Why an ecosystem of local democracy

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National level strategy
• Deliberative democracy: culture, stable structures

• Direct democracy

• Representative democracy
• Collaboration

• Internal participation: transformation, openness
• Infrastructures: scale
• Intermediaries: approach
Support to local governments
• National

• Subnational, supralocal: vertical, horizontal

• Local: individual, collective
• Methodology
• Training
• Infrastructure
• Community, governance
Infrastructures of non-formal and informal democracy spaces
• Context

• Spaces, actors, instruments

• Facilitation, performance, purpose, achievement
The rise of nerd politics

(John Postill)
• Data activism
• Digital rights
• Social protest
• Formal politics
- Computer scientists
- Lawyers
- Artists and culture
- Media and journalists
- Politicians and politics
Key issues
• Lower costs and increase benefits of participation
• Local leaders and creation of social tissue
• Begin with the big consensus, avoid conflicts
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