

COORDINATION OF CITIZEN ASSEMBLIES IN EUROPE

What do we want to do?

- Collect proposals from citizens' assemblies that can be sent to the European Union.
- Join them, compare them, analyze them, complete them and improve them.
- Make a unified list of European proposals.
- Discuss them, vote on them and approve them in a face-to-face meeting in Barcelona.
- Transfer it to the European Commission and the European Parliament.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING YOU?

- * Send us the proposals of your assembly.
- * Participate in the debate to unite all the proposals.
- * Attend the review meeting in Barcelona 1-2 June 2024.
- * Disseminate the joint list and transfer it to your territorial area.

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PROJECT: COORDINATION AMONG EUROPEAN CITIZEN ASSEMBLIES

Good afternoon. I am speaking on behalf of the Citizens' Assembly for the Climate of Spain, which took place between 2021 and 2022 and has now become a non-profit association. As an association, we work towards a number of objectives, including:

- Disseminate the proposals of the assembly in forums, conferences and media
- Monitor compliance with the proposals by the Spanish government
- Promote the creation of new assemblies within Spanish territory
- Coordinate with other assemblies to optimize efforts and actions

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It is just from the conversations held with assemblies such as the French (Les 150), the Austrian (Klimaratverein) and the Barcelona one that a new window of action has opened. These four assemblies are agree on the need to gather the proposals developed in each country, select those related to the environmental management areas of the European Union and send them to Brussels so that they can be implemented throughout the Union, since they affect the environment in the whole continent, and you already know that many of the necessary actions to combat the climate crisis correspond more to the European Union than to national or local governments.

Of course, this means studying the proposals of each assembly, comparing them, joining similar proposals, completing or refining them if necessary, debating and approving them in a process similar to that of a citizens' assembly, with representatives of those assemblies that exist currently. The whole process must be supervised by expert and independent persons.

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For the debate and approval of the unified platform of proposals, we have found an optimal place and time. As you may know, Barcelona has been declared the European Capital of Democracy by the European Union, and for this it has been valued, among other things, that Barcelona has held a Citizens' Assembly for the Climate in 2022, as Oriol Agulló has told to us. From September 2023 to July 2024 the city will host many activities focused on citizen participation. In a first opinion, Barcelona City Council would accept to host a meeting of Citizens' Assemblies for the Climate of Europe, which could be held at first and second of June 2024, in order to get a possible joint platform of proposals for European Union. We are working with the idea that this meeting will host 100 participant citizens, representatives of the different citizens' assemblies in Europe.

This project, which has an initial budget of 60,000 euros, has already brought together other collaborations, such as that of the Marea Deliberativa organization or that of Fernando Valladares, member of the Superior Council of Scientific Research of Spain. The government of Catalonia, through its Office of Climate Change, is aware of the project and is considering its participation. Likewise, it has been presented to the European Climate Foundation in order to obtain its support.

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What do we propose to you?

At this initial point, the project is fully open to the participation of assemblies, institutions, associations and experts from all over Europe. For its realization, we need to have:

- The proposals of the various citizen assemblies
- The participation of representatives of the assemblies in the promotion group
- The collaboration of experts in environmental policies who supervise the process of combining different proposals
- The funding of institutions for a successful development of the project (governments, universities, foundations...)
- The participation of the representatives of the assemblies in the debates of the proposals and in the Barcelona meeting, 1-2 June 2024
- The formal transfer of the united proposals to the European Union (European Commission and Parliament)

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- The monitoring of the implementation of the proposals and their dissemination in the territorial areas of each assembly.

If you are interested in the project and can participate from your field of action in any of the mentioned aspects, your collaboration will be very welcome. In fact, we are convinced that the necessary union of citizen proposals in a single platform will only be possible if it's based on the collaboration of all citizen groups and the institutions that have promoted them. We have taken the first step, but the project will not reach the end without you. It is everyone's business and everyone is needed.

For more details, we can talk about it in the corresponding room. If you want to know the project in more detail, contact me by email and I will send it to you.

Thank you for your attention.