Factsheet – press pack

Renewing our democratic practices, linking security, democracy and cities

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Deux examples of practices

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- **The city of Turin** (Italy) designed and implemented in two neighbourhoods a large urban renovation programme that was in large part based on the participation of local residents. Titled ToNite, this programme in which Efus was a partner encompassed 19 projects (culture, services, public space renewal…) led by local partnerships involving a total of 57 local associations and businesses. Turin's Deputy Mayor in charge of innovation, Chiara Foglietta, said this was part of "a policy of social innovation aimed at improving quality of life."

- **The Brussels Regional Parliament and the French-speaking Parliament of Brussels** were the first in the world to permanently include citizens in parliamentary committees, called 'deliberative committees' (*commissions délibératives*). They were followed later by the Parliament of Wallonia and the Senate. Rachid Madrane, President of the Brussels Regional Parliament, said this is a "democratic innovation."

Speakers
- Vincent Aerts, Assistant, Faculty of Law, Political Science and Criminology, University of Liège (Belgium)
- Rachid Madrane, President of the Brussels Regional Parliament (Belgium)
- Catarina Sarmento e Castro, Portugal's Minister of Justice
- Luqman Wadood, Founder of the debate website Jeune.no, Norway

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Efus' work and position

In its Manifesto, Efus says that citizen participation is the basis on which to co-produce security and that "*citizens should be involved in all the phases of design, implementation and evaluation of security policies, rather than just as observers.*" This principle is the basis of all the projects that Efus leads or participates in whatever the issue they seek to tackle, whether fighting gender violence, preventing violent radicalisation, reducing harms related to drugs, or protecting public spaces, to name a few examples.