



The 3rd Citizen Engagement and Deliberative Democracy Festival

#EUCitizenEngagement

6-12 December 2020

Online <EU Academy>

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AGENDA & RATIONALE

30 November 2020 [only confirmed sessions]



Introduction

Deliberative democracy and citizen engagement can be effective responses to the erosion of trust in democratic institutions, as well as helping to develop better policies by including all those concerned in more direct ways. A number of recent studies namely the OECD's report "**Catching the Deliberative Wave**"¹ and a European Parliament study on 'practices of democracy'² describes the flourishing of inspiring deliberative democracy initiatives, including many in the EU, where thousands of randomly selected citizens are enrolled into more participatory governance styles in our democratic regimes. This context shows the flourishing interest in these tools and therefore raises expectations of the Commission.

Indeed, in the [Political Guidelines of the new European Commission \(2019-2024\)](#)³, President Ursula von der Leyen has established as political priority "a new push for European democracy" with a commitment to "strengthen the links between people, nations and institutions". Vice Presidents D. Šuica is leading the Commission's work on deliberative democracy and the **Conference on the Future of Europe**, Vice President V. Jourová is developing a **European Democracy Action Plan**.

A number of EU policies are already engaging citizens in their design and implementation. For example, the **Horizon Europe Missions** (R&I), where citizens of different MSs are being engaged to co-design and implement those missions; the engagement of citizens in cohesion policy (REGIO) co-organised with OECD; urban green infrastructure (ENV and JRC) in 13 different cities of the EU; and last but not least, the aforementioned COFE, the Commission led largest scale endeavour of the 3 EU institutions to engage citizens in a wide-ranging debate on Europe's future in the coming decade and beyond.

COVID-19 has made citizen engagement in policy making ever more pertinent at a time when the volatility of evidence, uncertainty of today and tomorrow's facts requires mobilising all citizens to share not only relevant knowledge but also responsibility on the governance of the current crises.

3rd Festival Rationale and Objectives

The Festival is in its third edition and this year will be entirely hosted online because of the COVID19 situation. The festival will first and foremost support on-going Commission citizen engagement initiatives. It is a site of mutual learning and capacity building.

¹ OECD (2020), *Innovative Citizen Participation and New Democratic Institutions: Catching the Deliberative Wave*, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/339306da-en>.

² Sgueo, G. (2020). *Practices of Democracy. A selection of civic engagement initiatives*. EPRS. PE 651.970 Available at: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/651970/EPRS_STU\(2020\)651970_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/651970/EPRS_STU(2020)651970_EN.pdf)

³ Available at: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/political-guidelines-next-commission_en.pdf



In light of the COVID-19 emergency and its inherent uncertainties, it is ever more crucial that the Commission keeps on nurturing the establishment of the necessary infrastructure to engage citizens in co-creative and deliberative ways on EU policy making. This festival will address the question, how can we make best use of such processes in the crisis and post-crisis situations, such as the one we are living now? How can we ensure that physical distance does not prevent the publics to engage, co-create or deliberate policies that affect them? How can we make the best use of online tools?

Therefore, this festival is a timely key moment for the Commission to continue advancing the talk (and walk) about mainstreaming citizen engagement and deliberation in policy matters in the Commission in particular, and within public administration in general. It is about catching an existing wave, which the current crises made more urgent and positioning the Commission as a key player in these participatory styles of governance.

Encouraged by the political context and building on the ambition to contribute further to implement these practices across the Commission policy cycle, as well as, the success of the last editions of Festival of Citizen Engagement, the 3rd Festival has the following objectives:

- Showcase and learn about current ongoing important files of **citizen engagement run by the Commission by relevant services, notably COFE**, not only as a way to give visibility to the Conference itself and engaging the European deliberative community in COFE, but also make visible the digital infrastructure in COFE;
- Illustrate **why greater engagement of the public is even more needed now than it was before the outbreak of Covid-19 in politics and policy-making**;
- In view of the **Better Regulation package, further strengthen and widen across the Commission the understanding of the role of citizen engagement in all phases of the policy cycle**, especially focusing on co-creation and deliberative practices;
- Showcase other citizen engagement that other services of the Commission are organising such as the co-design of **HE Missions**;
- **In view of the Commission's 6th priority, showcase deliberative democracy practices in Member States and in particular youth engagement projects**;
- Address some **cross-cutting challenges** including methodological issues with practitioners in the field;
- **Contribute to capacity building about online citizen engagement tools**, providing dedicated seminars and hands-on experiences with tools and methodologies of citizen engagement. **The festival is a learning and development of opportunity.**

Finally, the 3rd Festival is a learning and development initiative, inviting discussion with different practitioners about possible political and practical futures of citizen engagement and deliberative democracy.



It is a digital journey that will run over a week and include a set of asynchronous and synchronous events focused on the pressing issues of our current times and the futures they may imply.

The festival is open to anyone that is interested to attend it through the just launched EU Academy platform. **Registration is required to attend the festival.**



AGENDA

Debates you can contribute to @ any time:

Forum 1: Manifesto for EU COVID-19 Research: How do we scale up, and make available and affordable for all research on COVID-19?

Forum 2: "Our world – our goals: citizen science for the Sustainable Development Goals" – the Citizen Science Sustainable Development Goals Declaration: How can we make Citizen Science's contribution to achieving the SDGs visible to policy-makers?

Forum 3: Evaluation of Citizen engagement: what's important to evaluate and why?

6th December 2020

18.00 -19.30	Documentary: Collective, <i>tbc</i>
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7th December 2020

09.15 -10.00	<p>Overture</p> <p>Comm. Mariya Gabriel [EC]</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Krzysztof Maruszewski [EC-JRC.H DIR]</p>
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11.00 -12.30	<p>Special Session: A new push for democracy and the Conference on the future of Europe: the challenges of pan-European deliberative democracy.</p> <p>With Gaëtane Richard-Nihoul [COMM DHoU]; Dominik Hierlemann [BS]; + <i>tbc</i></p> <p>Moderator: David Mair [JRC HoU],</p> <p> Organised by EC-COMM. </p>
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14.00 -15.00	<p>Ferramenta: Playing games with the future! What strategic conversations can be held with a serious game?</p> <p>Presenters: Lucia Vesnić-Alujević [JRC] & Laurent Bontoux [CAB VP MS]</p> <p> Organised by EC-JRC. </p>
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15.30 -16.30	<p>Conversatorio: On partnerships and institutionalisation: Is citizen engagement an end or a means for a more deliberative culture and democracy?</p> <p>With Arantxa Mendiherat [Deliberativa]; Graham Smith [Univ. of Westminster]; Jane Suiter [Dublin City Univ.]; Pernille Brandt [COMM]. Moderator: Bjørn Bedsted [DBT]</p>
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	Organised by Danish Board of Technology and EC-COMM.
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17.00 -18.00	<p>Conversatorio: Public life without public spaces? Re-thinking citizen engagement in the age of Covid-19</p> <p>With Michael Gorman [BIOTOPIA], Jeffrey Hou [Univ. Washington], Ilona Kish [PL2030], Magda Bizarro [TNDM]. Moderator: Anna Paola Quaglia [JRC]</p> <p> Organised by EC-JRC. </p>
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8th December 2020

11.00 -12.30	<p>Special Session: Get Citizens involved in EU Missions!</p> <p>With Anthony Zacharzewski [DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY], Margarida Ribeiro [R&I], Yves Mathieu [Missions Publiques]. Moderator: Signe Ratso [R&I DDG]</p> <p> Organised by EC-R&I. </p>
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14.00 -15.00	<p>Conversatorio: So, you want us to “engage”! Can we tell you how?</p> <p><i>With citizens that participated in CE DD processes.</i></p> <p>With Monica Carvajal (Spain), Aria Spinelli (Italy), Jacqueline Casserly (France)+ <i>tbc.</i> Moderator Ângela Guimarães Pereira [JRC]</p> <p> Organised by EC-JRC. </p>
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16.00 -17.00	<p>Conversatorio: Futuring time: What will citizen engagement look like in post-COVID-19 times?</p> <p>With Signe Ratso [R&I DDG], Joachim Ott [COMM HoU], Anthony Zacharzewski [DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY] + <i>tbc.</i> Moderator: Nora Allavoine [R&I]</p> <p> Organised by EC-R&I. </p>
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18.30 -19.30	<p>Performance by the artist</p> <p>Isabel Prade [isabelprade.com]</p>
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9th December 2020

11.00 -12.30	<p>Special Session: How do social economy and cities contribute to mobilising citizens and stakeholders towards better territorial resilience?</p> <p>With Ulla Engelmann, [GROW HoU], Sinead O'Higgins [Europe Direct Waterford and Waterford Libraries, IE], Alexandra Debaisieux, [DGD Railcoop], Matthias Wieckmann [Senate Chancellery, City of Hamburg]. Moderator: Zuzana Dutkova [GROW] Organised by EC-GROW. </p>
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14.00 -15.00	<p>Conversatorio: Values, EU values, and value diversity: how to deliberate about them?</p> <p>With Matthias Kayser [Univ. of Bergen], Barbara Prainsack [UCL], Maria Walsh [MEP] + <i>tbc</i>. Moderator: Mario Scharfbillig [JRC] Organised by EC-JRC. </p>
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15.30 -17.00	<p>Special Session: Factories of Imagination: in what ways do they encourage citizen engagement on creativity?</p> <p>With Catherine Magnant [HoU EAC], Mieke Renders [TEH], Francesco Campagnari [TEH], David Boyd [Beat Carnival], Sofía de Juan [hablarenarte], Gabriella Riccio [L'ASILO], Maria Francesca De Tullio [Univ. Antwerp], Gerard Lohuis [P60], Barbara Stacher [EAC]. Moderator: José Rodriguez [CCSC] Organised by EC-EAC together with the Cultural and Creative Spaces and Cities project/Trans-Europe-Halles. </p>
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10th December 2020

09.30 -11.00	<p>Special Session: Citizen engagement strategies: how to put participation in Cohesion Policy into practice?</p> <p>With Claudia Chwalisz [OECD], Sandor Lederer [K-MONITOR], Francesco Amodeo [REGIO]. Moderator: Ramses Grande [REGIO]</p> <p> Organised by EC-REGIO. </p>	
11.30 -12.30	<p>Conversatorio: Experts and expertise in citizen engagement and deliberative democracy. What is good practice?</p> <p>With Johan Bouma [WUR]; Mathieu Saujot [IDDRI], Teresa Pinto Correia [Univ. Évora], Violeta Cabello [Basque CCC]. Moderator: Elisa Vecchione [JRC]</p> <p> Organised by EC-JRC. </p>	
14.00 -15.30	<p>Conversatorio: How can the European Research Area help create a market for innovation “by citizens for citizens”?</p> <p>With Signe Ratso [R&I DDG], Bernard Magenhan [JRC DDG], Olivier De Schutter [Univ. C. of Louvain], Antonius Schröder [TU Dortmund University], Heidi Solba [Lets Do It World], Anna Panagopoulou [R&I]. Moderator: Philippe Martin [R&I]</p> <p> Organised by EC-R&I. </p>	
16.30 -17.30	<p>Ferramenta: Welcome to our rural! Citizen engagement in developing a long term vision for rural areas.</p> <p>Presenter: Zélie Peppiette [AGRI]</p> <p> Organised by EC-AGRI. </p>	
18.30 -19.30	<p>Performance by the artist</p> <p>Isabel Prade [isabelprade.com]</p>	



11th December 2020

09.30 -11.00	<p>Special Session: United in Biodiversity: What is the role of youth in creating healthy democratic ecosystems? With Julian Lo Curlo [GYBN Europe], Jurgena Kamberaj [BAEA], Michelle Stitz [GCEB], Venetia Galanaki [YEE]. Moderator: Eirini Sakellari [GYBN Europe]</p> <p> Organised by EC-ENV. </p>	
11.30 -12.30	<p>Conversatorio: Food systems in Covid-19 time: why is citizen engagement so crucial now?</p> <p>With Muki Haklay, [DITO H2020] Carlo Mango [Cariplio Factory], Jacqueline Broerse [Fit4Food 2030 H2020], Theano Moussouri [BIG PICNIC], Christian Bugge Henriksen [FoodShift2030 H2020]. Moderator: Karen Fabbri [R&I]</p> <p> Organised by EC-R&I. </p>	
14.30-15.30	<p>Conversatorio: What can we learn from EU regions and cities about citizen engagement in times of COVID-19?</p> <p>With Karl-Heinz Lambertz [Parliament of Ostbelgien, BE], Declan McDonnell [Galway City Council, IE], Gisela Erler [State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg, DE], Bassem Asseh [Deputy Mayor of Nantes, FR]. Moderator: Wolfgang Petzold [CoR]</p> <p> Organised by CoR. </p>	
16.00 -16.30	<p>Closing: What have we learnt about citizen engagement and deliberative democracy during this journey? And where do we go next?</p> <p>Social Innovation Prize – Announcement of winner.</p> <p>DG JRC. Stephen Quest</p>	
16.40 -17.30	<p>Performance by the artist</p> <p>Isabel Prade [isabelprade.com]</p>	
17:45-18:15	<p>Public spaces during COVID-19: gallery & your favourite drink</p>	

Updates and registration will be available from: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/conference/3rd-annual-citizen-engagement-and-deliberative-democracy-festival>



Asynchronous

Exhibition: the festival gallery!

Gallery of 62! videos of Citizen Engagement and Deliberative Democracy Projects – Available throughout the week and Saturday 12th December.

Training: Lectures + Resources

Citizen Engagement asynchronous Lectures

Arts

Launch of a live artistic creation

Isabel Prade [isabelprade.com]



Annex

Legend

Event with political relevance.	
Special Session: conversations led by Commission services, addressing a pressing question.	
Ferramenta: a hands-on or demonstration session.	
Conversatorio: A conversation on current CE/DD hot topics that needs to end with a recommendation.	
Performance: Artistic performance.	
Social event	
Forum	
Exhibition: video gallery of projects	