

# Citizen Academy İzmir



## Short Name

Citizen Academy İzmir

## Formal Name

Citizen Academy İzmir: Citizen Science for Local Democracy

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## Institution/Organisation

İzmir Planning Agency (İZPA)

## Website

<https://www.izpa.org/>

## Social Media

Coming soon



As a citizen science initiative, Citizen Academy İzmir empowers residents to generate civic data, co-design policy audits, and directly influence decision-making in local governance.



## Summary

Citizen Academy İzmir is a participatory governance initiative that leverages citizen science methodologies to enhance public trust, transparency, and accountability in urban decision-making. Targeting youth, women, migrants, and low-income groups, the project selects participants through a lottery-based system and trains them in urban monitoring, participatory auditing, and data literacy.

Participants collect data on air quality, noise, waste, and accessibility, which is then used to produce dashboards, audit reports, and policy briefs in collaboration with municipalities. By turning residents into civic data producers and policy contributors, the project bridges the gap between citizens and local authorities. All outputs are open-access and ethically managed, aligning with GDPR standards. Through this model, the Citizen Academy fosters inclusive democratic participation and offers a scalable framework for other cities.