#### What is Code for Europe?

Code for Europe strives to solve local civic challenges, by enabling agile temporary teams of developers to create solutions that are easily reusable in other European cities. Our cities need to become smarter and the public sector needs to make use of innovation to stav ahead and create sustainable solutions to civic challenges. By partnering technology experts with city halls we hope to create a code for Europe; using technology and open data to make our cities more efficient and sustainable.

#### What is our aim?

We are on a guest to help European cities become smart. We promote the release of open data and the sharing of existing code in participating cities. By placing developers at the heart of city halls we enable cities and authorities to become more skilled in technological, user-driven innovation and bring new approaches to how to tackle civic problems.



Programming with citizens, Amsterdam 2013



## Who is involved?

- Code for Europe is overseen by a taskforce, made up of key representatives from the different partner organisations, they are in charge of coordinating the Code for Europe activities.
- The partner organisations themselves offer ongoing support to fellow hosts.
- Cities and authorities identify civic challenges, host fellows and provide access to relevant data and experts
- Finally the fellows create interoperable solutions and become an agent of change for cities and authorities.

### Why should you get involved?

In order to survive and thrive in an increasingly tech dominated world it is essential that our cities become smarter:

- Cities and authorities need to innovate to solve the civic challenges that they face.
- Code for Europe removes the barriers that city halls face in integrating innovative technological solutions into their work processes.
- Solutions are shared across the Code for Europe network and the Europe Commons platform for sharing civic apps.
- Cities can work together to pool resources and share best practice.

"I believe in the concept of Code for Europe, I think IT can broad[en] our scope to find solutions for social issues". Anne-Jan Zieleman. Amsterdam

"By being part of Code for Europe, we have the opportunity to experience a new perspective, make new contacts and test a collaborative way of working." Boris Gliesmann, Ethnological Museum of Berlin

"We have been satisfied with the results of the project: the Code Fellows have delivered concrete outcomes in a short period of time." Markku Raitio, IT Director, City of Helsinki

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## **Partners:**





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## Join the network of cities!

These Cities and authorities are actively involved in the Code for Europe initiative:

Amsterdam Barcelona Berlin Clackmannanshire Edinburgh

Aberdeen Helsinki Manchester Rome

East Lothian

#### How to join?

If you are interested in joining the Code for Europe network please contact us on info@codeforeurope.net

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