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The REAL DEAL Summit

Democracy Institute,
Central European University
Nador St. 15., Budapest, Hungary

19-21 June 2024

REAL DEAL (Reshaping European Advances towards green Leadership through DELiberative Approaches and Learning) is a multi-year, trans-disciplinary project¹ bringing together researchers of deliberative democracy from a wide range of disciplines including political science, law, sociology, and psychology to collaborate with the EU's largest civil society networks and NGOs to reach millions of citizens and thousands of policymakers. REAL DEAL has developed, tested and validated innovative tools and formats to propel deliberative democracy to the next level in 13 countries and on EU level. The REAL DEAL Summit is about co-creating a new hybrid model of political inclusion that will include a comprehensive protocol for meaningful citizens' participation and deliberation to work towards the objectives of the European Green Deal. It develops recommendations on how to design such processes and their application in various contexts by European institutions, Member States, and civil society alike.

Detailed Program

June 19, Wednesday

09:00 - 13:00 Closed Workshop for local partners of the REAL DEAL Project
(invitation only)

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June 19, Wednesday

09:00 – 14:00 Registration

14:00 – 14:15 REAL DEAL Summit Opening: Welcoming remarks

László Bruszt (CEU DI)

Stephen Stec (CEU DI)

14:15 – 14:45 REAL DEAL overview and orientation

Ingeborg Niestroy (RIFS)

Manuela Gervasi (EEB)

Pia-Johanna Schweizer (RIFS)

14:45 – 15:30 “Presentation of the Preliminary Structure of the REAL DEAL Protocol”
(Toolkit and Guideline for Deliberative Practices)

Stephen Stec (CEU DI)

Anna Vancsó (CEU DI)

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00 “Diversity, Gender, and Ethics in Deliberative Democracy Research”

Anke Stock (WECF)

Maryia Rohava (Trilateral Research)

17:00 – 18:00 “Collaborative Research Involving Civil Society Organizations and
the Research Community”

Alessia Marzotto (ALDA)

Flóra László (CEU)

Hilmi Tekoglu (SOLIDAR)

18:30 – 20:00 Reception

June 20, Thursday

09:00 – 10:30 Panel Discussion I.

“Linking citizen engagement to European policy development,
Green Deal targets and milestones”

(Moderator: **Pia-Johanna Schweizer**, RIFS)

Ortwin Renn (RIFS)

Bea Sándor (Sortition Foundation)

Kalypso Nikolaidis (EUI)

Hans-Liudger Dienel (TU Berlin)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 “Results from Field Studies in 13 countries and the EU:
the REAL DEAL Testcases”

Piet Sellke (Dialogik)

Ingeborg Niestroy (RIFS)

Selected contributions - national level

Jeffrey Moxom (EEB) – EU level

Luigi di Marco (ASviS) – European Semester

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:00 “An Introduction to Interactive modelling for citizen deliberation”

Carlo Jaeger (Global Climate Forum, Potsdam University)

14:00 – 15:30 “Synthesizing Qualitative Deliberation”

Else Giesbers (Wageningen University & Research)

Solène Droy (RIFS)

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:45 “The potential and limitations of online participation in the context
of the European Green Deal - Online deliberative practices”

Thomas Blanchet (TU Berlin)

Joel Berenguer (Open Source Politics)

Nora Kiefer (Make.org)

16:45 - 18:00 “Brainstorming workshops on the REAL DEAL Protocol/Guidance and Toolkit”

Stephen Stec (CEU DI)

Anna Vancsó (CEU DI)

19:00 Dinner

20:30 – 21:00 “Citizen Deliberation Academy brainstorming”
(separate registration required)

Robert Atkinson (Endeavour)

June 21, Friday

09:00 - 10:30 Panel Discussion II.

“The Future of Citizen Deliberation and the European Green Deal”

(Moderator: **Stephen Stec**, CEU DI)

Patricia Heidegger (EEB)

Anthony Zacharzewski (DemSoc)

Béla Kuslits (JESC)

Ulrike Liebert (EUI)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Presenting the final steps of the REAL DEAL project

Cecile Kusters (WUR)

Else Giesbers (WUR)

12:00 – 12:30 Closing Remarks

Stephen Stec (CEU DI)

Ingeborg Niestroy (RIFS)

Manuela Gervasi (EEB)

László Bruszt (CEU DI)