



Resilient, thriving and prepared cities

Discussion in the Open Democracy Network, 21st of May 2026

Open Democracy Network

- The Open Democracy Network is an **open community for everyone**. We share information and good practices to support development and to deepen shared understanding. Our network also strengthens dialogue between research and practice.
- Within the network, **we discuss** socially relevant and important topics, such as building trust, strengthening participation and developing public services.
- **You can join** the network through the Open Government [website](#), and you're also welcome to **propose your own topic** for the shared discussion.

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UPCOMING SESSIONS

27th of May 2026, 9.00–10.00

Join the discussion on
democracy, immigration,
and translation policy.

[Register to participate](#)



UPCOMING SESSIONS

3rd of June 2026, 14.00–16.00

Take part in a discussion on how the humanities matter in moments of crisis, with philosopher Martha S. Nussbaum leading the session.

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Contribute!

June 2026

Civil Society organisations:
Share your experiences of
taking part in the
Government's preparation
and decision-making.

Answer the survey and/or
sign up for the discussion.

We engage in a productive, constructive dialogue

- We engage respectfully, listen to one another, and contribute from our personal experiences as we dive into today's interesting subject.
- Please, introduce yourself briefly in the chat letting us know who you are and the viewpoint you're contributing from.
- We'll take a few questions after each presentation, and there will be more time for discussion at the end. Feel free to post comments and questions in the chat during the presentations.
- Please raise your hand when you wish to speak. The facilitator will manage the speaking order, and please, introduce yourself briefly before posing your question. **Voit myös esittää kysymyksesi suomeksi ja käännämme sen puolestasi.**

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Welcome, Ira Alanko, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Finance

Introduction to the theme, Niklas Wilhelmsson, Head of Unit, Ministry of Justice

Keynote speech, Jeppe Albers, Executive Director of Nordic Safe Cities

Commentary speech, Tarja Mankinen, Head of Development, Ministry of the Interior

Joint discussion

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How can we build trust, prevent segregation, and strengthen democratic culture and digital resilience so that local communities can grow and thrive?



28th of October 2026

The discussion will continue at the National Democracy Day, so please mark it in your calendar already.

[For more information](#)



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