MUNICIPALITY IS OURS
8 STEPS TO UNDERSTAND MUNICIPALISM

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WHERE IS DEMOCRACY?

Subprimes crisis, austerity, social inequalities, refugees crisis, far right party victories, discrimination, sanitary scandals, corruption, shrinking space for civil society, opacity, ecological collapse, democratic breakdown...

At the international, national and local levels, the context of the last years urges us to address:

- **The Political representation dead-end/crisis**: We must practice democracy beyond elections and consider people at the center of the decision processes.

- **The Ecological, social and democratic urgency**: we must propose a cooperative, feminist and ecological approach in building our villages and cities, and implement public policies in response to urgent needs.
« Municipality is ours » est un Massive Open Online Citizen Course (MOOC), un outil pour diffuser librement et largement des expériences, des outils et des analyses sur la diversité du municipalisme dans le monde et comment il peut être une alternative politique possible et concrète au niveau local en France.

Le MOOC a pour objectifs principaux :

- **A better understanding of municipalism in public debate.** Une campagne dans la débat public en France vers les prochaines élections locales (2020) pour mieux connaître le municipalisme comme une alternative politique concrète.

- **To strengthen local municipalist dynamics in emergence.** Ressources pour les citoyens, les activistes et les experts pour saisir les expériences, les outils, les politiques publiques alternatives venues des initiatives municipalistes internationales, européennes, espagnoles et françaises pour inspirer et amorcer des dynamiques similaires dans leurs propres contextes.

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The courses will deal with several key questions organized around 8 modules:

- **Module 1**: MOOCC presentation: how does it work?

- **Module 2**: What is municipalism, history and definition?

- **Module 3**: What kind of sparks, fertile ground and mobilization strategies?

- **Module 4**: From mobilization to electoral campaign: how to move from the fragmentation of practices and actors to the confluence; and from the social sphere to the political arena?

- **Module 5**: What are the principles, values and process to rebuild confidence in people, in democracy and in institutions at the municipal level?

- **Module 6**: What does it mean to organize a democratic system FROM, FOR and WITH the people?

- **Module 7**: What kind of alternative public policies and results to answer to the urgent social, ecological and democratic issues?

- **Module 8**: How to find solutions and strategies to influence supra-local scales?

**CONTENT**

**EACH MODULE WILL CONTAIN:**

- 1 **pedagogical video** to clarify the topic and stakes

- 3 **testimony videos** each about International, European and/or French experiences

- A "**Toolkit space**" to share methodological or practical tools and/or to connect to network of actors, activists and experts on the theme

- **Additional “video capsules”** will be edited on controversy issues
## STEPS

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<th>October 2018 – March 2019</th>
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| March-June               | Gathering European and French contribu-
|                          | tions from municipalist activists, elec-
|                          | ted people, experts, citizens. After 
|                          | the shooting, videos will be edited, then 
|                          | translated into French, English and, as 
|                          | much as possible, in Spanish. |
| June-December            | MOOCC promotion into a wide and com-
|                          | mon communication campaign that will 
|                          | be launched with a diversity of actors 
|                          | working on alternatives for next local 
|                          | elections in France. The registration 
|                          | to the MOOCC will start the 17th of June. |
| 9th of September to 20th of October | Participants will be invited to follow 6 weeks of courses, i.e. 8 modules, more than 30 videos, 2 public webinars in France and 1 FundAction webinar, local groups and a wide access to resources (pedagogical, experimental, methodological, practical tools, glossary,...) and networks (municipalist, commons, transition, democratic innovators). |
| November                 | A national meeting in Marseille to 
|                          | conclude the training with the MOOCC 
|                          | community |
| December                 | In order to promote a wide access to 
|                          | the experiences and resources still 
|                          | after the end of the MOOCC, videos 
|                          | will be shared online from the CommonsPolis website. |
| Next steps until 2020    | To capitalize on those contents, espe-
|                          | cially on International and European 
|                          | contributions, a version 2 of the MOOCC 
|                          | with an international perspective will 
|                          | be prepared and launched in 2020. |
VALUES

# DIVERSITY

Diversity of experiences: rejecting the idea of a copy-paste model to reproduce, we promote a wide large diversity of municipalist experiences or with similar sensibility.

Diversity of contents: preserving a good balance between analytical and practical contents, and between different medium (videos, practical guide, webinars, etc.)

#INSPIRATION

Motivation: offering a set of practices of change experimented by citizens in France and in Europe.

Inspiration: giving the opportunity for the people to change their “democratic software” and collectively invent solutions for their own contexts.

#OPENING

A collective project: this project is initiated by several organizations and individuals from different backgrounds and contributions to the democratic change.

An open source project: the project will be developed promoting open source tools and the contents will be largely accessible at the end of the training.
activists, inhabitants, members of social organizations gathered around a common goal: «Confronted with democratic, social and ecological issues, we want to support, to contribute and to promote the municipalist movement emergence as a radical political alternative at the local level».

Mouvement Utopia is a French social organization, cooperative of popular education, publishing house and Think Tank. It is a bridge between the social movements, civil society, the political, intellectual, cultural worlds and citizens. The Movement promotes a society project based on solidarity, political ecology and “buen vivir”.

CommonsPolis is a Spanish social organization and a Think and Do tank, set up after a participatory process, involving Spanish municipalist platforms and French transition actors. It aims at reinforcing citizen initiatives which are constitutive to alternatives to the systemic crisis and promote diversity, radical democracy, the commons and respect of human and nature rights.

Since 2016, Mouvement Utopia in partnership with CommonsPolis has been working to develop a municipalist network between Spain and France and to develop the municipalist ecosystem in France, with the support of the Charles Léopod Mayer Foundation (FPH). The MOOC « Municipalism for dummies » is a priority of their partnership for 2019.

The FundAction, as a new participatory fund organized around a community of activists based in Europe to support social movements working towards a transition to a just and equitable world, also supports the MOOCC production and translation in English thanks to a Rethink Grant.