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ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

BiPart



The BiPart Project

BiPart is a social enterprise whose aim is to empower people by introducing innovative forms of democratic governance and decision making processes in local communities, civic organizations as well as social enterprises.

How we do

It does it by implementing:

1) a methodology, by designing and testing participatory processes and institutions in real life settings;

2) a technology, by developing an ep-articipation software platform which embeds these processes and these governance settings, makes them more sustainable, and helps communities to experiment them;

3) a strategy, by using role playing games and social networks to spread the knowledge.

Starting from the functioning of Participatory Budgeting, BiPart developed a methodology (and the software platform accordingly) that aims at developing and prompting:

a) the emergence of issues and ideas from the crowd;

b) the dissemination of issues and ideas among people;

c) the aggregation of people around issues and ideas;

d) the aggregation of issues and ideas in the pursuit of new and more inclusive proposals;

e) the interaction between experts and ordinary citizens in the pursuit of feasible and innovative projects. In all its activities, ranging from social agriculture to urban regeneration, BiPart focuses on the empowerment of the participants, including disadvantaged persons, and the sustainability of the projects and the participation process.

Governance

Starting from these objectives, the company has developed and consolidated a specific methodology that permeates the activities, tools and governance models promoted and implemented in its own projects and in which it collaborates. The result of research and experience, the methodology is divided into specific actions and is supported by tools developed ad hoc. Respecting the specificity of each process, actions and tools are designed to be composed also in flexible sequences and combinations, capable of responding to multiple needs and purposes.

The methodological approach proposed by BiPart can be defined as relational-systemic.

The model is inspired by the Participatory Budget (BP) originally from Porto Alegre, with strong elements of innovation and originality even with respect to the most recent paths developed in Italy and abroad and applies it to different contexts and territorial

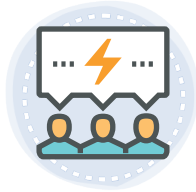
networks.

The model allows to generate virtuous relationships and mutual trust:

- among citizens, with a view to an awareness of each other's needs and respective opinions;
- between citizens and the municipal administration, with a view to an exchange of knowledge and shared management of common goods;
- between public bodies (schools, municipalities, etc.), civil society organizations and businesses, to create a network model that puts everyone's resources into the system and to mutual benefit.

The exchange of knowledge and the constant interaction between research and action, not only within the team, but also with the numerous partners we collaborate with, nevertheless allow a continuous methodological evolution and a flexibility of approach.

Main Goals



Encouragement of aggregative dynamics in the definition of intervention priorities



Sharing information and expertise among members of a community



Circulation of ideas and opinions



Valorisation of civil society members as activators and enablers of the community



Creation of collaborative networks between groups and communities



Establishment of inclusive and dynamic deliberative bodies and regulations intended as tools of self-organization and legitimation

Activities

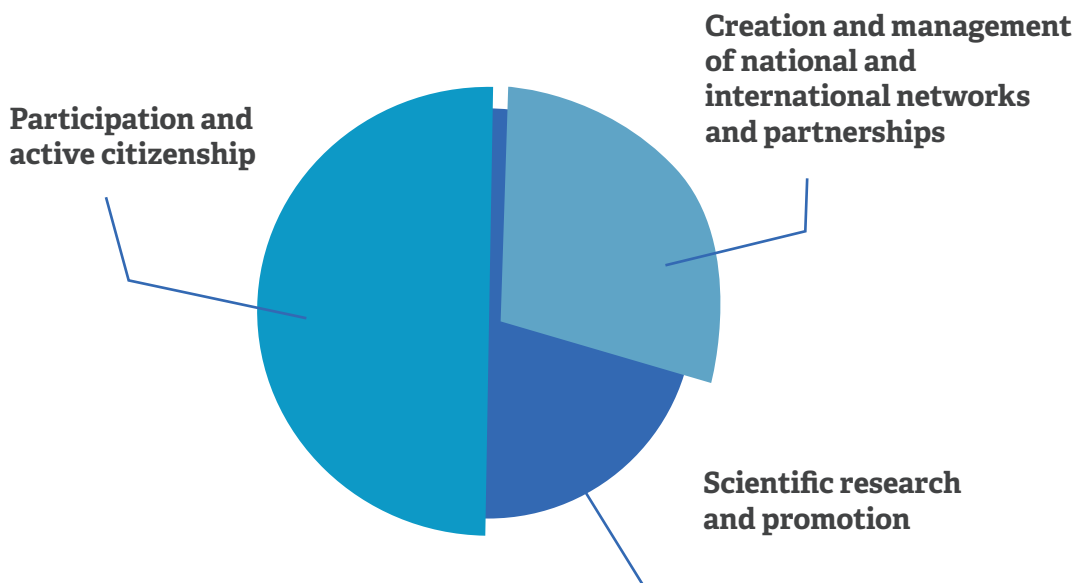
How we do it

BiPart achieves these objectives through informative events, training courses (in schools through ASL courses, in universities through seminars, courses and sessions of the role playing game Empaville), research activities, but in particular by providing consultancy, organizing and conducting real processes and providing our dedicated software platform (desk + mobile).

BiPart inherits the experience of the cultural association Centro Studi for Participatory Democracy (CSDP),

operating from 2009 to 2017 while from October 2019, through the participation of its founder and administrator, it became part of the Global Participatory Budgeting Hub, a network of 17 participatory budget experts from 12 countries around the world.

With the transformation into a social enterprise, BiPart extends its activities and collaborations towards non-profit entities and other institutions and the economic world.





PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Ripartire

From May 2020
to May 2023

Funded by: *Con i Bambini nell'ambito del Fondo per il contrasto della povertà educativa minorile*




Partnership: ActionAid, COOSS, éCO, Openpolis, Fondazione Ragazzi in Gioco, Human Foundation, La Fabbrica, Métis Community Solutions, A Scuola di Open Coesione, Associazione Passaggi, Transparency International, Università della Calabria, Convitto Nazionale Domenico Modugno (L'Aquila), I.I.S. L. di Savoia - G. Benincasa (Ancona), I.S.I.S. Lino Zanussi (Pordenone), I.I.S. Via Lentini 78 (Roma), Istituto Tecnico Statale G. Filangieri (Trebisacce), Municipalities - Ancona, Pordenone, Roma - Municipio 6, Trebisacce

Impacts

- 3250 students;
- 122 ATA;
- 5 school leaders;
- 105 SME representatives;
- 100 social workers of the third
- sector (included in the 300 teachers educators) of 5 secondary schools






RIPARTIRE intends to fight educational poverty by increasing civic participation and promoting the direct protagonism of girls and boys, by involving their families, schools, the community and the public and private sectors. All minors have “the right to learn, train, develop skills, competences, cultivate their aspirations and talents”, but in some contexts this is not possible due to the lack of economic and cultural resources, for psychological and social matters or because there are no real opportunities

for direct participation. Through activities and actions aimed at young people and the educating community, the goal is to develop cognitive, relational and social skills, also through the use of technologies that facilitate participatory processes. Among the proposed activities there is the Participatory Budget as a form of direct involvement of students in the operational choices of the school and to educate them about active citizenship.

www.ripartire.info



Launched in May 2020, the project aims to strengthen the role of the school and the educating community in the fight against educational poverty through the promotion of civic and social skills and the experimentation of active citizenship methodologies (online and offline) in 5 schools of 5 territories of Southern Italy. BiPart contributed to the co-planning together with the 7 national partners of one of the participation paths, sharing its know-how on participatory budgets and collaborating in the drafting of guidelines and videotutorials for the training and dissemination of the participation model among students and teachers of secondary schools.

Since September 2020 it has provided for the training and accompaniment of the 5 territorial partners in the writing of the Participation Charters and the creation of the activity plan for the realization of participatory budgets at the schools involved.

Since November 2020 it has been involved in configuring its software platform with the first 4 personalized participatory paths for schools and collected on the project's website.

In 2021 Bipart was involved in dissemination activity on the 5 territories of the projects to spread the Participatory Budgeting's methodology and facilitate the organization of new participatory processes in other school.

PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Mix the Bubbles

From January 2020
to December 2022

Funded by:

EACEA/34/2019 - Erasmus+ programme

Partnership: The Good Lobby Italia, Coglobal,
The Bronislaw Geremek Foundation, The Good
Lobby, Vouliwatch

Through a mix of offline workshops and online interactions, young people from the 3 European countries with the highest percentages of support for sovereign

ideologies (Poland, Greece and Italy) confront and collaborate to change European institutions.

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bubbles

Impacts

- 15 workshops in 3 European countries
- 150 participants
- 60 policy proposals
- 1500 votes



They will do it through a participation process that will lead them to develop European policies and take action for their implementation. The project provides a multi-level participation process, along the lines of a participatory budget but applied to the discussion, definition and choice of European public policies on which then organize advocacy campaigns.

The followed core approach is the implementation of shared-format workshops in the local languages (some minor differences in the delivery due to the COVID situation in the different contexts were all previously calculated by the Workshops' Methodology) and the use of the platform, also translated in

the project's languages. Using a shared format, methodology and platform in different contexts allow to achieve a strong shared practice that can be upscaled and disseminated.

The partners shared good practices for target definition and networking with stakeholders in order to reach the target groups. BiPart, with both the Empaville Game and the Platform aims at providing communities with methodology derived from PBs and e-participation tools to engage with each other and experts in order to support them in informing and influencing policy reforms from the bottom up.

www.mixthebubbles.com



PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Riselda Partecipa

From November 2021
to October 2022

Funded by:

*European Structural and Investment Funds
Operative programme 2014-2020*



**RISELDA
PARTECIPA**

Partnership: *BiPart, Municipality of Milan, Municipio 6, Quartiere Solari - Social Network, Parrocchia di San Vito al Giambellino Chiesa dell'Immacolata Concezione, Chiesa Parrocchiale del Santo Curato d'Ars*

The Quintal Association has launched a project involving some families through events, workshops and meetings that revolve around the theme of waste and proper separate collection. The project is slowly expanding within the Giambellino / Lorenteggio district, with the aim of involving as many people and entities as possible in order to make citizens aware, protagonists of the project, agents of change, activators of commitment and virtuous behavior.

the Riselda project in collaboration with BiPart is part of the development of what has already started in the Solari 40 condominium with the aim of increasing both the participant base within the condominium and that in the neighborhood. In particular, the proposal is structured as follows:

BiPart research and involvement of traders and small businesses wishing to take part in the Riselda project.

riseldapartecipa.bipart.it

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

OIBP Project

From September 2021

Partnership: Interdepartmental Center for Regional Studies "Giorgio Lago" Padua

OIBP

All the academic activity of the founder Stefano Stortone has been transferred to BiPart which has created several training sessions inside and outside the University over the years. BiPart courses are always characterized by an important theoretical introduction followed by a part very rich in case studies and testimonies of concrete experiences, aimed at providing tools to be able to start these paths of democracy independently. On the research front, in 2020 BiPart contributed for the second year to the drafting of the World Atlas on Participatory Budgets, curating the Italy section. Compared to the first edition, BiPart

has activated a series of collaborations with professors, researchers and students of important Italian and foreign universities, to enhance and improve the mapping of participatory budgets within the national territory.

An agreement was signed with the Interdepartmental Center for Regional Studies "Giorgio Lago" Padua researchers and practitioners were involved. This evolution has laid the foundations for the establishment of a National Observatory on Participatory Budgets (OIBP) which is scheduled for 2021.

oibp.bipart.it

CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Dare - Regenerating an urban area through the digital transition

From September 2019
to December 2022

Funded by:

UIA - Urban Innovative Actions

DARE
DIGITALE
REALE

Partnership: Comune di Ravenna, CINECA, ENEA, CHIALAB, FrameLAB Multimedia & Digital Storytelling - Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, EUROCROWD, STUDIOMAPP, CIFLA, CNA Ravenna, Certimac, Legacoopromagna

Through an innovative governance model, based on digital participation, the citizens of the Darsena di Ravenna are called to

become city changers and transform their neighborhood into a vibrant and innovative district.

Impacts

- digital training on Participatory Tools
- engagement of Ravenna Citizens in the urban development of Darsena District by e-democracy tool <https://darsenaravenna.bipart.it/intro>



The project aims to create a digital environment capable of equipping the inhabitants of the Darsena with all the tools to communicate efficiently with the public and private sectors operating in the area. Through multidisciplinary interventions, the increase of digital skills, the use of the platform to co-design participation and engagement processes, the Darsena will become a place where you want to establish and create relationships.

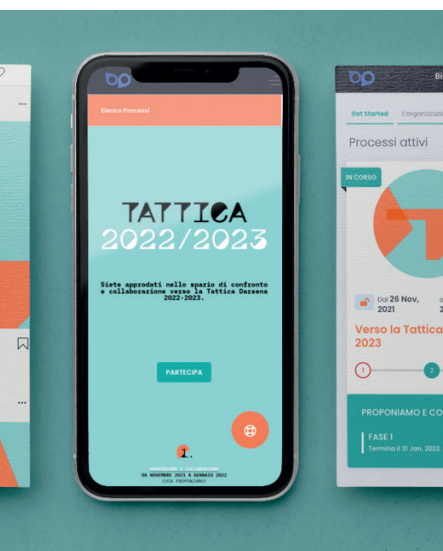
Launched in September 2019 and aimed at the urban regeneration of the Darsena district of Ravenna by promoting digital culture among citizens. For the BiPart project, it made its e-democracy platform available and took care of a graphic restyle

of the tool and an integration of the community management, crowdfunding and e-voting functions authenticated by SPID aimed at the active involvement of citizens. of Ravenna in the choice of city development tactics.

At the same time, she worked on creating an educational kit that can be used online and offline capable of simulating participatory processes open to citizenship through a role-playing game.

The KIT was created and made available to the digital facilitators of the project and will be used in the training workshops of the 80 citizens involved by the Municipality of Ravenna in the digital participation process, which will be held in 2021.

www.darsenaravenna.it



CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

La sostenibilità che include Social farming good practices

From February 2019
to August 2022

Funded by:
Cariplo Foundation



Partnership: Coop Ottolini (Partner), ACLI Pavia (Partner), APOLF (Partner), Coop Balancin (Partner), DSTA/Unipv (Partner), BiPart (Partner)

The objective of the project is the creation of a solidarity economy district based on the multifunctionality of agriculture, replicable and scalable, which brings together farms, social workers, consumers and fragile subjects in a virtuous circle

Impacts

- 18 disadvantaged people looking for job opportunities,
- 10 farms involved
- 2000 citizens engaged



capable of favoring job placement in a way continuous and stable of the latter, protect the agrobiodiversity of the territory and encourage conscious consumption practices. The actions are related to four areas: governance and policy, socio-labor inclusion, protection of local agro-biodiversity and participation. Specifically, the project provides for the rehabilitation of 18 fragile subjects through a professional training course and, for 8 of these, a continuous and stable job placement; the cultivation of 6 ha of land through horticultural varieties and native alimurgic spontaneous plants (protected by a seed banking activity); transformation and resale of products; awareness of conscious consumption practices through a path of

active citizenship.

In 2020 the brand of the social agriculture network was consolidated, a network agreement was created and an ethical path of collaboration between the project partners was built. Bipart has taken care of creating an information point of the network in the area, a real HUB (www.hubvoghera.com) in which to bring together events, training and through a small coworking area to host freelancers and small startups in the area.

Due to COVID, the part of the in-person participation workshops has undergone a downsizing in favor of an online promotion activity that has made it possible to reach and raise awareness of more than 2000 users on the social projects of the network.

www.coltivarevalore.it



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