



## **Mijn Borne 2030 - joint vision: EPSA2011254**

*Submitted by Municipality of Borne*



# Strengths of the project (I)



- A remarkable example of collaborative governance and delegated democracy: the civil society and citizenry are involved in the process of preparation and adoption of the 2030 Strategy for the Future of the city.
- Providing a platform and forum to the civil society and the local business community, which can be used without any interference is a radical and **innovative** approach in terms of participation.
- It is of demonstrated **high public concern** to improve cohesion and trust in order to promote social stability and protect the democratic society by involving citizens in the conception of future major policy orientations and empowering them to become actors of their common future.



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- One **notable feature** of this project was the genuine nature of the choice of different strategic visions offered by the municipality. This was done via a civic referendum, in which the opportunity to vote was also extended to anyone aged 15 or over, thus engaging the next generation of voters in a process which will impact on their lives.
- Implementation and results show procedural and quantitative results that have been achieved. It is evident that the project has valuable benefits and **impacts** in the municipality.
- This best practice of collaborative democracy has a high potential for successful **replication** by other local or even regional governments adopting similar perspectives on the future of democracy. The project can provide a valuable role model for other governments initiating work on modernisation strategies.



# Weaknesses and Room for Improvement



- **Sustainability** is not the strongest point of this application. Such strategic plans are not designed and adopted each year, and managing participative democracy processes like this one is a heavy task. The risk that all this remains a "one-shot" experience does exist.

