

Expressions of interest sought to lead Knowledge Development Projects

KNOCA is seeking expressions of interest from network members to lead knowledge development projects (KDPs) funded by the European Climate Foundation. KNOCA aims to take forward the design, application and impact of climate assemblies. To be successful as a network, it is important that members are actively involved in the process of knowledge creation and exchange. KNOCA is therefore commissioning knowledge development projects (KDPs) in critical aspects of climate assembly practice. KDPs will be orientated towards improving practice and policy making and are intended to engage interested network members in working groups and events. Following consultation with KNOCA members, we have decided to focus our knowledge development work on three critical aspects:

1. Framing climate within assemblies
2. Designing impact to affect policy and societal change
3. Evaluating climate assemblies

In the first wave, we seek expressions of interest for two KDPs on “framing climate” and “designing impact”. Both will incorporate consideration of evaluation. A third KDP on “attitudes of climate policy actors” is being led by Alina Averchenkova (Grantham Institute, LSE). If the working model is successful, further KDPs will be launched in 2022.

KDPs will be funded up to a maximum of €20,000. It is expected that this will be supplemented by resources of applicant organisations.

KDPs are expected to run for around three months from mid-January 2022.

Closing date for applications: 29 November 2021

Interviews will take place week beginning 6 December

Applications to be sent to info@knoca.eu

Further details of the research questions and working methodology for KDPs can be found below, along with guidance on making an expression of interest.

Information and Q&A sessions on KDPs and mini-grants will be held on Tuesday 16th and Monday 22nd November.

Sign up Tuesday 16th [press here](#)

Sign up Monday 22nd [press here](#)

Further details

What is a KDP?

A Knowledge Development Project (KDP) focuses on knowledge and network development on a critical aspect of climate assembly practice. A KDP is led by a knowledge development lead (KDL) that is commissioned by KNOCA to deliver creative resources and guidance that are practical (rather than purely

academic) in orientation. KNOCA's ultimate aim is to influence actual climate assembly practice by bringing clear, directly implementable recommendations based on careful reflection and assessment of previous and current experience to those commissioning, organising and evaluating assemblies.

The KDL is required to develop the project and practical guidance through active engagement with KNOCA members, working across academic, practitioner and policy boundaries. During the KDP, the KDL is expected to organise a working group of KNOCA members interested in the project and host an agreed number of events for KNOCA – these could be workshops, learning calls, or more creative forms of engagement.

Criteria for a successful KDP include:

- An orientation towards improving climate assembly practice and enhancing climate policy making, with consideration to up-coming opportunities to implement findings
- Establishment of core working group, engaging a range of KNOCA members across different categories (academic, practitioner, policy, activist, participant etc. and across deliberative democracy / climate governance boundaries) and relevant specialists beyond KNOCA
- KNOCA events
- Regular engagement with KNOCA management group
- Production of practical resources or guidance for KNOCA website. This may include a KNOCA Briefing (or similar) if relevant
- Engagement of early career researchers (academic, policy, civil society) and assembly veterans (former members)
- Contribution of resources to the project from knowledge development lead

Members of the KNOCA management group will play the following roles to support KDPs:

- Identify KDLs
- Work with KDLs to identify potential partners in the research and reach out to KNOCA members to form a working group
- Support the KDLs in organising events
- Act as a critical friend as the KDP progress
- Work with the KDLs and other interested parties to translate findings into practical resources to support the development of climate assemblies and robust climate policy making.

Proposed KDPs and key research questions

KDP1: Framing climate: the impact of framing on the outcomes of assemblies

Our knowledge of the impact of different approaches to framing the challenges of climate change and potential solutions within assemblies is limited. How the remit is framed and the way that information is ordered and presented will shape the outcomes of assemblies.

Key research questions for this KDP include:

- 1.1. How do different types of remit affect outcomes? What is the impact of more open vs more specific remits? How to balance mitigation and adaptation?
- 1.2. What are the implications of different process designs on outcomes? Do particular approaches support more systemic considerations?
- 1.3. What is the best way to present expert and advocacy input into assemblies that recognises the range of perspectives, the different learning styles of assembly members and the need to synthesise large amounts of often complex information?

1.4. How can these aspects of framing be integrated into the evaluation of climate assemblies?

KDP2: Designing impact on policy systems

The impact on policy, public administration, stakeholders and the wider public has differed markedly between assemblies. Most attention in the organisation of assemblies has been on designing the assembly itself. Less attention has been given to how commissioners and organisers can actively develop strategies to enhance different forms of impact.

Key research questions for this KDP include:

- 2.1. How can assemblies be designed so that they are more sensitive to policy systems and different points in the climate policy cycle?
- 2.2. How can the capacity of public officials and other policy actors be enhanced to better respond to the presence of an assembly and its outcomes?
- 2.3. What transmission mechanisms (including legal requirements) need to be in place so that the outcomes of assemblies are treated seriously by decision makers and other policy actors?
- 2.4. How can climate assemblies become a more embedded part of climate governance rather than ad-hoc institutions?
- 2.5. How can these aspects of impact be integrated into the evaluation of climate assemblies?

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the KNOCA Briefings – see <https://knoca.eu/>

Expression of interest guidance

Individuals and organisations are invited to provide an expression of interest covering the following elements:

- Lead(s) – partnerships between individuals and organisations are welcome
- Approach (500 words max) – what approach will be taken to knowledge and network development (including engagement with KNOCA members)?
- KPIs (200 words) – between 15 January to 15 April 2022
- Experience (500 words max) – what experience can the Lead(s) draw on to deliver the KDP
- Amount sought and outline budget (up to €20,000)
- Complementary resources (250 words) – what resources can the Lead bring to supplement KNOCA funding
- Any other information (250 words max)
- Contact details

EoI to be sent to info@knoca.eu and received by 12pm CET on 29 November 2021

Note, an individual or organisation can provide an expression of interest for more than one KDP