party name)/list 1       5..... (name of the party)/list 5
- 2..... (party name)2/list       6.....(name of the party)/list 6
- 3..... (party name)3/list       7..... (name of the party)7/list
- 4..... (party name)4/list       8..... (party name)/list
- Other

**f) What position do you hold within this commission?**

- 1 Regular member    2 Committee president    3 Secretary

**g) ) Which specialist committee are you part of? Please mention the commission**

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**h) How many local councilor mandates have you held ( including the current mandate) ? Choose only one option.**

- 1 A mandate
- 2 Two mandates
- 3 Three or more mandates

**i) Do you serve on the board of one of the following types of organizations? Tick all that apply.**

- 1 State-owned companies    3 NGOs
- 2 Private companies    4 Foundations or funds