What is Decidim?

Decidim is a Free Open-Source participatory democracy platform for cities and organizations. But Decidim is more than a digital platform: it's a common's free and open project and infrastructure involving code, documentation, design, training courses, a legal framework, collaborative interfaces, user and facilitation communities, and a common vision.

Who is currently using Decidim?

It is currently used by cities and organizations worldwide. In fact, any group of people can use it, whether it is an NGO, university, trade union, cooperative, neighbourhood association, etc. Check the complete list of currently active instances.

I have many doubts, of all kinds...where can I ask them or solve them?

The best way to solve your doubts quickly is through the Metadecidim community. Enter now in the process Support Forum and see if your question exists or if it has been answered and otherwise enter to ask questions. If you can't resolve your problem in this space, maybe it's time to contact us through the contact form.

Do you support institutions?

Yes, but you have to be patient. There are a lot of institutions that want to use Decidim right now and we are helping them step by step. Contact us for any question and we will answer you as soon as possible.

What can a Decidim administrator do?

to make a strategic plan? Or discuss new regulations? Or discuss a new square or a public building to achieve the common good? Thanks to Decidim you will be able to configure participation spaces (initiatives, assemblies, processes or consultations) and enrich them through the multiple available components (face-to-face meetings, surveys, proposals, voting, follow-up of results, comments and many more).

What can a participant (user) of Decidim do?

Decidim makes it possible for thousands of people to organize themselves democratically by making proposals, attending public meetings, fostering decision-making discussions, deciding through different forms of voting and monitoring the implementation of decisions.

Do you have a Demo? I want to use Decidim now, without installing it, to see how it works.

Yes, we have an online demo (https://try.decidim.org/).

How often is the platform updated?

We release a new version approximately every month. See the record of versions (https://github.com/decidim/decidim/releases).

What are the differences with Consul Project / Decide Madrid?

There are many differences: features, flexibility, architecture, modularity, etc. We have published a post to try to answer this question.

What is the Social Contract?

Guarantees and Democratic Collaboration. All members of the community must endorse the Social Contract (https://docs.decidim.org/en/develop/understand/social-contract).

What is the Metadecidim community?

Metadecidim is the community of Decidim that collaborates in the design of the platform and the construction of the Decidim project. We meet regularly through the Community Meetings, for issues related to the technological aspects of the platform and the Labs witc are Research oriented meetings. Our annual conference is Decidim Fest. Go to meta.decidim.org to follow the calls closely and if you want to join the community. We'd love to ;-)

Can I join the Metadecidim community even if I don't live in Barcelona?

Of course you can. People do so through participatory processes, debates, translations, etc. that you might find in Metadecidim. Decidim was born in Barcelona and that is why there is a strong territorial bond with this city, but above all, it's a project for the commons.

What kind of members you accept into the Metadecidim community?

Anybody who has good faith and a correct attitude towards democratic collaboration.

What do I need to install Decidim?

Installing Decidim is easy but you need some knowledge and technical requirements. See the documentation for installing Decidim (https://docs.decidim.org/en/develop/install/).

Where can I find the project roadmap and the planned features?

You can find the roadmap of new features of the project at GitHub.

What does it mean that Decidim is for free, "libre" and open source?

Decidim is a platform for citizen participation made by the people and for people. Its source code is open and can be inspected, modified, and enhanced by anyone. The Decidim software is covered by the AGPL license. That means that you can use it, modify it and redistribute derived versions of it as long as you respect the AGPL license.

I have ideas for new improvement features. I want to have a better understanding of the project. What can I do?

You can collaborate in multiple ways. One of them is through the Metadecidim community (http://meta.decidim.org/). If you want to propose new features, go here (https://meta.decidim.org/processes/roadmap). If you have detected errors and want to notify them, go to this process (https://meta.decidim.org/processes/bug-report). If you want to actively participate in the Metadecidim community, you can attend Community Meetings. Register as a participant of the community and participate with us. If your thing is the code, come to Github (https://github.com/decidim/decidim). If you are a researcher, you might be interested in coming to the LAB Metadecidim Seminars (https://github.com/decidim/decidim).

Is there any tutorial to start setting it up?

You can check the latest version of our admin manual in the Documentation section (https://docs.decidim.org/en/v0.30/index.html).

What is the Decidim Association?	The "Asociacion de Software Libre Decidim" (The Decidim Free Software Association) is a democratic association for the governance of the Decidim community (https://meta.decidim.org/processes/decidim-gov/f/959/meetings/1169). It was founded on February 16, 2019 in an extraordinary assembly of the community, with the approval of the organization statutes.
How can I get more information about the Decidim Association?	In the general assembly of the Decidim Association (https://meta.decidim.org/assemblies/general-assembly-association) you can find more info abous us, follow the activity of the meetings and check relevant information (statutes, legal agreements, the internal regulations)
How can I become a member of the Decidim Association?	Now the people involved in the project can be partners. Here we explain in detail how you have to do it (https://meta.decidim.org/assemblies/QuieroSerSocia?locale=es).
I want to fund the project. How can I proceed?	Yes you can! Decidim is a non profit project and for the moment it depends completely on funding. Please find all details to fund the project at OpenCollective (https://opencollective.com/decidim)
We want to make a formal collaboration agreement. Are there any templates we can use?	Yes, we have templates to formalize collaboration agreements. Please contact us(https://decidim.org/contact/).
What is Decidim's trademark policy?	Decidim and the Decidim logo are registered by the Association, they cannot be used as a commercial product nor cannot be sold. If used, the credit has to be referenced to the project. You can read more about this in our Trademark policy (https://decidim.org/trademark-policy/).