



Citizens' Assembly

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Paris Citizens' Assembly

History and objectives of the Citizens' Assembly

The Citizens' Assembly is a "citizen, deliberative and permanent council [...] its role is to enable citizens to participate directly in the development of public decisions in the City of Paris" (Internal Regulations of the AC)

To do this, the Citizens' Assembly can:

- **Ensure citizen monitoring** : make the voice of Parisians heard
- **Explore public action** : decipher and evaluate municipal projects or policies
- **Develop a vow and/or a citizen deliberation** : influence the public decision with the possibility of expressing vows or a citizen deliberation in the Paris Council.

The Citizens' Assembly also has a "**right to follow-up**" which allows it to monitor the progress of the implementation of its recommendations.

The composition of the Citizens' Assembly

The Citizens' Assembly is made up of **100 citizens, aged at least 16 and living in Paris.**

- **80 people are from the municipal electoral rolls (French nationality and European citizenship):**
 - *10,000 people, drawn by lot, receive a letter informing them that they have been " pre-drawn ."* Those interested must then fill out a questionnaire, through which a second weighted draw of 80 citizens is carried out.
 - *The weighting aims to constitute a group representative of Parisian demographics in terms **of age, gender, level of education, and district** (including a quota for working-class neighborhoods).*
- **15 people are drawn by lot following a call for applications from citizens of countries outside the European Union.**
- **5 people aged 16-17:**
 - *500 young citizens are randomly selected from among [Citizen Card holders](#) and contacted by email. Five interested individuals who also complete an information form are randomly selected.*

The composition of the Citizens' Assembly

Members of the Citizens' Assembly are financially compensated for their participation. The amount of this compensation is based on that of citizen jury, i.e. approximately **€50 per half-day/workshop**.
(annual revaluation)

Members are also invited to follow training courses offered by the City to help them in their mandate :

- Public speaking
- Finding your place in a participatory process

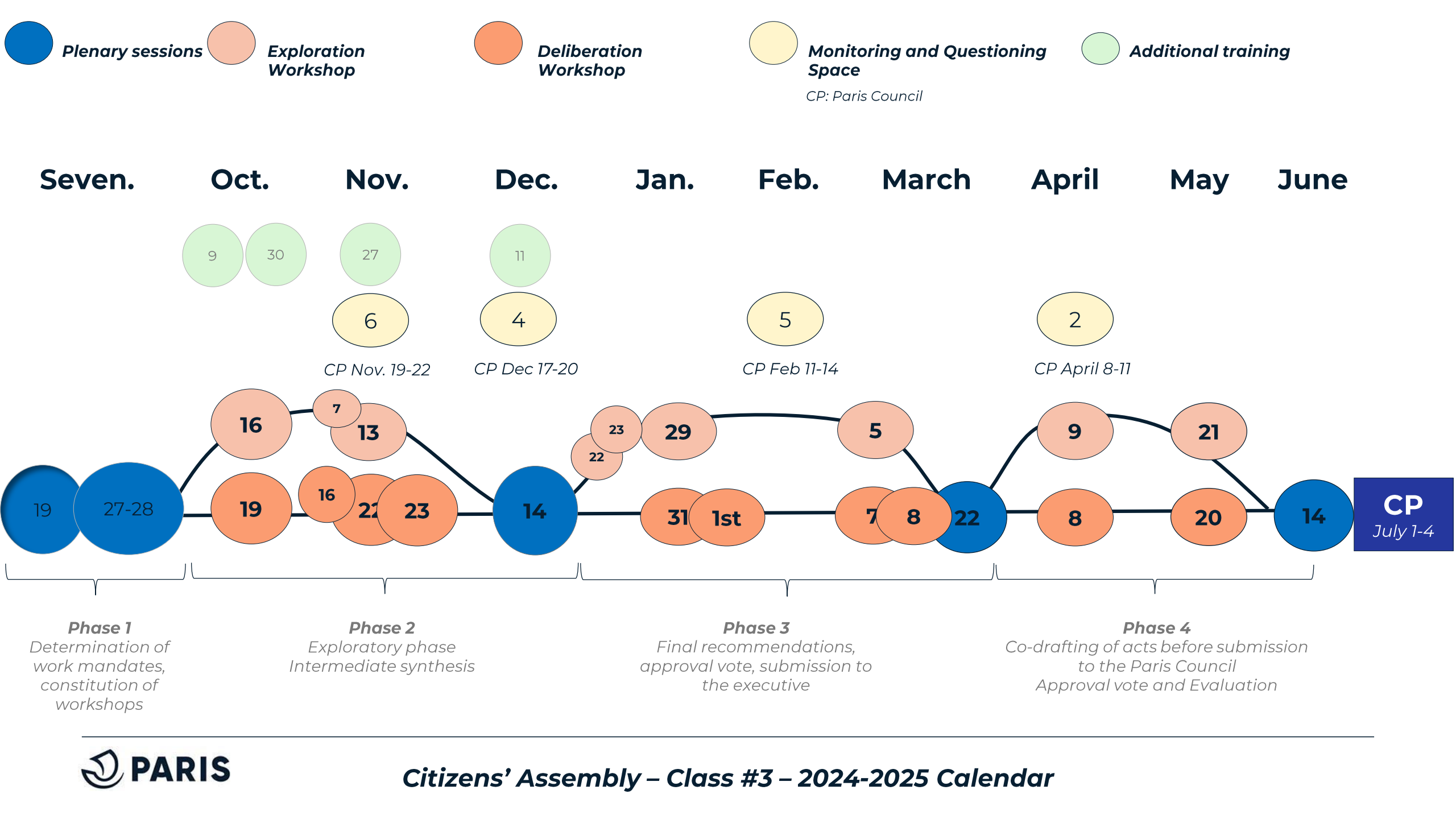


How the Citizens' Assembly works

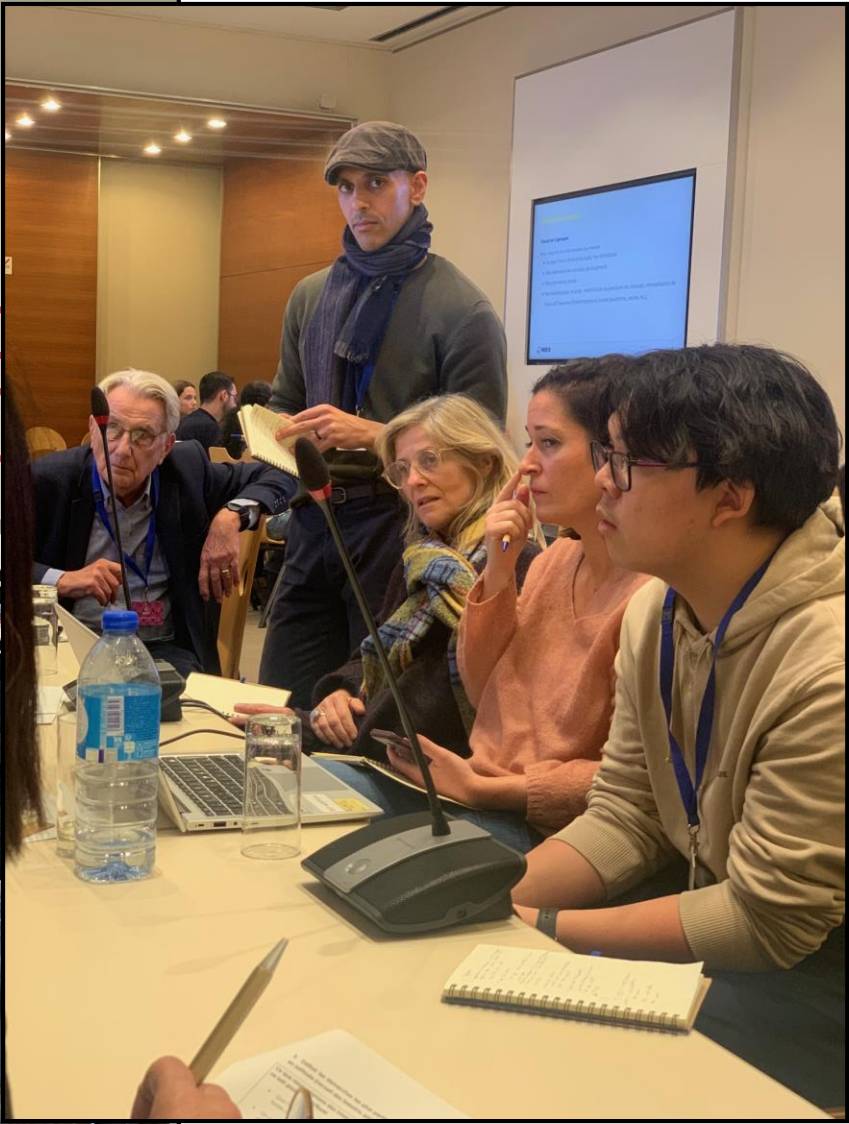
The Citizens' Assembly is divided into two workshops and an open space.

- **The "Deliberation" workshop** focuses on a topic chosen by members from a list proposed by the Mayor. Their working sessions, 4-5 per year, take place on Friday evenings and all day Saturday. Their work culminates in a deliberation submitted to the Paris City Council for a vote.
- **The "Exploration" workshop** chooses its own topic of work, from among themes that fall within the competences of the City of Paris. Their working sessions, 4-5 per year group and lasting 3 hours, take place on weekday evenings. Their work culminates in a vow proposal, which is put to the Paris Council for a vote.
- **The "Monitoring and Questioning" space** takes place before Paris Council meetings and allows members to interact with elected officials of the Paris Council in a more informal format. This space is open to all members at all times, without registration.
 - *New development: in 2024, the Space was opened to all participatory councils of the City of Paris.*

The members of the three groups meet, four times per year, in plenary assembly to discuss their work and collectively validate the recommendations.







Work carried out by the Citizens' Assembly: First class (2021-23)

In 2021-23, the members of the Citizens' Assembly worked on three different subjects, chosen by self-referral, and produced a vow for each (the operation was revised for the 2nd ^{promotion}):

- **The Paris Reading Plan** : the aim was to renew the agreement between the Rectorate and the City of Paris, to facilitate learning to read for children ([see the vow here](#)).
- **Energy renovation of private buildings** : to respond to the climate emergency, members wanted to convince private owners to carry out thermal renovations of their properties ([see the vow here](#)).
- **The “Street Code”** : to adapte to the arrival of new forms of mobility, and to guarantee equal access to public space, the members have proposed different rules (regarding terraces, public transport, soft mobility...) ([see the vow here](#))

For a brief summary of the journey of this first promotion:

→ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxwP8fi_Bxc&t=106s

→ <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-tout-savoir-sur-la-1ere-promo-25060>

Work carried out by the Citizens' Assembly: Second promotion (2023-24)

In 2022-24, members of the Citizens' Assembly worked on two topics:

- The "Deliberation" group worked on the subject of **homeless people**, with the aim of " **identifying the levers and conditions necessary to permanently and unconditionally get people off the streets.**" Their work resulted in [a citizens' deliberation](#), voted on by the Paris Council in July 2024.
- The "Exploration" group has taken up the subject of greening Paris, working on the **concept of "Streets as gardens", of which a 100 are planned** for the coming years. Their work resulted in [a citizen's vow](#), voted on by the Paris Council in July 2024.

To learn more and watch videos about the second promotion:

→ <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-de-paris-la-deuxieme-promotion-est-lancee-25055>

Work carried out: Third promotion (2024-25)

The 3rd class of the Citizens' Assembly was launched in September 2024, with the aim of completing its work by July 2025.

At the end of the determination phase, the following subjects were retained:

- **Deliberation workshop: “New powers to decide,”** a topic focused on participatory democracy. [Read the deliberation.](#)
- **Exploration Workshop: "Loneliness,"** a topic for reflection and work on ways to combat loneliness and isolation in Paris. [Read the vow.](#)

To learn more about the 3rd promotion:

→ <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-de-paris-une-troisieme-promotion-au-coeur-de-la-fabrique-de-l-action-publique-29056>

The “right to follow-up”

Each promotion of the Citizens' Assembly benefits from a **“right to follow-up”** which allows them to monitor the implementation of their recommendations by the City of Paris.

It takes the form of public meetings, organized regularly, bringing together members of past Assemblies, civil servants and relevant elected officials to review, one by one, the recommendations formulated by the Citizens' Assembly.

A document detailing the measures and compiling the responses from the City of Paris allows everyone to follow the progress.

Consult the dedicated page:

→ <https://www.paris.fr/pages/le-droit-de-suite-garantie-de-l-impact-de-l-assemblee-citoyenne-29054>

Consult the “Right to follow-up” document from the first promotion here:

→ https://cdn.paris.fr/paris/2024/09/24/ac-p-1_droit-de-suite_suivi-des-recommandations-mars-2024-y0bL.pdf

To find out more:

Paris.fr pages about the Citizens' Assembly:

- General page: <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-20187>
- First promotion page: <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-tout-savoir-sur-la-1ere-promo-25060>
- Page of the second promotion: <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-de-paris-la-deuxieme-promotion-est-lancee-25055>
- Page of the third promotion: <https://www.paris.fr/pages/assemblee-citoyenne-de-paris-une-troisieme-promotion-au-coeur-de-la-fabrique-de-l-action-publique-29056>
- Page on the “right to follow-up”: <https://www.paris.fr/pages/le-droit-de-suite-garantie-de-l-impact-de-l-assemblee-citoyenne-29054>

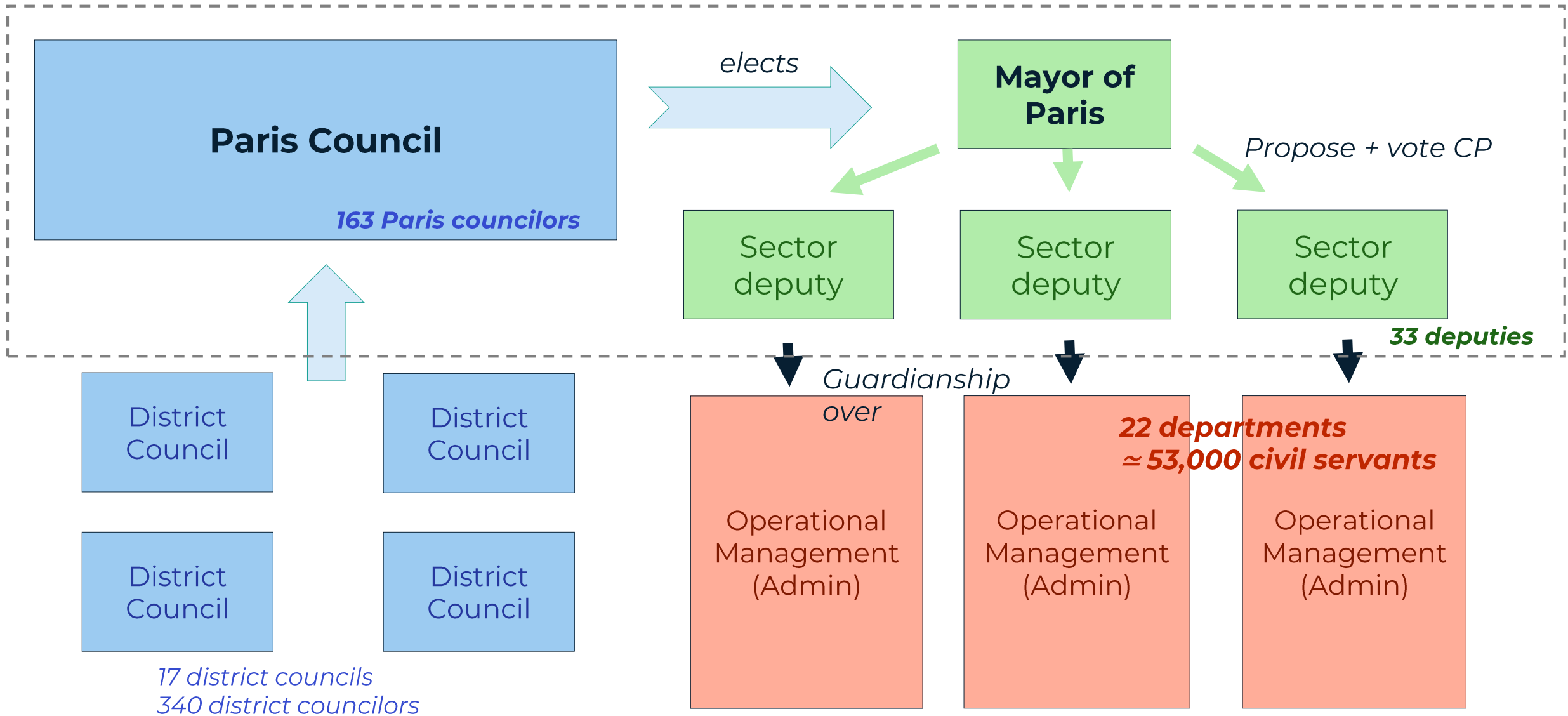
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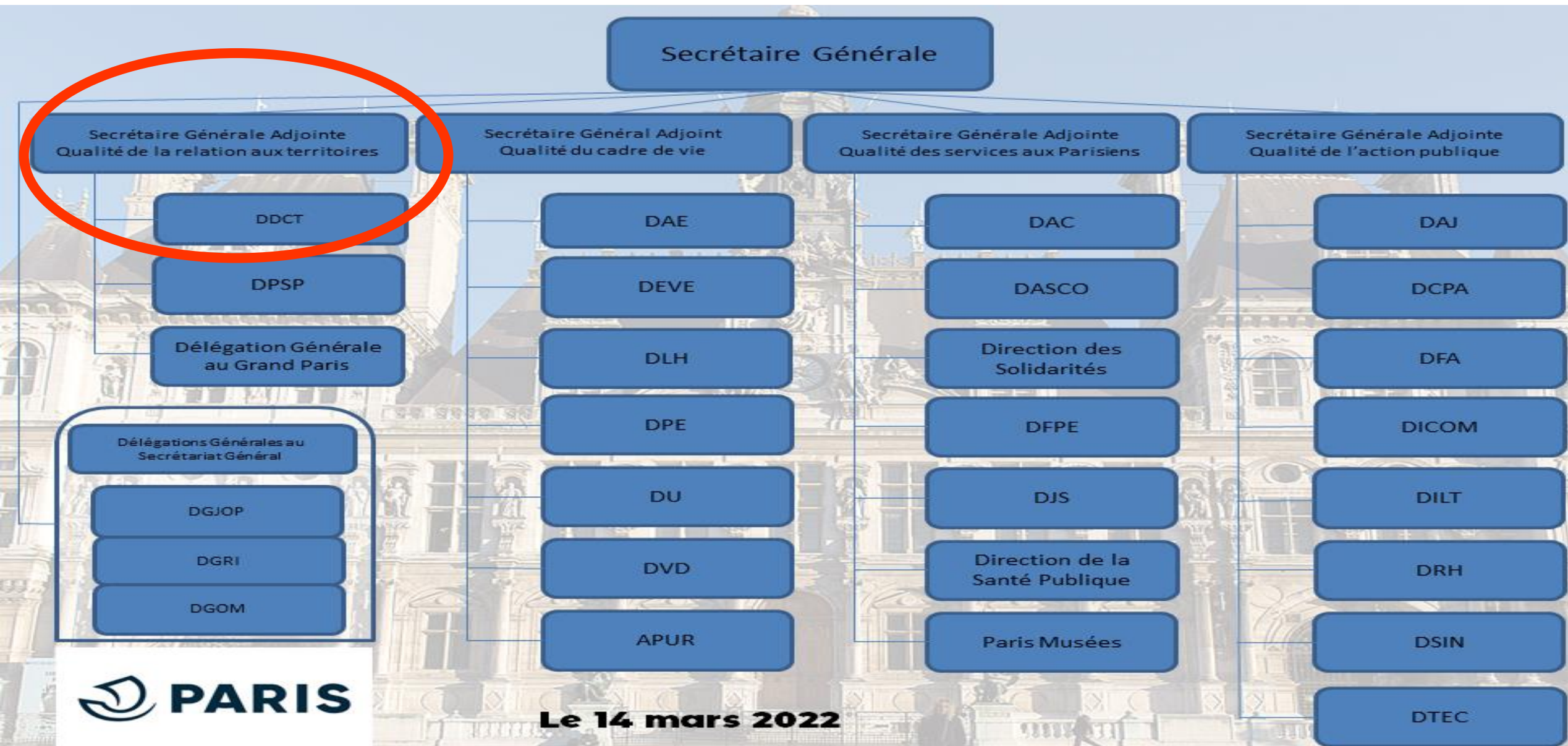
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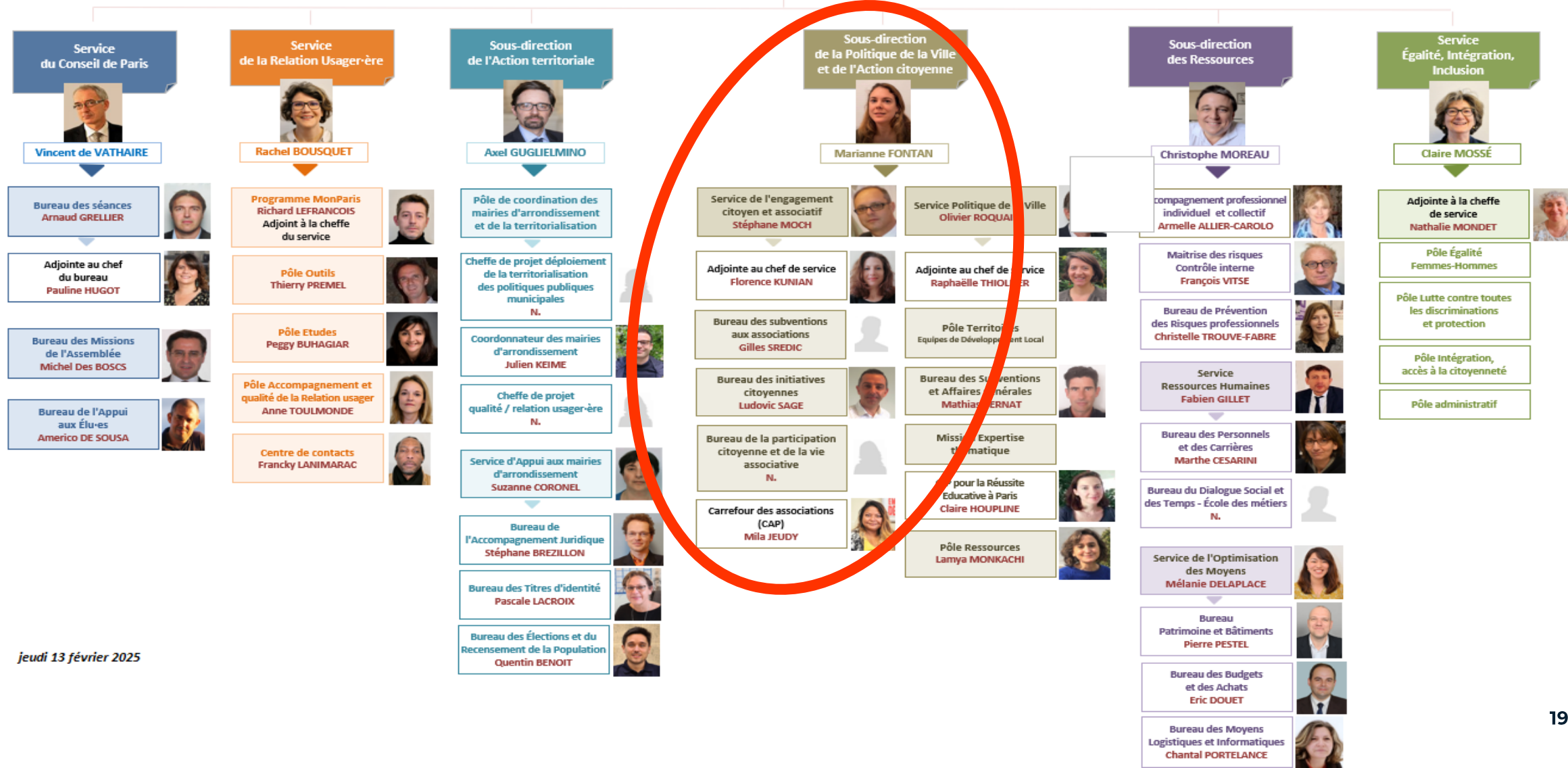
Politics and organization of participatory democracy and citizen engagement in Paris

Elections and General Organizational Chart of the City of Paris



Organizational chart of the City of Paris







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Citizen participation at the Parisian and local level

1

Effective right to participation

Guarantee an effective right to participation and civic engagement for all Parisians, without conditions

2

A co-construction at each step

Allowing Parisians to participate in the development of public policies for the City of Paris, at every stage – from their design to their evaluation

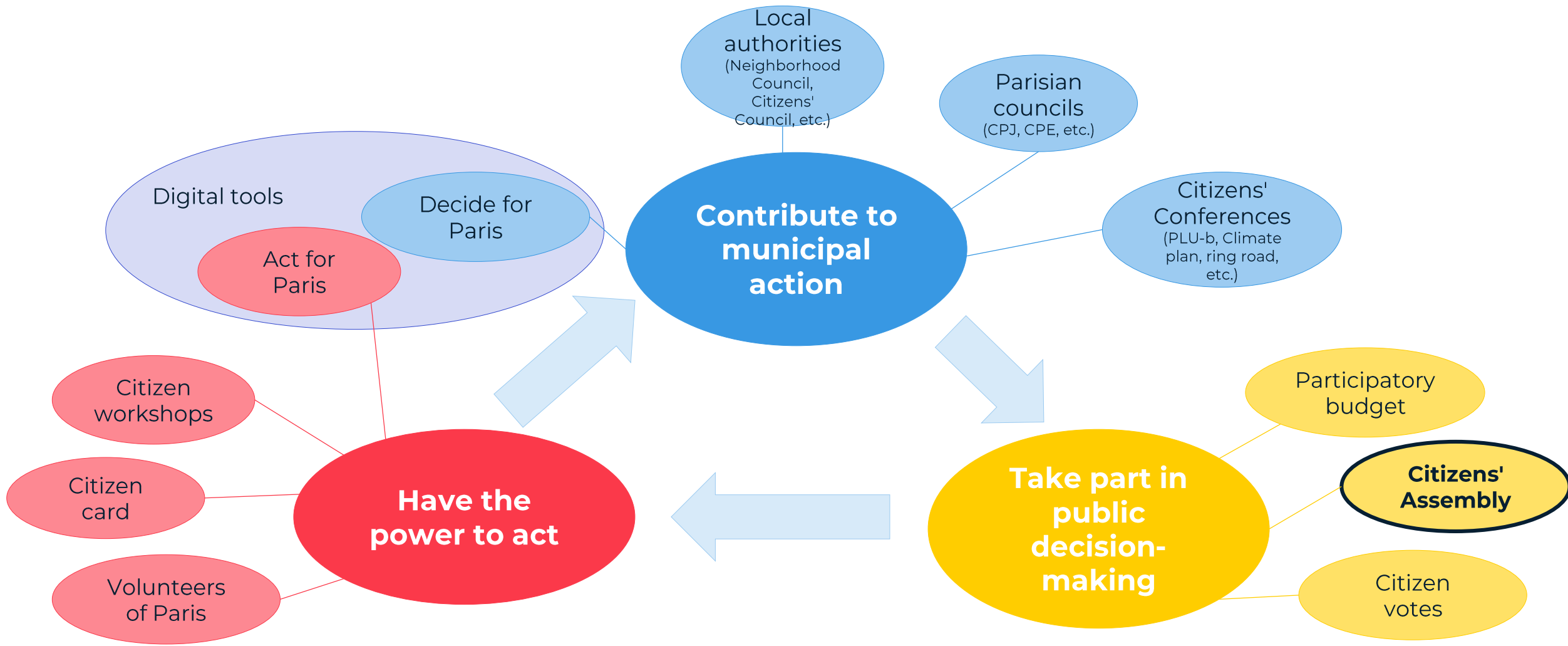
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Include everyone

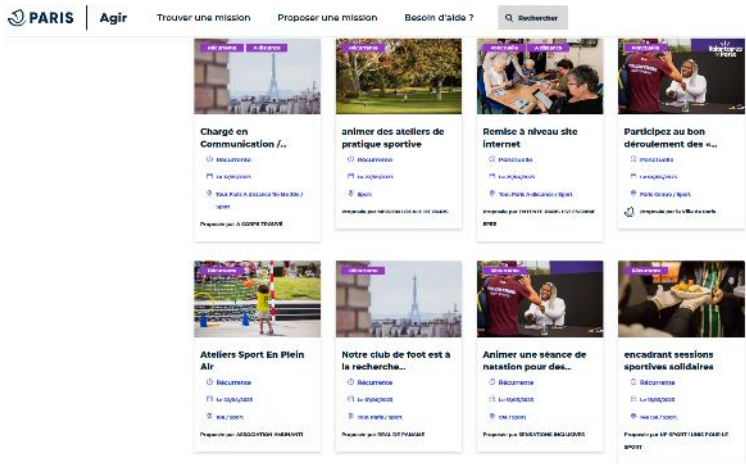
Collecting the voices of the most distant and invisible audiences in terms of participation and civic engagement

The main pillars of citizen participation in Paris

Some examples of devices and instances



Some major projects of this mandate



Facilitating decision-making and action via **digital platforms:**
“Decide for Paris”
“Act for Paris”



Establish and maintain the Paris **Citizens' Assembly**

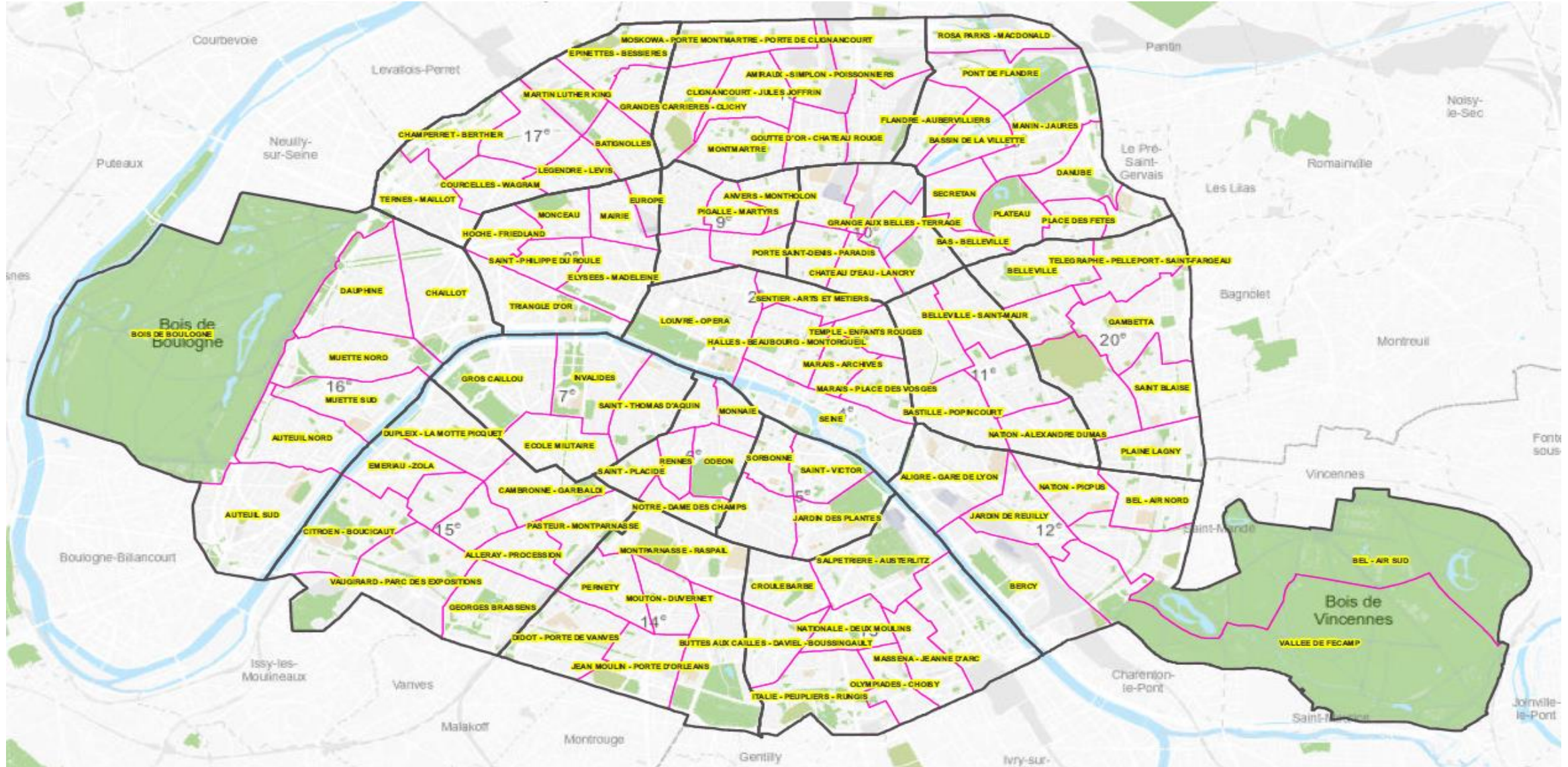


Consult all Parisians by experimenting with **citizen voting**

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**Citizen contribution to municipal
action**

117 Neighborhood Councils



Beautify your neighborhood: a new method to transform Paris



The "Beautify your neighborhood" approach allows all the transformations of a neighborhood to be concentrated over the same period and allows for better organization of work in the streets of Paris.

At the Parisian level

❖ The Paris Youth Council (2003)

- 👥 50 women and 50 men between 15 and 30 years old
- 🎯 Involve young people in the development of community policies to better take into account their expectations and needs
- ⚙️ Referred to by the Mayor of Paris and self-referral, hearing of various stakeholders and issuing of opinions, proposals and recommendations, one wish per year to the Paris Council

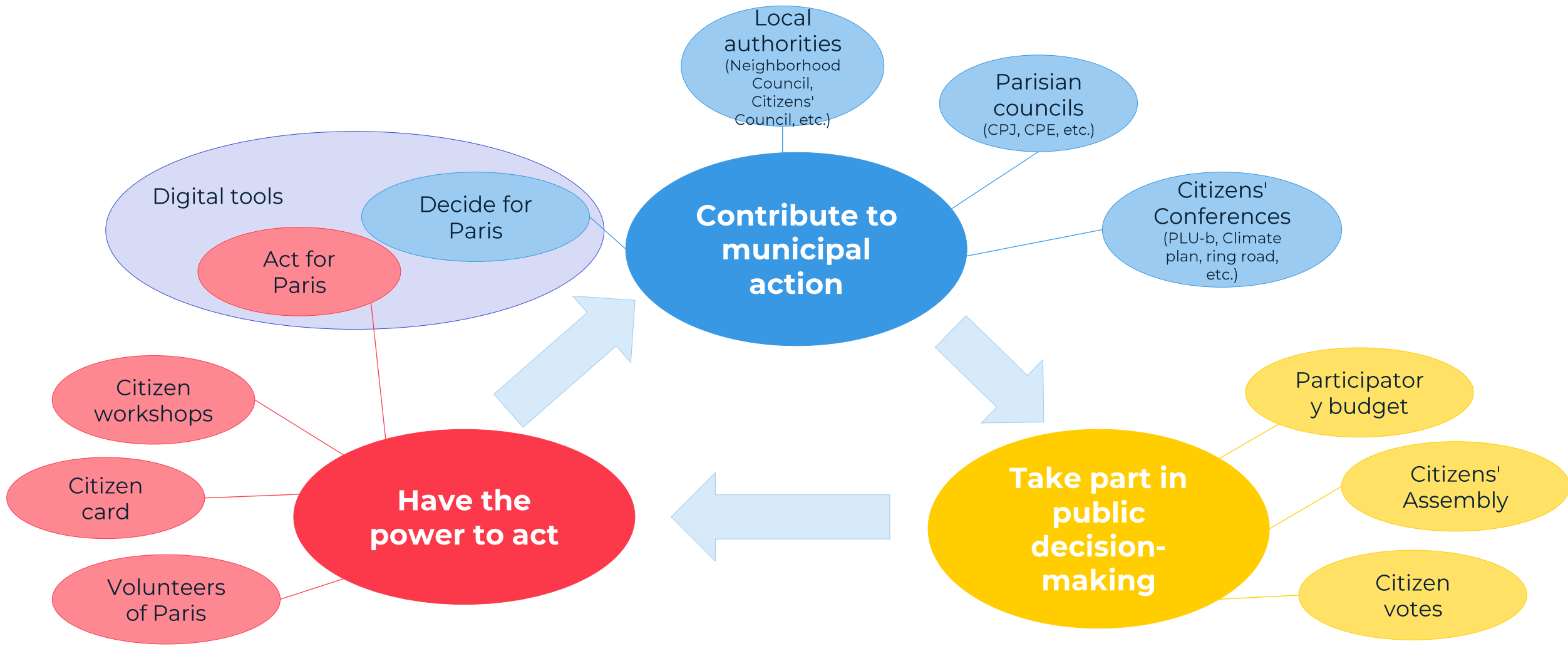


❖ The Paris Council of Europeans (2018)

- 👥 61 citizens with European citizenship and a strong link with Paris
- 🎯 Inform the municipality in its decisions on European and international issues
- ⚙️ Proposal of opinions and recommendations to elected officials of the City of Paris, capacity for self-referral and formulation of proposals, one wish per year to the Paris Council

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Have the power to act

271 missions à mener

Je veux agir pour...

Mot clé



Thématique



Où ?

Lieux



Volontaires
de Paris

#Ponctuelle

#Récurrente

#A distance

Liste

Carte

Récurrente



Je réalise des actions de soutien scolaire avec...

🕒 Récurrente

📅 Le 30/09/2024

📍 Education

Proposée par ESPACE 19

Soyez le premier à agir !

Ponctuelle



Participer au 22e Festival du livre et de l...

🕒 Ponctuelle

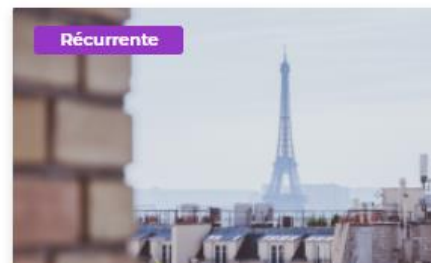
📅 Le 04/10/2024

📍 Environnement

Proposée par Festival du livre et de

la presse d'écologie

Récurrente



Aide au devoir

🕒 Récurrente

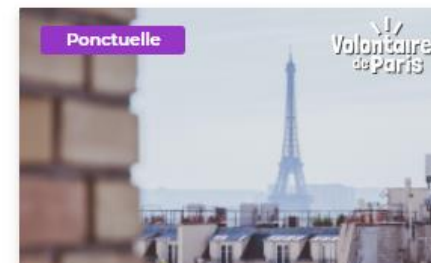
📅 Le 21/09/2024

📍 Education

Proposée par FEMME DE COEUR

Soyez le premier à agir !

Ponctuelle



Participez à l'organisation de la...

🕒 Ponctuelle

📅 Le 06/10/2024

📍 Solidarité

👤 Proposée par la Ville de Paris

Déjà 11 / 40 participant(s) !



**Volontaires
de Paris**



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NUIT DE LA SOLIDARITE 2025

Merci pour votre
mobilisation !



Act for Paris

Le programme



Balade guidée

Le lac des Minimes

JEUDI 19 SEPTEMBRE



Visite

Un après-midi découverte : Renzo Piano - Paris

JEUDI 19 SEPTEMBRE



Balade

Balade guidée « Les fortifications de Thiers »

SAMEDI 21 SEPTEMBRE



CONFÉRENCE

Conférence « Les fortifications de



Atelier

Patrimoine des itinéraires, réseaux



Balade guidée

Découvrir le Parc Monceau

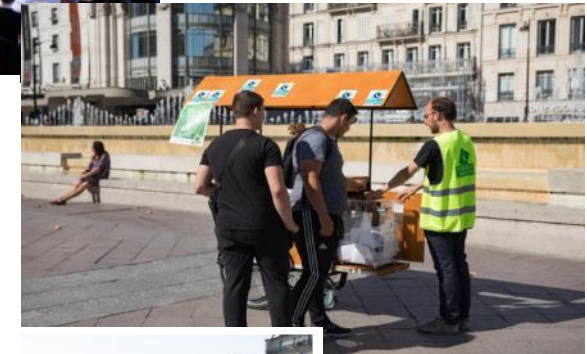
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Parisian participatory budget

Take part in public decision-making

❖ The Participatory Budget (2014)

- Improving public policies by mobilizing citizens' user expertise: giving part of the city's budget to realize their ideas
 - co -construction workshops and calls for ideation projects in working-class neighborhoods
 - School of Democracy: Discover how a municipality works, how public policy is created, etc.
 - Within the City of Paris: Allows for the decompartmentalization of work between services, greater transversality
- ⚙️ 2 levels: “All of Paris” Projects and District Projects, majority judgment voting, digital voting (Decide for Paris) or via ballot boxes, existence of mobile ballot boxes to be closer to Parisians

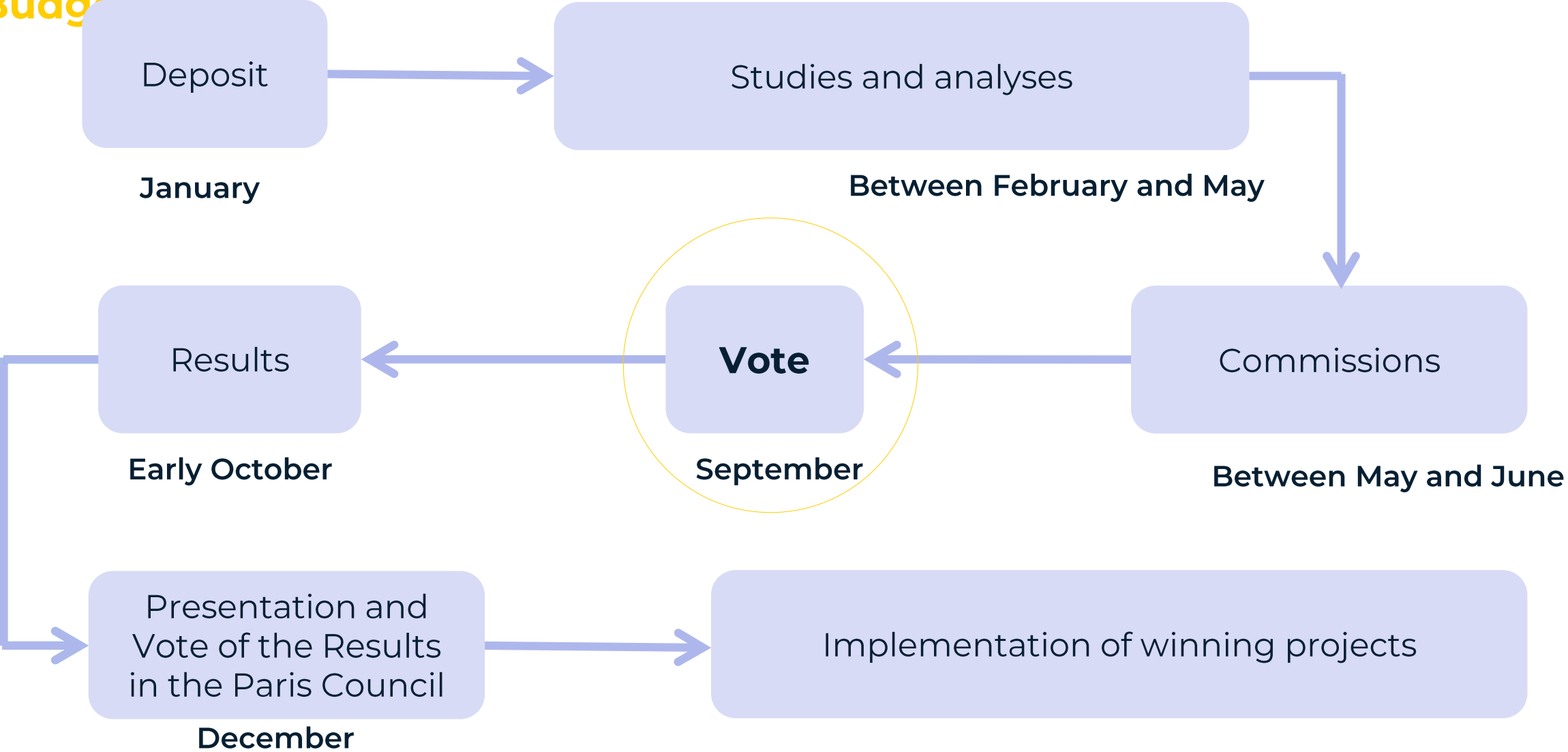


Participatory Budgeting in Paris since 2014



- ❖ **23,912 ideas submitted**
- ❖ **1,345 projects voted on** , including **372 in working-class neighborhoods** (Qpop)
- ❖ **€769 million** of investments decided by residents, including **€262 million in Qpop**
- ❖ **And more than 3,530 projects completed**

From submission to voting on projects: the different phases of the Participatory Budget



The rules of the Participatory Budget

Rule No. 1: Admissibility criteria

5 admissibility criteria:

- Be in the **general interest**
- Entering the area of **jurisdiction** of the City of Paris
- Be submitted by **a Parisian** aged 7 or over: individually or collectively, regardless of nationality
- Constitute an **investment expenditure** , without generating excessive operating expenses for the City of Paris
- No heavy development of public spaces



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