



RESHAPING CITIZENS'
DELIBERATION FOR THE
EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

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Challenges, Good Practices and Way Forward

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Challenges

- Large infrastructure projects and spatial planning need to address competing interests
- Urban setting with very diverse public, e.g. disenfranchised groups
- Many thematic issues relating to urban development
- Example: European Green Deal (European institutions do not yet apply citizens participation and deliberation in a systematic way; EGD is gender blind)



WHY THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL NEEDS ECOFEMINISM

Moving from gender-blind to gender-transformative environmental policies

Report



Good Practice: REAL DEAL

Stimulate a pan-European debate involving different stakeholder groups, with the aims of reshaping citizens' and stakeholders' active participation and deliberation in the green and just transition.



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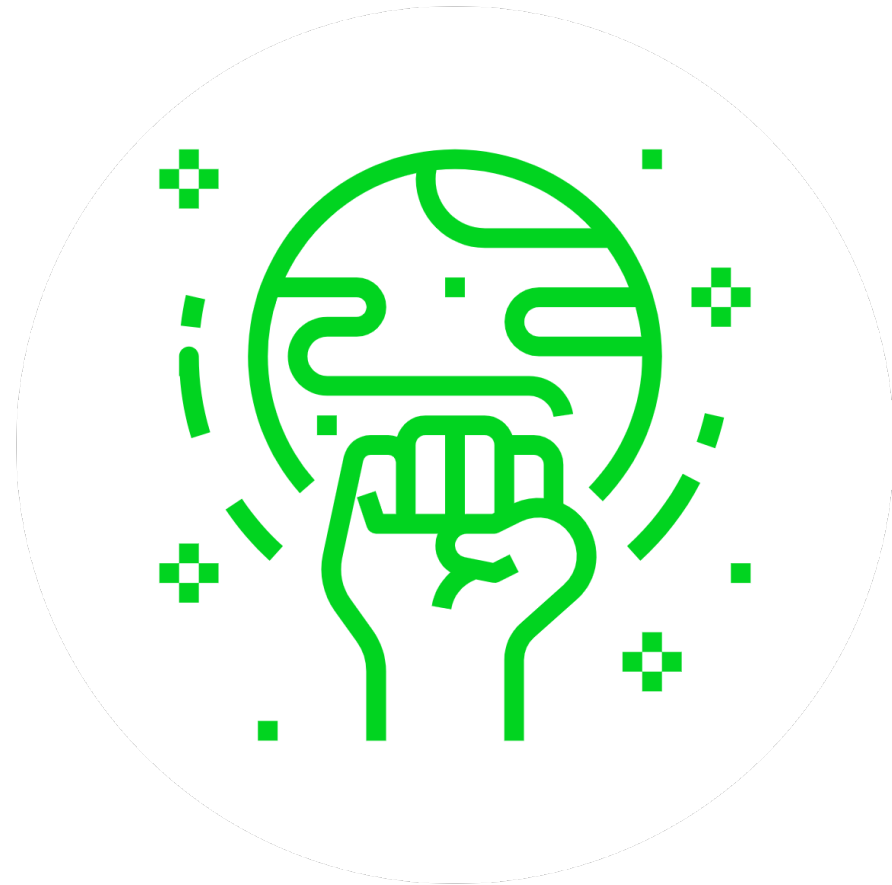
16 members, i.a. EEB, YEE and WECF



Researchers and practitioners of deliberative democracy: transdisciplinary sustainability studies, participatory democracy, environmental rights and the law of public participation, ethics and responsible innovation, gender studies and ecofeminism, psychology, geography, urban planning.



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EUs largest civil society networks advocating on the environment, climate, sustainable development, local democracy and the European movement.

Youth climate, social justice and women's organisations mobilising networks with thousands of CSOs, uniting millions of citizens and activating contacts to thousands of policymakers.

REAL DEAL Ambition

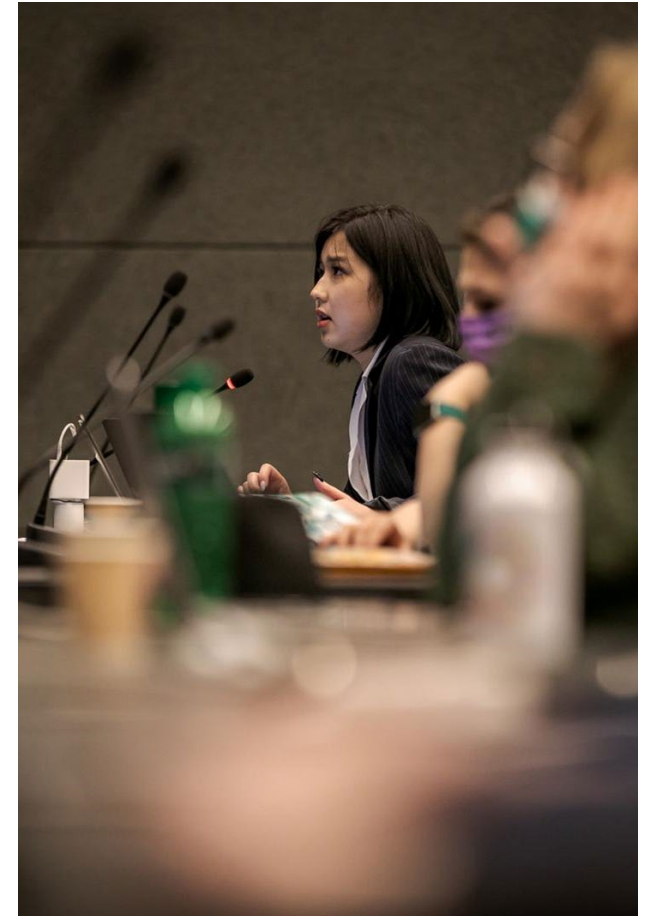
- Review the legal and constitutional context of deliberation in the EU and its MS
- Develop, test and validate innovative formats and tools to propel deliberative democracy to the next level
- Scrutinise deliberative tools and formats in 13 countries through in-person processes, 3 pan-European formats as well as digital deliberation
- Co-design an innovative, comprehensive protocol for meaningful citizens' participation and deliberation
- Joint ownership over the crucial transformation to a carbon-neutral society by a wide range of stakeholders and citizens



Gender Focus of REAL DEAL

- „*Leave no one behind*“: promotion of the engagement of disenfranchised groups
- Building the capacity of participants on gender equality issues (intersectional ecofeminist approach)
- Providing trainings throughout the process
- Advising on the design of gender-responsive deliberation processes
- Development of specific gender format

—> setting standards for gender mainstreaming throughout the project



Suggestions for Way Forward

- Lessons learned from first working package (state of the art assessment of deliberative approaches) – criteria for meaningful citizens participation
- Awareness for specific needs of various disenfranchised groups, persons living in vulnerable situations or being marginalised (such as women, youth, etc.)
- Development of responsive formats for participation





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