

PARTICIPATIVE TECHNIQUE TEMPLATE

Name of the technique: **Structured Democratic Dialogue**

Minimum number of participants: 5 (Best 10)

Maximum number of participants: 15

Objective of the technique:

- Establish a democratic dialogue
- Propose and hear out arguments, not only opinions

Specific context requirements:

- Create an engaged group with participants with the best knowledge and awareness to ensure that some actions will be taken
- Be clear about your goals
- Insist on a neutral facilitator
- Pro-gender equality participants should have favourable arguments towards Gender Equality

Instructions step by step:

1. Pose a general question, targeted for specific groups
2. Ask all people to answer the question one by one (an analogy for researchers was: give a catchy title to your article you write in this question). In the second round, ask people to elaborate on what they said in the first round (here is the abstract of your article)
3. One person documents the discussion and hangs it on the wall
4. Answers should be clustered. Clusters are defined by the facilitator and participants put their answers under clusters
5. Participants mark their favourite answers by putting sticky notes on them

Required materials:

- A productive question rather than a dichotomous one
- U-shaped seating
- One facilitator + one person to type (at least, for each group)

Advantages:

- Looks more “science-based”
- Better for more knowledgeable people about the issue
- People must support their stances with arguments

Disadvantages:

- Time-consuming
- Does not conclude with decisions
- Does not conclude with agreements on issues
- Participants need to wait for their turn, which may take a long time

When to use:

- Depending on the question, the best time should be decided

