

Decidim — Barcelona's Open-Source Participatory Democracy Platform

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Barcelona City Council built the open-source platform Decidim to run participatory budgeting and planning; its 2016 strategic-plan process drew 40,000+ citizens and 10,860 proposals, and the software now runs civic participation for 150+ governments worldwide.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Ajuntament de Barcelona / Decidim Association \(Metadecidim community\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Decidim Barcelona participatory budget case study](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Democratic Disruption or Continuity? \(Policy & Internet, 2023\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Deliberative Platform Design working paper \(arXiv\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[EPSA case study — European Institute of Public Administration](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

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