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# **Democracy Services**

# Use Online Services for Participation in Decision-making

- › **Otakantaa.fi** is an online service designed to enhance interaction among individuals, organisations and authorities. The service facilitates civic engagement and access to information and promotes transparency in the planning of initiatives and decision-making while improving their quality.
- › **Nuortenideat.fi** is a national service established to provide young people with a channel for putting forward their proposals, participating and having a say on matters that relate to them.
- › **Kuntalaisaloite.fi** online service enables individuals to submit residents' initiatives to municipalities that have adopted the service and to follow initiatives submitted by others.
- › **Kansalaisaloite.fi** is a digital service that enables citizens to launch a citizens' initiative with a view to proposing a new law, amendments to an existing law or the repealing of a law. The Finnish Parliament is obliged to process the initiative if 50,000 citizens who are eligible to vote express their support for it within six months.
- › **Lausuntopalvelu.fi** is a tool for requesting and submitting statements in digital form. All central government agencies may publish requests for statements via the service. Statements may be submitted by all organisations and individuals.

## Why?

- › The Democracy.fi services are easy to access via a single website and they can be used free of charge
- › They offer citizens equal opportunities to follow decision-making on issues of common interest and to participate in the development of society.
- › They include dedicated participation channels for the various stages of the development process.