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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 with 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 policy topics that matter to them.

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 after 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 that 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 Municipality of Athens/Local Council for Immigrants Integration

**Regarding the general impressions related to the dominant positions of participants in Greece about immigration policy,** Municipality of Athens/Local Council for Immigrants Integration via its President, suggests that the lack of communication and collective representation of immigrants, their distance from their Municipality and the low awareness as per the Municipal activities and realities, were principal issues in Athens till 2011. The current local authority has been following since then a positive policy aimed at empowering integration processes at the local level, by establishing the Local Council for Immigrants Integration as introduced by the national legislation and by promoting to immigrants a “quasi citizen” mentality. The essence here is that while the Municipal authority is gradually improving communication with migrant populations, such populations themselves should also gradually reinforce their participation at the Local Council for Immigrants Integration and their communities’ collective activities.

**Regarding the usefulness of the results towards defining immigration policies,** Municipality of Athens/Local Council for Immigrants Integration via its President, has assessed with a relatively high score the usefulness of the results, identifying as in particular useful the fact that the information provided in total is a tool useful to the Municipality especially in terms of Athens being the first city in numbers of migrant populations and facing problems nationally experienced such as the crisis and the lack of an integrated immigration policy. They suggest that information provided in total is useful to the Municipality of Athens as per its policy design and as per them being historical data/statistics to be used when centrally interacting with the state. The only dimension that could lead to a higher assessment is the number of participants, in terms of them possibly being highly involved with the immigration issues and thus maybe biased. However, the overall results are suggesting the agenda of needs priorities when implementing immigration policies.

**Regarding the correlation between public policy in Greece and the Puzzled by Policy consultation results,** Municipality of Athens/Local Council for Immigrants Integration via its President, considers that participants' opinions and suggestions are fully aligned to the country context and actuality. Issues identified are the issues the Municipality has been dealing with both at its policy design level and policy implementation, and at its consultation with the central state, especially when it comes to such issues for which there is no jurisdiction but dealing with them is crucial to Municipality's interest (i.e. extremist positions and actions).

**Regarding the utility of the platform,** Municipality of Athens/Local Council for Immigrants Integration via its President, has valued with the highest score the utility of the platform.

**Regarding proposals about the platform,** Municipality of Athens/Local Council for Immigrants Integration via its President, suggested that the more the participation the safer and reliable the results will be; so, without implying that the current participation levels are not representative, they are just identifying higher participation levels as a decisive factor in considering the platform more successful.



### 3. ANNEX



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Name:

Organisation:

Position:

Contact details (optional):

Date:

#### **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.

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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!

