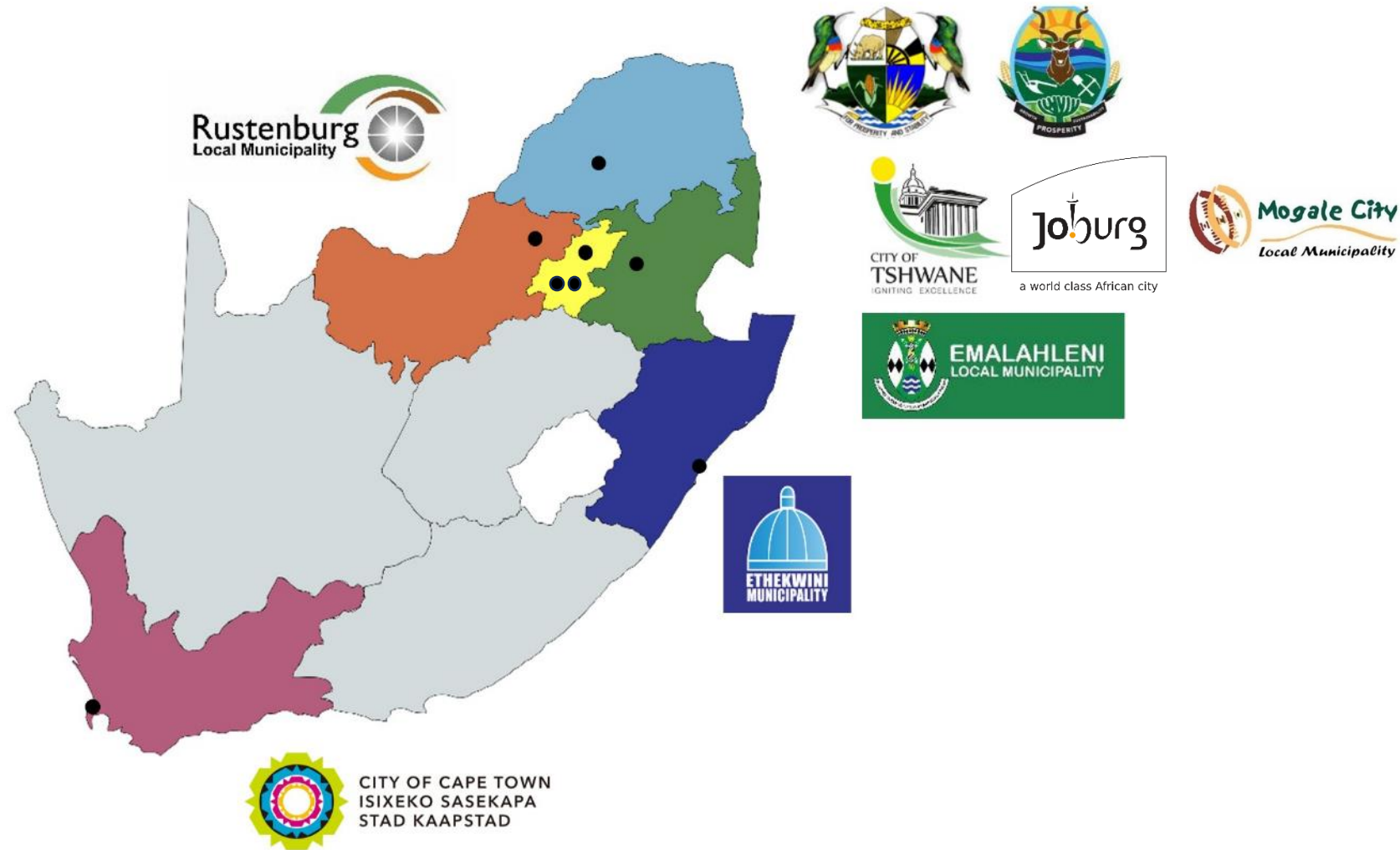


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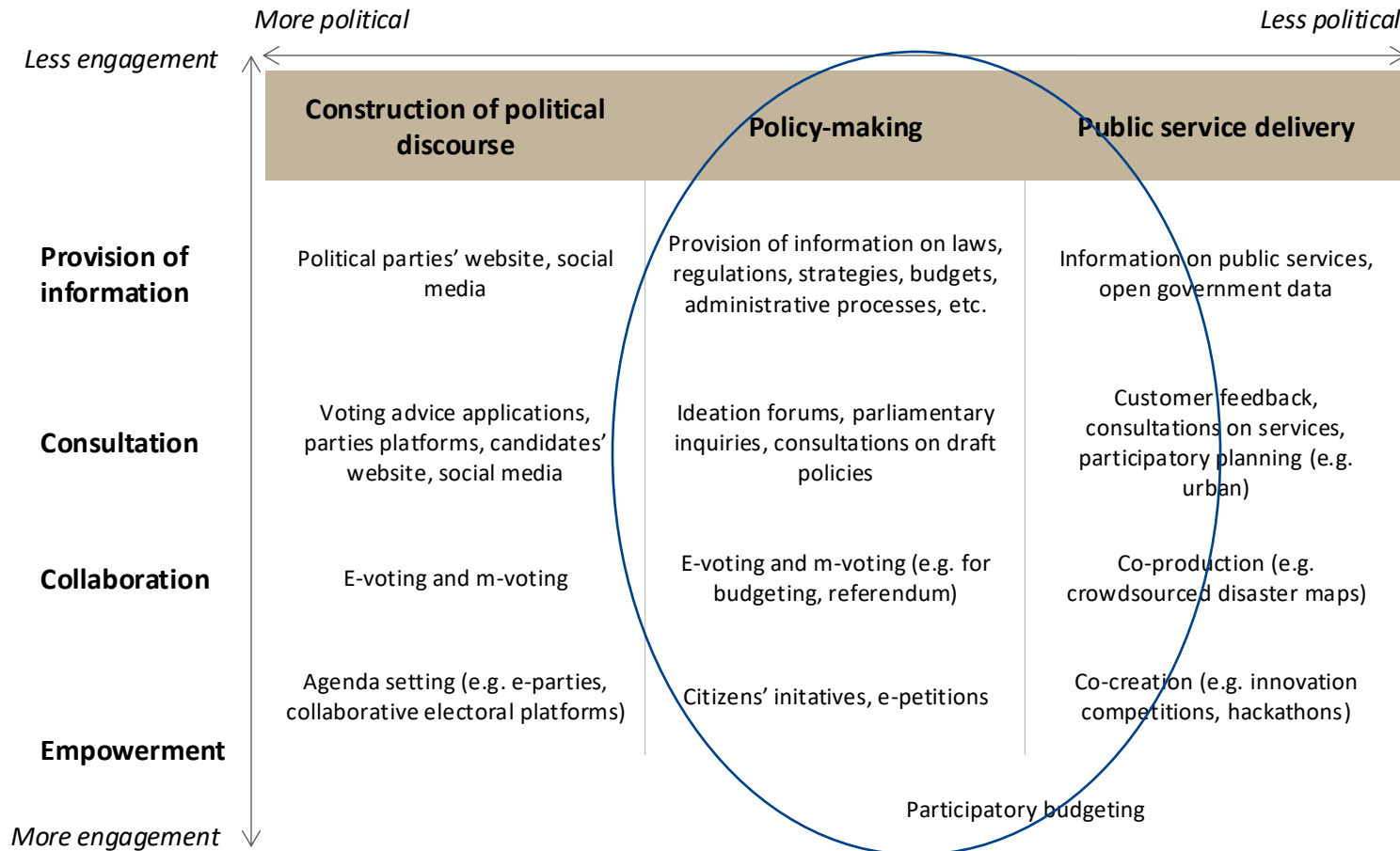
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'e-Participation' pilot projects in municipalities

- Viability and Validation of Innovations for Service Delivery Programme (VVISDP): EU-funded, managed by Department of Science, Technology & Innovation (DSTI)
- Project 5 of VVISDP: e-Participation and Policy Modelling Platform for South Africa (ePPMOSA)
- Aims to:
 - Understanding how municipalities want to enhance public participation
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 - Support peer-learning amongst municipality practitioners and researchers



e-Participation in policy/ planning as focus



UN DESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs). (2020). UN e-Government Survey 2020. <https://publicadministration.un.org/en/Research/UN-e-Government-Surveys>

Drawing on diverse expertise

South African civil society and civic tech networks, platforms and capabilities



Government experience and expertise with (e-) participation and policy formulation

International projects, technologies and methodologies



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TABLING OF 2024/2025 DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) AND ANNUAL BUDGET

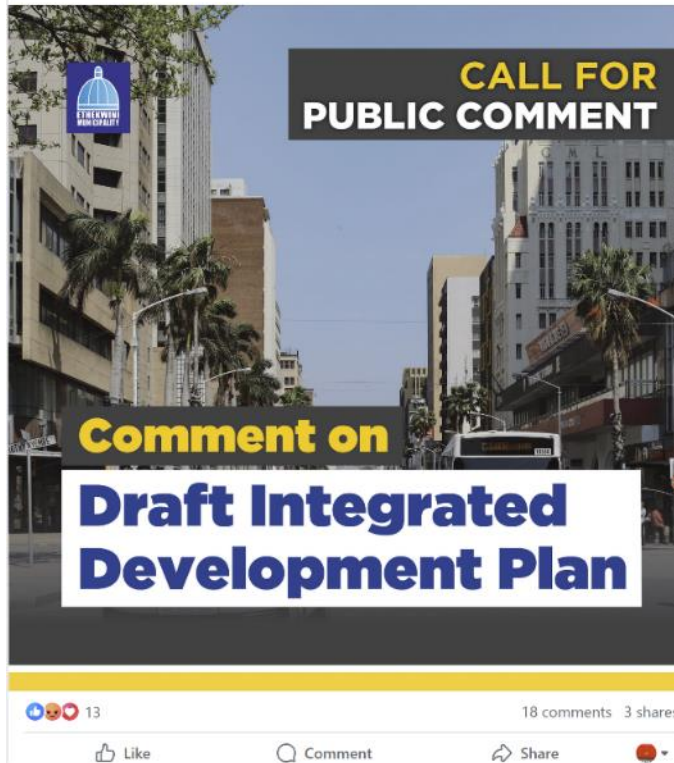
A public notice is hereby given in terms of the Section 21(A) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, (Act No. 32 of 2000) that the 2024/25 Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Annual Budget was tabled at the Mogale City Local Municipality (MCLM) Council meeting held on Tuesday, 26 March 2024.

Copies are available on the municipal website and all MCLM libraries. All members of the public are invited to inspect the draft IDP and Budget for the 21 days period from Thursday, 11 April 2024 to Friday, 26 April 2024.

All comments must be forwarded to: idp@mogalecity.gov.za, MCLM comments box at Libraries or MCLM WhatsApp number: 083 787 2814 on or before 26 April 2024.

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Submit your comments from 2 October – 31 October 2023.

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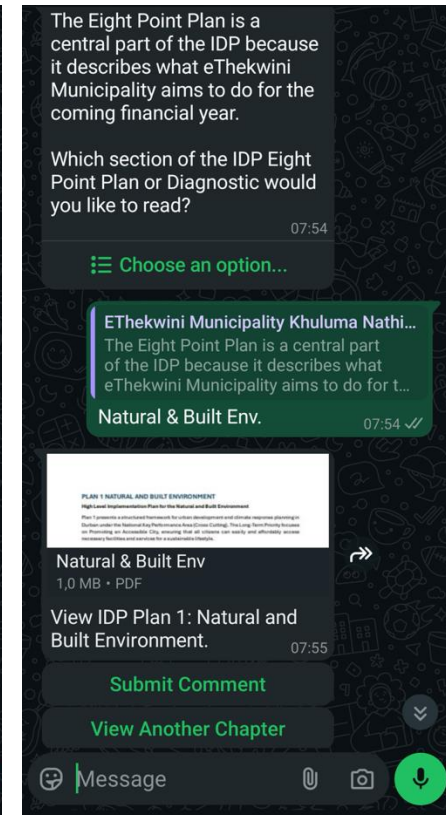
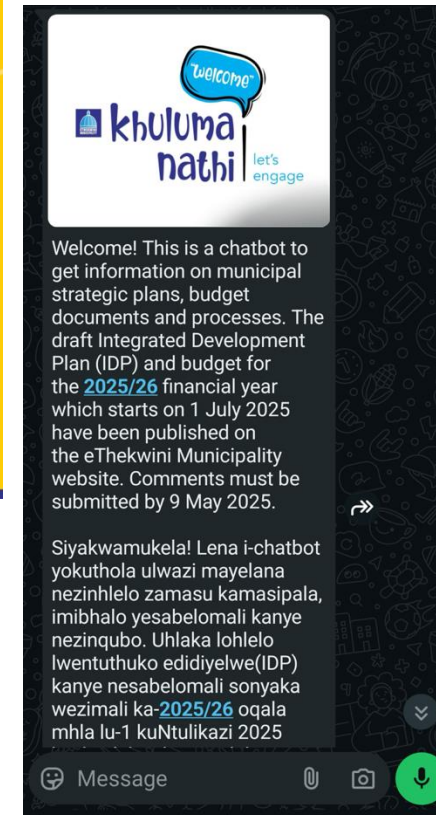
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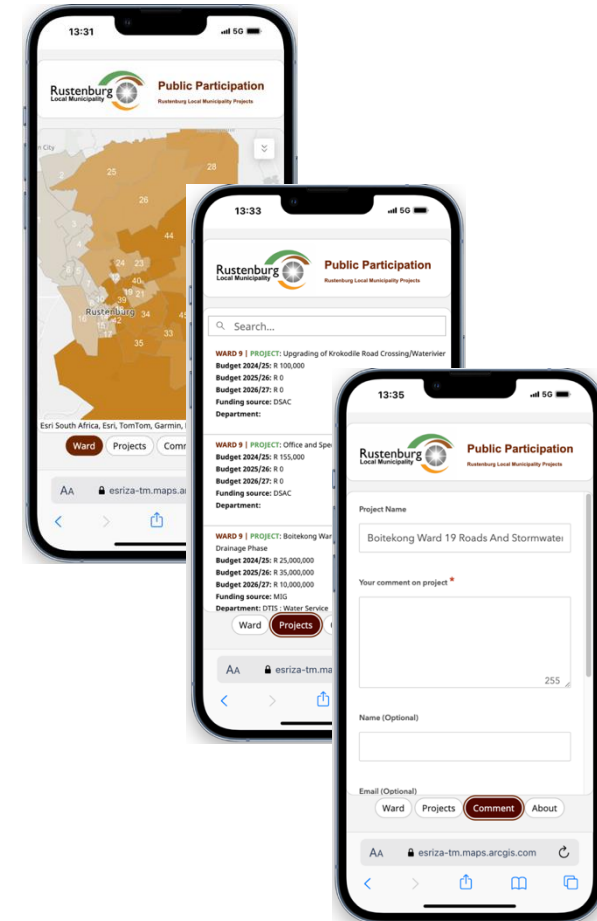
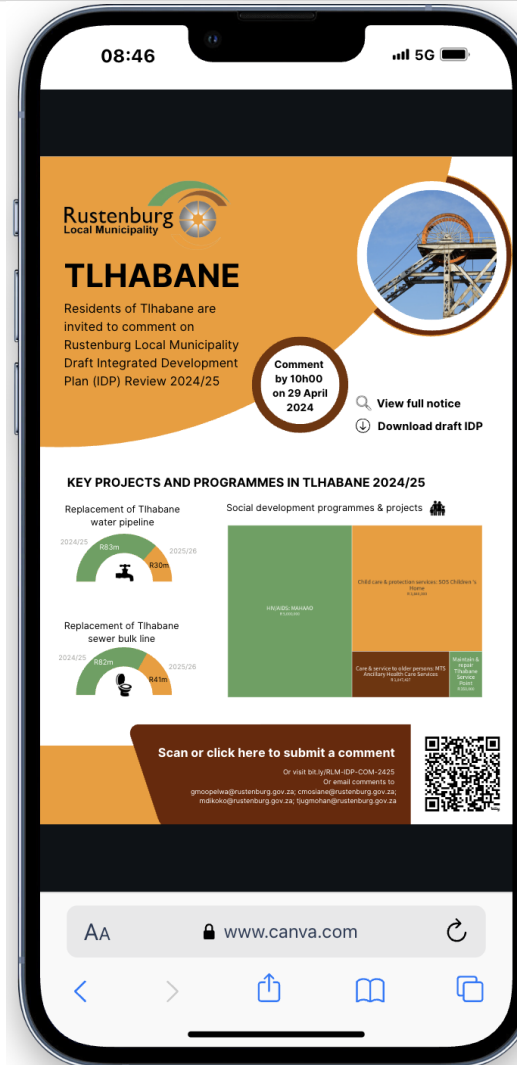
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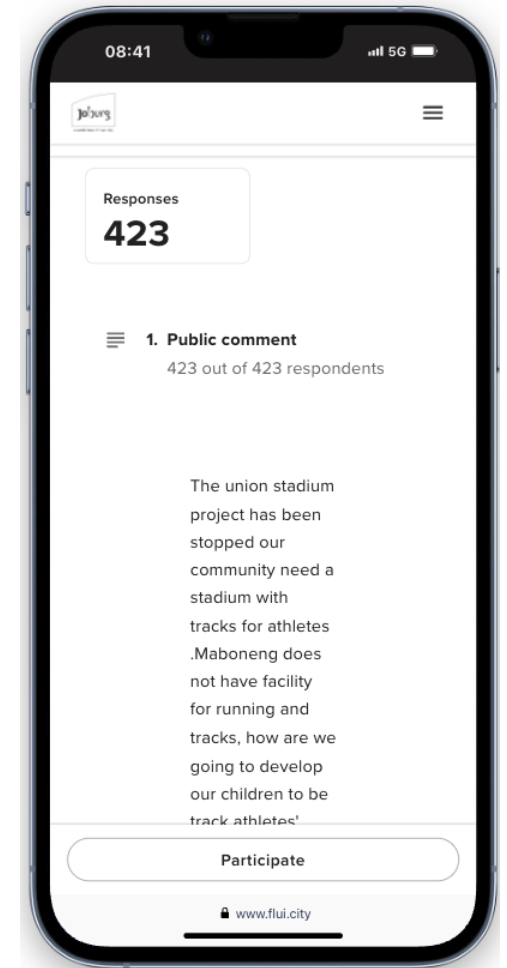
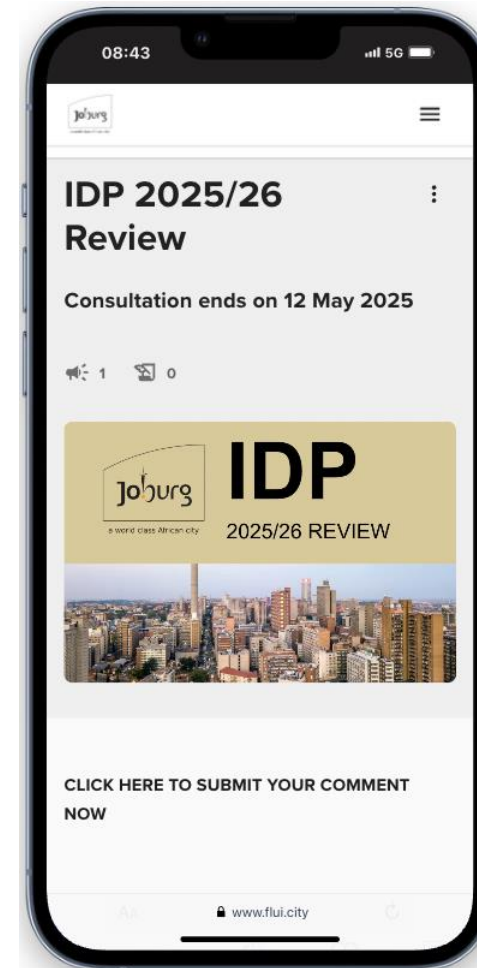
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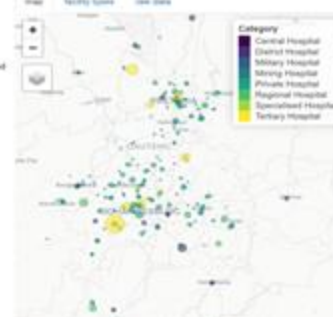
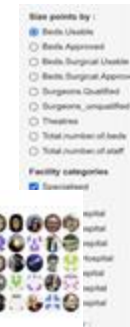
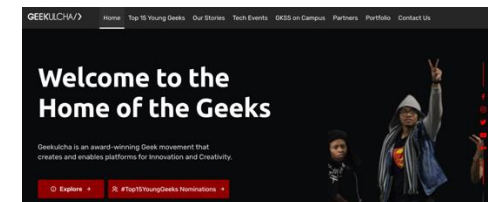
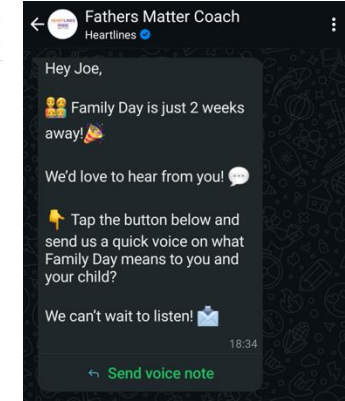
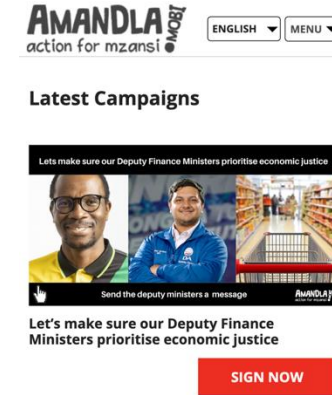
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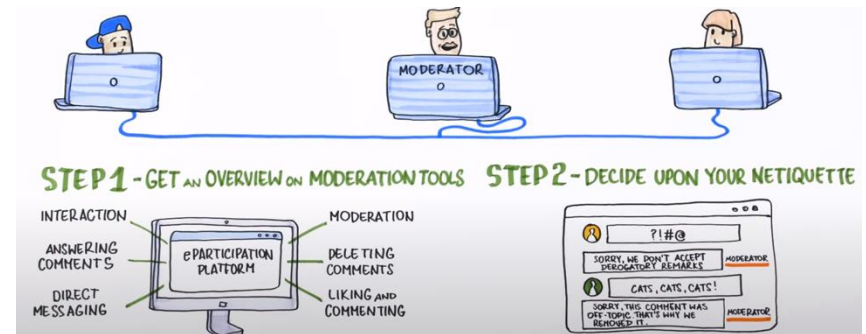


What can we draw on for municipality engagement?

- **Open, social and multi-channel:**
 - Explore use of tech
 - Work on audience, content, language, media
 - Address safety → moderation (tech, skills, guidelines)
 - Interface with bottom-up engagement (?), more continuous conversation flow
- **Ecosystem view:**
 - External roles (*intermediaries*): community journalists, junior council, SRCs, civic devs
 - Internal roles: designers, aspiring data scientists, public participation officers
 - Include in upstream tech design and dev

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