

1st CLIMAS Workshop: Reaching a common understanding of Climate Assemblies

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Aim of today's workshop

- **To introduce the CLIMAS project**, which supports a transition to climate resilience by co-designing an innovative problem-oriented climate adoption Toolbox, via the application of a value-based approach, design thinking methods and citizen science mechanisms
- **To set the scene for CLIMAS Workshops aimed at:**
 - **Identifying bottlenecks, barriers and drivers** for deliberation in Climate Assemblies or other types of citizen deliberative activities
 - **Supporting the development of CLIMAS Toolbox** for climate change citizen engagement

2023							
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Workshop 1 – Setting the scene, TODAY	Workshop 2 - Identifying bottlenecks, barriers and drivers	-	-	Workshop 3 – Reaching consensus	Analysis and reporting	D2.2 Draft for review – 30/11	D2.2 submission

Agenda

- **11:30-11:50 Welcome and introductory plenary session** (*English*)
- **11:50-12:10 Brainstorming bottlenecks, barriers and drivers for deliberation** in three parallel breakout sessions to cover topics:
 - **Breakout 1: Topics 1. Involvement and roles of politicians and policymakers and 2. Climate Assembly Governance and organisation** (*English*)
 - **Breakout 2: Topics 3. Framing of Climate Assembly topics/dilemmas and 4. Selection of experts and creation of Knowledge Working Group** (*Spanish*)
 - **Breakout 3: Topics 5. Selection of citizens, stratification, incentives and rewards and 6. Information and communication** (*German*)
 - **Breakout 4: Topics 1. Involvement and roles of politicians and policymakers and 2. Climate Assembly Governance and organisation** (*English*)
- **12:10-12:25 Final wrap-up session** in plenary to report main takeaways from each breakout (*English*)
- **12:25-12:30 Conclusions and next steps** (*English*)

Workshop attendees

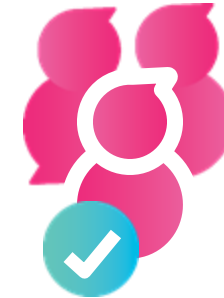
- **Stakeholders connected to Climate Assemblies**, either in the past, present or future
- **With experience in deliberation:**
 - Deliberation is an approach to decision-making that allows participants to consider relevant information from multiple points of view*.
 - The engagement of citizens in a Climate Assembly needs different capabilities such as reading climate change documents and exercising critical thinking, elaborating new documents or presentations and presenting them in a plenary, all these required skills are generally developed within the tertiary educational level (referring the Einaudi's statement about the need of knowing in order to deliberate, in Italian "Conoscere per deliberare"**)

* INVOLVE UK, <https://involve.org.uk/resources/knowledge-base/what/deliberative-public-engagement>

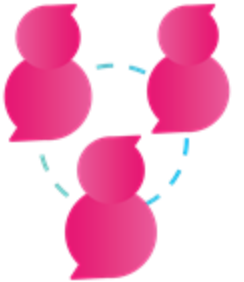
** Einaudi, Luigi (1964). *Prediche inutili*, Einaudi, Torino, pp. 3-14



Civil
society



Policy-
makers



Social
Partners



Academics



Experts

Housekeeping rules

- Stay muted while not speaking
- Raise hand to speak
- Zoom breakouts and Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/tools37/climas-1st-workshop-reaching-a-common-understanding-of-clima-zjvp2x32zawlqias>

PLEASE RENAME YOURSELF TO INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED LANGUAGE:

EN, SP, DE. *E.g. **SP** – Maria Alonso, cambiaMO | changing MObility*

- The session will be audio and video recorded (Informed Consent Form)

Topics in Padlet

Topics in sections



Scan the QR code to access the CLIMAS Wall Padlet

Translations in SP, DE

Padlet

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Primer Workshop de CLIMAS: Alcanzando un entendimiento común de las Asambleas del Clima / Erster CLIMAS-Workshop: Erreichen eines gemeinsamen Verständnisses von Klimaversammlungen

1. Involvement and roles of politicians and policymakers

Drivers, facilitators
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the involvement of politicians and/or policymakers has boosted deliberation processes in Climate Assemblies?

Barriers, obstacles
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the involvement of politicians and/or policymakers has hindered deliberation processes in Climate Assemblies?

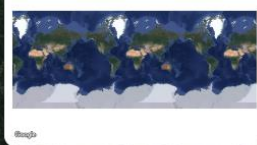
1. Participación y funciones de los políticos y los encargados de formular políticas

Please all, go ahead with

2. Climate Assembly Governance and organisation

Drivers, facilitators
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the governance of Climate Assemblies has facilitated deliberation?


Barriers, obstacles
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the governance of Climate Assemblies has hindered deliberation?



3. Framing of Climate Assembly topics/dilemmas

Drivers, facilitators
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the framing of topics and dilemmas in Climate Assemblies has boosted deliberation?

Barriers, obstacles
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the framing of topics and dilemmas in Climate Assemblies has hindered deliberation?



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4. Selection of experts and creation of Knowledge Working Group

Drivers, facilitators
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the selection of experts in Climate Assemblies has facilitated deliberation?

Barriers, obstacles
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the selection of experts in Climate Assemblies has hindered deliberation?

Entry 4.1

Entry 4.2

5. Selection of citizens, stratification, incentives and rewards

Drivers, facilitators
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the selection of citizens in Climate Assemblies has boosted deliberation?

Barriers, obstacles
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the selection of citizens in Climate Assemblies has hindered deliberation?

Šis ir interesants temats, ko mēs šeit apspriežam.

6. Information and communication

Drivers, facilitators
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the information and communication aspects in Climate Assemblies have facilitated deliberation?

Barriers, obstacles
E.g. Can you provide examples of how the information and communication aspects in Climate Assemblies have hindered deliberation?

Drivers, facilitators

Barriers, obstacles



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CLIMAtE change citizens engagement toolbox for dealing
with Societal resilience



Context

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Climate change: global emergency with huge social, environmental and economic impacts

Real problem



- Policies act on the visible part of an 'iceberg' but the transformative potential towards climate mitigation and adaptation lies at a deeper infrastructure and mental construct level
- Citizens recommendations are often not taken up by policymakers
- Vulnerable societal groups are excluded (e.g. indigenous people, children, disabled, young)

Policymakers, experts and stakeholders' actions are not enough

Expectations

360° citizen engagement: to ensure recommendations are more accepted by policymakers

- Value-based approach
- Inclusivity - gender diversity and intersectionality approach
- Anti-patriarchal facilitation



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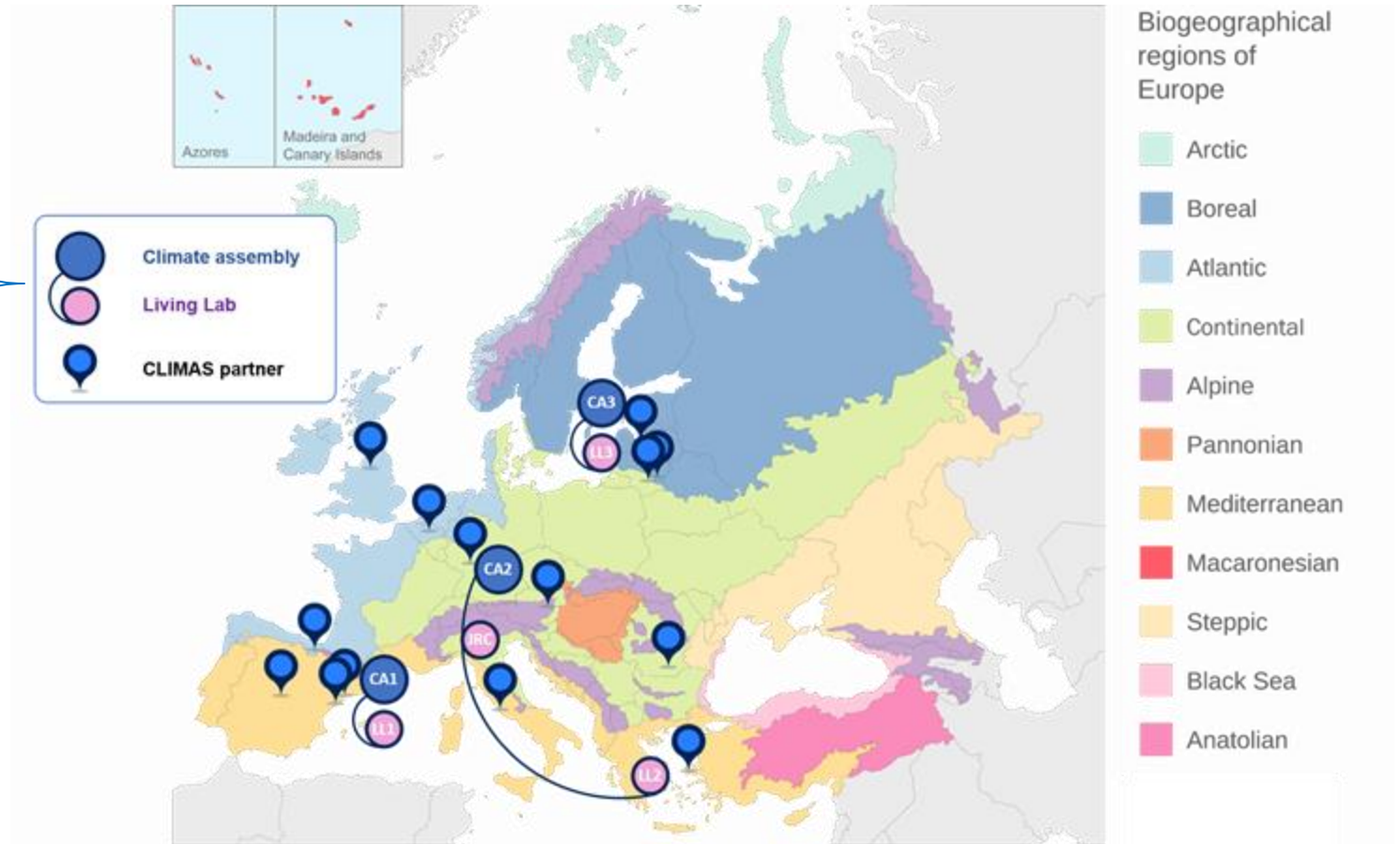
Proposed solution #1

CLIMAS project will use **design-thinking in Living Labs and Climate Assemblies** to create **alternative tools that stimulate deliberative democracy** in climate policymaking

Proposed solution #2

Spain
Spain
Germany
Greece
Latvia
Lithuania
Italy

Climate Assembly of **Catalunya** (CA1)
Ebro Delta Living Lab (LL1)
Municipality of **Edermünde** Climate Assembly (CA2)
Chios Living Lab (LL2)
Riga district Climate Assembly (CA3)
Vilnius Living Lab (LL3)
JRC Future Mobility Solutions living Lab (JRC LL)



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Proposed solution #3

1. Get ready and explore: identify barriers and facilitators of citizen participation

Start with the identification of barriers, drivers, bottlenecks, and good practices in past Climate Assemblies throughout Europe.

2. Engage, empathise, empower: co-create the Toolbox

Build empathy and define the problem through design-thinking, citizen science and value-based approaches in Living Labs; involve citizens and stakeholders in the co-creation of a Toolbox that is useful to all people involved in Climate Assemblies at any level.

3. Test with end-users: test the Climate change citizens engagement Toolbox in Climate Assemblies

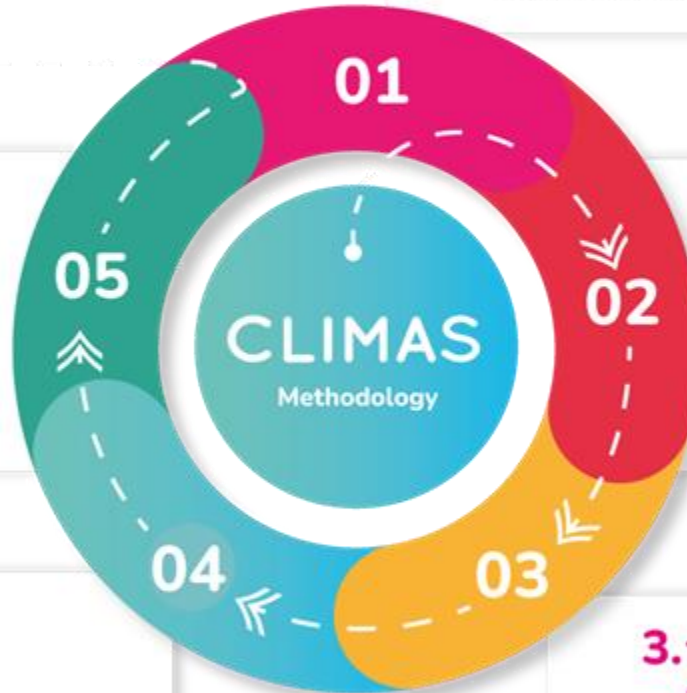
Test the prototype tools in actual Climate Assemblies and Living Labs ensuring that they respond to the needs of people who might benefit from it: Climate AssemblyCA promoters, organisers, participants, and local authorities.

4. Elaborate recommendations: involve citizens in policy-making processes

Deliver innovative climate assembly guidelines for practitioners, facilitators and policy makers promoting them across Europe.

5. Share broad and wide: ensure impact

Continuously deliver training sessions and share knowledge with all relevant stakeholders, including cross-exchanges. Promote empowerment and engagement through dedicated campaigns across the different EU regions.



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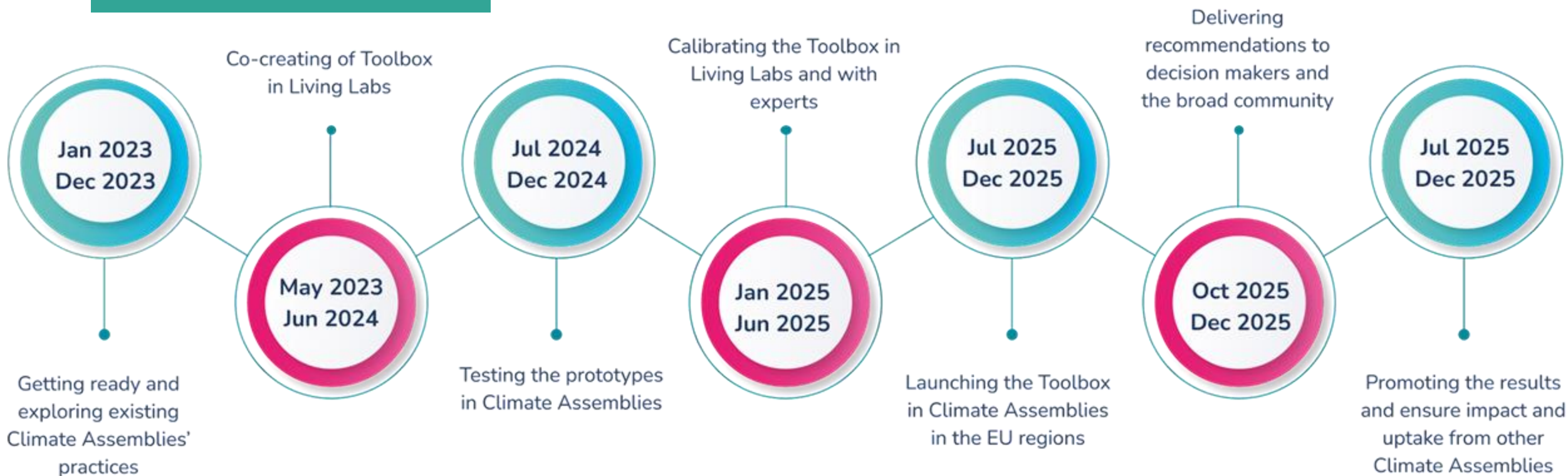
Vision

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The ambition of CLIMAS is to **support a societal transformation to climate resilience** (society resilient by design)

- By empowering citizens through an innovative toolbox expected to democratise Climate Assemblies within 150 EU regions
- By delivering insights and recommendations to support the policymaking process

Proof of success



Duration: 36 Months - from January 2023 to 31 December 2025

EU Contribution: € 2 817 902,50

Coordinator: Vilnius Tech - VILNIAUS GEDIMINO TECHNIKOS UNIVERSITETAS

Who we are



Brainstorming bottlenecks, barriers and drivers for deliberation

BREAKOUT ROOMS TOPICS

- Breakout 1 & Breakout 4: ENGLISH
- 1. Involvement and roles of politicians and policymakers and
- 2. Climate Assembly Governance and organisation
- Breakout 2: SPANISH
- 3. Framing of Climate Assembly topics/dilemmas and
- 4. Selection of experts and creation of Knowledge Working Group
- Breakout 3: GERMAN
- 5. Selection of citizens, stratification, incentives and rewards and
- 6. Information and communication

Final wrap-up session

Plenary session to report main takeaways from each breakout (English), max. 3 minutes for each breakout!!!

Conclusions and next steps

Join us in the 2nd
Workshop "Identifying bottlenecks, barriers and drivers"
during the last week of June 2023 (tentative dates 27 or 29
June, 11:30-12:30 CET)!

Thank you for your attention!

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