SPECTRUM OF ENGAGEMENT TOOLS

What type of environment do you want your project to be?

Controlled project environment:
Participants **cannot** engage with **each other**. Data is stored in the backend and only accessible by admins.

Mixed project environment:
Participants can see other participant's contributions. However, there is little to no peer-to-peer interaction. Some data may be visible to the public, other data is just accessible by admins.

Open project environment:
Participants **can** engage with **each other**. Comments and ideas are visible.

answer privately

answered publicly

pre moderated

post moderated

commenting disabled

commenting enabled

Consider using the **Surveys & Forms** tool.

It allows you to set up a survey or form and collect feedback that is stored in the reporting. When you are finished, simply archive the survey to stop further submission arriving. Admins can submit surveys on behalf of participatns at any time.

Consider using the **Q&A** tool.

It allows participants to ask you questions. These questions are not visible to anybody else, unless you decide to respond to the questions publicly. You can also respond privately, in which case neither the question nor the answer is posted.

Consider using the **Quick Poll** tool.

It allows participants to cast a vote on a one-question survey. The results of the poll are visible immediately to the public and can be viewed without leaving a vote first.

Consider using the **Mapper** tool.

It allows participants to place markers on a map, which are visible to other participants. You can run a short survey that is executed as participants place their markers. Only essay and single line questions are visible publicly. All other responses are only accessible by admins.

Consider using the **Guestbook** tool.

It allows participants to leave comments, ordered by newest first. Participants cannot easily interact with other participants.

Consider using the **Stories** tool.

It allows participants to share a story in text and include images and link to videos. You can accept or reject incoming stories and you or the participant can allow commenting.

Consider using the **Brainstormer** tool.

It allows participants to post ideas and suggestions and vote on other participant's ideas and suggestions. Voting can be scheduled or opened indefinitely.

Consider using the **Forum** tool.

It allows participants to discuss topics with each other, agree or disagree on comments and you, as the admin, can choose to facilitate the discussions by joining in.