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1. Introduction

Puzzled by Policy actively involves citizens and decision-makers in the policy-making process. Decision-makers are encouraged to participate directly in discussions, however, we appreciate that their full schedules don't always allow that. So to keep decision-makers up-to date on what is being discussed, the Puzzled by Policy team periodically prepare and distribute consultation reports. These reports summarise users' opinions on profiler questions, views on topics being discussed and aggregated demographic questions. All consultation reports are available online for download, along with all feedback reports received from decision-makers, allowing collaboration between citizens and decision-makers on "hot" and "top" policy topics.

This document is the first official feedback report from decision makers about the third consultation report and the results from the overall consultation period in the Greek pilot site of the Puzzled by Policy (PbP) project. In order to elaborate this report, a questionnaire (see annex) has been prepared following the template suggested by the Spanish pilot site leads and submitted to each identified decision maker who is collaborating with Puzzled by Policy project.

With the aim of bringing the platform Puzzled by Policy to citizens, it has been developed a line of work, focused on disseminating PbP platform to a network formed by immigrant associations, communities, umbrella organizations, NGOs, and social organizations in order to promote intercultural dialogue and strengthen integration processes and foster social cohesion. To this end, the project PbP was promoted nationally by DAEM, the Municipality of Athens IT Company which has produced the feedback report about the consultation results.

The relevant questionnaire is appended to this report.

2. Feedback from the Ministry of Interior/General Secretariat for Population and Social Cohesion/ General Directorate for immigration policy and social integration/ Social Integration Unit

Regarding the general impressions related to the dominant positions of participants in Greece about immigration policy, by the responses to the questions asked, it can be deduced that respondents hold the following views:

- ❖ in order to talk about integration and social cohesion and to grant more rights to immigrants, citizens (local and migrants) should firstly feel safe in the country they live in
- ❖ they do not oppose to proactive measures being taken in order to avoid illegal immigration
- ❖ racist violence phenomena by extreme groups could be combated if the existing legal framework on illegal immigration was effectively put in practice
- ❖ reception centers are useful on condition that their function is based on the respect of human rights
- ❖ Labour is a crucial matter and the recognition of professional qualifications of immigrants and their equal treatment is a steady request.

Regarding the usefulness of the results towards planning immigration policies, the Ministry's view is that in order to score higher in addition to the views of individuals, the platform's results should also include the views of more NGO's and other immigration stakeholders organizations, so that more well-constructed opinions are granted. Furthermore, the Ministry holds that the questionnaire should allow open answers, apart from the scaled ones, and that the platform should allow reactions and proposals vis-à-vis specific legislation act and measures, so that policy makers make relevant amendments.

Regarding the correlation between public policy in Greece and the Puzzled by Policy consultation results, the Ministry of Interior considers that participants' opinions and suggestions are fully aligned to the situation in the country. Participants' stated that they would be more satisfied if existing policies were fully enforced.

Regarding the PbP platform with Policy Profiler and U-debate tools and their utility collecting the views of citizens, the Ministry of Interior appreciates the platforms' utility and suggests the expanding of the questionnaire spectrum as well as of the list of participants, by involving more NGOs and other stakeholders.

3. ANNEX



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REFLECTIONS ON PUZZLED BY POLICY CONSULTATION REPORTS

PUZZLED BY POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE

We are kindly requesting on behalf of you to spend a few minutes answering the following short questionnaire, in order to provide us with your insights and feedback to the relevant content of the three consultation reports submitted to you (the third report recaps results of all).

1. Share your general impressions: What do you suggest about the dominant positions of participants in your Municipality/country as far as immigration policy is concerned?
2. On a scale from 1 to (where 1=nothing and 10=completely), please indicate to what extent you find that information provided in the consultation reports is useful for the development and definition of immigration policy in your Municipality/country.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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- Which part of the information provided seemed to be more useful to you?
 - What information should be included in the reports in order for you to score higher on the above scales?
3. Could you identify any relationship between the public policy in your Municipality/country and the reported consultation reports? Do you consider participants positions and suggestions aligned to the local/national policy?
 4. Taking into account the reported consultation results, which aspects do you identify as the ones to be used when planning and implementing immigration policy in your Municipality/country?
 5. On a scale from 1 to (where 1=nothing and 10=completely), please indicate to what extent you consider the Puzzled by Policy provided service useful for strengthening participatory processes in your Municipality/country?

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- What is necessary in order for you to score higher on the above scales?
6. On a scale from 1 to (where 1=nothing and 10=completely), please indicate to what extent you evaluate Puzzled by Policy platform and its Understand (Policy Profiler questionnaire) and Discuss sections (consultation u-debate) are useful for collecting citizen opinions.

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- Which platform features are more important to you;

- What is the feature to be included in order for you to score higher on the above scales?

Thank you for your time!

