



Citizen's Assemblies, a new wave of citizen's engagement in Europe



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Description

Climate change is often seen as a super wicked problem. Citizen participation can help to increase support for and legitimacy of policy decisions, and in this context citizens' assemblies can be a very appropriate tool to address highly complex problems such as climate change.

Citizens' assemblies are models of non-expert decision-making by a group of randomly selected citizens. The process involves in-depth learning about the topic in question from documentation and expert presentations. The methodology includes facilitating debate and discussion of ideas to reach a set of recommendations for decision-making by the group.

In this workshop, examples of citizens' assemblies carried out in Europe at different scales will be presented in order to learn about the advantages of these processes, as well as the difficulties they face.

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09:00 - 09:35	“Welcome and opening” Itziar Azkue Irigoyen UIK María José Sanz Sánchez Basque Center for Climate Change - BC3 Scientific Director Adolfo Uriarte Villalba Basque Government - Natural Heritage and Climate Change Director
09:40 - 10:15	“Keynote: Citizens Assemblies, what we know from recent experiences in Europe: Knowledge Network on Climate Assemblies.” Alina Averchenkova Grantham Research Institute on climate change and the Environment and Knowledge Network on Climate Assemblies (KNOCA)
	National and regional experiences I. Moderator: María José Sanz
10:20 - 10:35	“The French Climate Citizens Assembly” Lise Deshautel Métropole de Lyon
10:40 - 10:55	“Scotland’s Climate citizens assembly” Oliver Escobar University of Edinburgh (Participation by zoom)
11:00 - 11:10	Questions
11:15 - 11:40	Coffee break
	Regional experiences II.
11:50 - 12:05	“Balears Citizens Assembly” Pau de Vilchez Moragues Balearic Islands University (Participation by zoom)
12:10 - 12:25	“Gipuzkoa Citizens Assembly” Arantxa Mendiherat Deliberativa
12:25 - 12:35	Questions
12:40 - 13:30	Round table: “The Spanish Citizens Assembly / Coordination Panel – Maria José Sanz” María José Sanz Sánchez Basque Center for Climate Change - BC3 Scientific Director (Moderator) Cristina Monge Lasierra University of Zaragoza Group of Independent experts Experts Cristina Linares Instituto de Salud Carlos III (Participation by zoom) Ministry of Ecological transition Francisco Heras Spanish Climate Change Office Facilitación Team Conchi Piñeiro (Participation by zoom)

Laura Lucio Gonzalez

Citizen's representatives

Lola Bueno

Nuria Borda

George J. Droda

13:30 - 13:35

Closing remarks - María José Sanz

Teachers



Alina Averchenkova

Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics

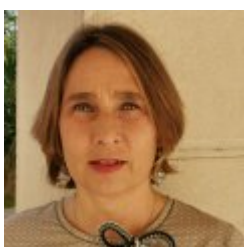
Dr. Alina Averchenkova is a Distinguished Policy Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and a visiting Senior Fellow at the Royal Elcano Institute. With extensive experience on climate change and international development, Alina's current work focuses on climate change governance and legislation around the world and capacity building and advisory to governments, parliaments, and international organisations on these issues. She is a founding member of the Knowledge Network on Climate Assemblies (KNOCA). Her experience includes international consultancy KPMG, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a carbon asset manager First Climate and the Environmental Defence Fund. Alina holds a PhD in Economics and International Development from the University of Bath.



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Itziar Azkue Irigoyen

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Cristina Monge Lasierra

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Cristina Monge es politóloga y doctora por la Universidad de Zaragoza, donde imparte clases de sociología. Sus áreas de interés son la sostenibilidad y la calidad democrática, y en especial la gobernanza para la transición ecológica, asunto que trabaja en centros de investigación como Globernance, el BC3 y el itdUPM, o en el patronato de Ecodes. Forma parte del consejo asesor de Llorente y Cuenca y de la revista Ethic. Desde 2018 participa en el Foro de Gobierno Abierto, desde 2019 en el Consejo Asesor de Cooperación al Desarrollo, y desde su creación en el Grupo asesor metodológico del proyecto de rendición de cuentas de la presidencia del gobierno de España, “Cumpliendo”. Es autora de “15M: Un movimiento político para democratizar la sociedad” (2017), y ha coordinado la obra colectiva “Tras la indignación. 15M: Miradas desde el presente” (2021). Coautora junto con Raúl Oliván de “Hackear la Política” (2018), y con JJ Verón de “La Iniciativa Social de Mediación de los conflictos del agua en Aragón” (2019), es también co-editora de la colección “Más Cultura Política, Más Democracia”, en colaboración con Gedisa y preside la Asociación “Más Democracia”.



Cristina Linares

Cristina Linares Gil es Doctora en Medicina Preventiva y Salud Pública por la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Actualmente desarrolla su actividad profesional como Científica Titular y Codirectora de la Unidad de Referencia en Cambio Climático, Salud y Medio Ambiente Urbano de la Escuela Nacional de Sanidad en el Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Forma parte del Grupo de Trabajo II del VI Informe de Evaluación del IPCC en el campo de “Impactos del Cambio Climático en la Salud Humana”; ha sido Lead Author del capítulo sobre Salud y Cambio Climático de la Red “Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change” que ha recibido el Premio Norte Sur del Consejo de Europa 2020; autora en informes científico-técnicos de Naciones Unidas (UN Environment) y la Organización Mundial de la Salud. Ha sido Coordinadora del Grupo de Expertos en la primera Asamblea Ciudadana por el Clima de España.



Francisco Heras

Francisco Heras Hernández es biólogo ambiental por la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (1985) y doctor por la misma universidad con la tesis “Representaciones sociales del cambio climático en España: aportes para la comunicación”. En la actualidad desarrolla su actividad profesional en la Oficina Española de Cambio Climático, centrado en temas relativos a los impactos y la adaptación al cambio climático. Entre 2001 y 2016 fue coordinador de Educación en el Centro Nacional de Educación Ambiental. Desde 2004 coordina el seminario permanente “Respuestas desde la comunicación y la educación frente al cambio climático”. Es autor de numerosos libros y artículos sobre comunicación, educación y participación ambiental, así como sobre la percepción social y la comunicación del cambio climático.



Conchi Piñeiro

Socia cofundadora de la Cooperativa Altekio Iniciativas hacia la sostenibilidad (entidad socia de Tangente Grupo Cooperativo). Actualmente compatibiliza su puesto como Delegada del Patronato de FUHEM. Doctora en Educación Ambiental, Licenciada en Ciencias Ambientales. Facilitadora experta. Ha coordinado la facilitación de la Asamblea Ciudadana para el Clima.



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Co-founder with Yago Bermejo of Deliberativa, an organisation that advises governments to design and implement deliberative processes involving citizens chosen through civic lottery, and promotes deliberative democracy. Co-author with Ernesto Ganuza of the book "La democracia es posible. Sorteo cívico y deliberación para rescatar el poder de la ciudadanía" ("Democracy is possible. Civic lottery and deliberation to reclaim the power of citizens" (2020, Ed. Consonni). She is a member of FIDE (Federation for Innovation Democracy - Europe), Democracy R&D, Innovative Citizen Participation Network of the OECD and KNOCA. In a previous life she designed and activated crossovers between the arts and other fields of production. She is still closely following the project she created together with Idoia Zabaleta and Ixiar Rozas, Borradores del futuro (Drafts of the future), a collection of stories that imagine the future of existing alternatives. Graduated in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux (France). Holds a Master's degree in Arts Management from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. Lives in Bilbao.



Pau de Vilchez Moragues



Oliver Escobar

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Lise Deshautel

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