



Project author or developer:
vTaiwan

Where:
4F3 / 4F3W+GR / Isola di Formosa

Website:
<https://info.vtaiwan.tw/>

vTaiwan is an online-offline consultation process which brings together government ministries, elected representatives, scholars, experts, business leaders, civil society organizations and citizens. The process helps lawmakers implement decisions with a greater degree of legitimacy. It has various touch points such as a website (vtaiwan.tw), a combination of meetings and hackathons along with the consultation process. vTaiwan is also an open space, it is a combination of time and space run by participants to work on cases brought in. As an open project, vTaiwan attracts people from multiple disciplines including law makers, public servants, developers, designers, writers, researchers, journalists, film makers and much more. Therefore, they contribute their skills in different ways. "The vTaiwan process was established by a civil society movement called g0v, at the invitation of the Taiwanese Minister for Digital Affairs. It followed g0v's major role in the 2014 Sunflower Movement protests; started over a controversial trade agreement with China. The process was designed as a neutral platform to engage experts and relevant members of the public in large-scale deliberation on specific topics. The process itself is designed to facilitate constructive conversation and consensus-building between diverse opinion groups. It does this by creating several stages, including an initial "objective" stage for crowdsourcing facts and evidence, and a "reflective" stage using mass deliberation tool Pol.is, which encourages the formation of "rough consensus". Finally, key stakeholders are invited to a live-streamed, face-to-face meeting to draw up specific recommendations". - source Nesta.

