



A Horizon 2020 project on  
Citizen Deliberation for the European Green Deal

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# Political:

## The Horizon call for the European Green Deal



- **74 projects in 10 areas:**

8 thematic areas  
2 horizontal areas

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## The Horizon call for the European Green Deal

Horizontal	
9. Strengthening knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.1. European Research Infrastructures' capacities and services to address European Green Deal challenges</li><li>9.2. Developing end-user products and services for all stakeholders and citizens supporting climate adaptation and mitigation</li><li>9.3. A transparent and accessible ocean: towards a digital twin of the ocean</li></ul>
10. Empowering citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.1. European capacities for citizen deliberation and participation for the Green Deal</li><li>10.2. Behavioural, social and cultural change for the Green Deal</li><li>10.3. Enabling citizens to act on climate change and environmental protection through education, citizen science, observation initiatives, and civic involvement</li></ul>

**10.1. REAL DEAL  
& Phoenix**

**10.2 Shared Green  
Deal  
& ACCTING**

Knowledge & Citizen Working Group: 16 projects



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# Why REAL DEAL?: the European Green Deal (EGD) Challenge

- EGD: *Transform EU into the first climate-neutral region of the world by 2050 and to catapult it to global leadership in sustainability. ...* Also: The EU's main area of implementing the **SDGs**.
- Its **European Climate Pact** has activities for **direct citizen involvement** [but later stalled ...]
- The **Conference on the Future of Europe** was the largest exercise in deliberate democracy in the EU → followed by 3 EU-wide citizen panels (Dec. 2022 – April 2023) ... [2 new upcoming ...]
- However, European institutions **do not yet apply citizens participation and deliberation in a systematic way**. EU member states neither. Some prime examples of citizen assemblies at national level (IE, FR, DK ... DE, ES ... AT), some in capitals, many at local level.

*How citizen participation and deliberation could go beyond one-off and towards an **institutionalisation**?*

**... REAL DEAL focus: connecting citizen deliberation & stakeholder participation**



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# REAL DEAL transdisciplinary approach: partners from CSOs & Research/Practice



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# REAL DEAL key aims and questions:

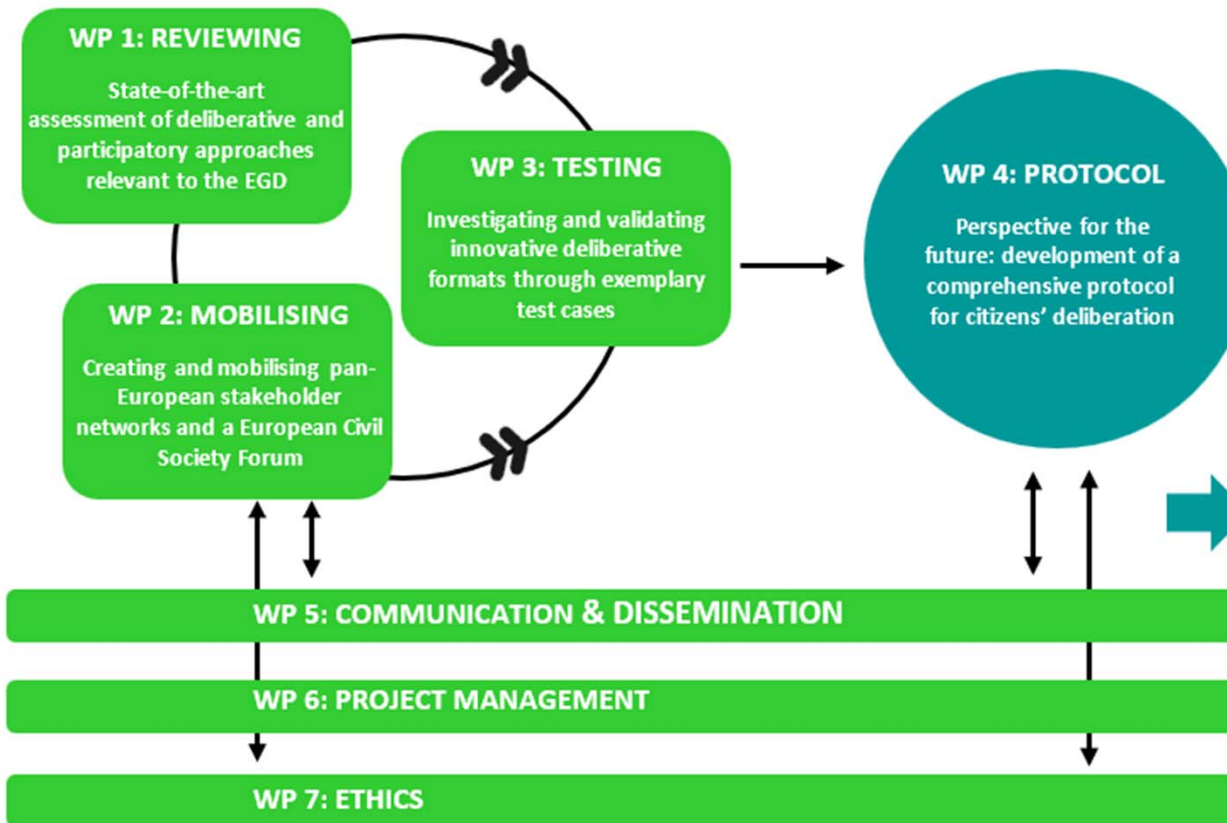
- Connect the **sustainability** and the **democracy communities**
- Try to overcome the **potential conflict** between respecting the **planetary boundaries** and preserving **openness in deliberative processes**
- Bring **stakeholder participation and citizen deliberation** in an effective relationship, improve the way of involving stakeholders, addressing conflicts
- Find ways to better involve **vulnerable groups** and concerns of **future generations**
- **Multi-level governance**: improve the connection of national and EU level in deliberation processes
- Cross-cutting: Systematically consider and cater for **gender** equality



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# REAL DEAL work flow



- Active citizen and stakeholder participation and deliberation in the European Green Deal
- Co-designed, tested and validated protocol for meaningful citizens' participation and deliberation
- Just transition leaving no one behind and gender equality through the EGD



This project is research :



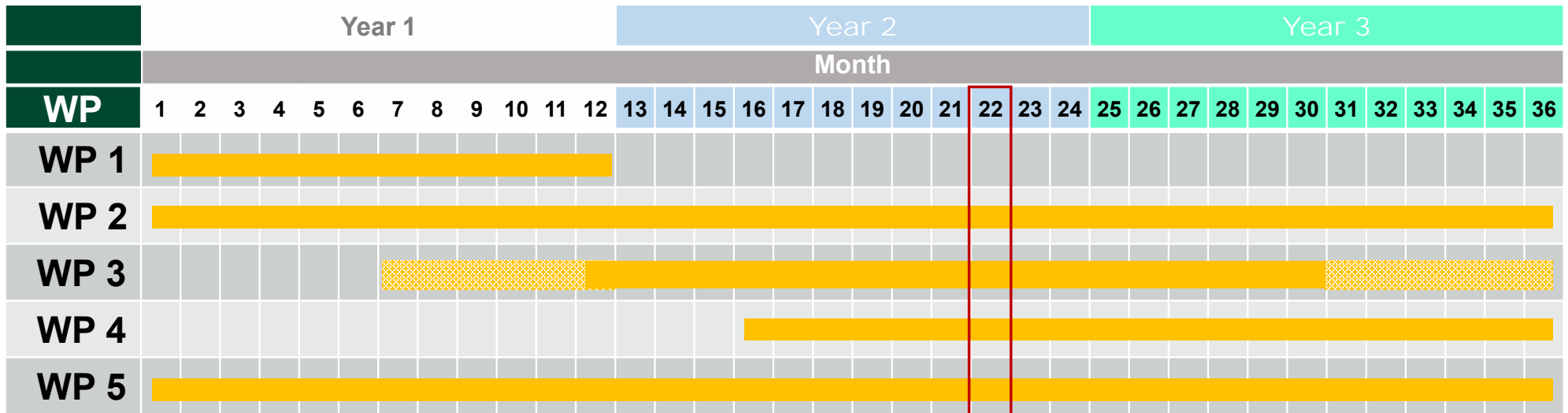


# REAL DEAL: work packages

- WP1** Providing a **state-of-the-art assessment of deliberative and participatory approaches relevant to the EGD** and review the **legal and institutional contexts**
- WP2** **Establish a Civil Society Forum** – regular meetings, analysis and recommendations
- WP5** **Communication - Outreach and campaigning**
- WP3** **Developing, testing and validating** innovative formats and tools to propel deliberative democracy to the next level...  
... in **13 countries** (10 EU and 3 neighbourhood) and **3 pan-European formats**  
... **digital** and **in-person processes**, multi-lingual online platform on [www.realdeal.eu](http://www.realdeal.eu)
- WP4** Co-designing a **protocol for meaningful citizen participation and deliberation** that can be used in various contexts, to include:
- Guidelines and recommendations on how to design such processes for the EGD
  - A tested toolkit of formats that can be applied by EU and national institutions, CSOs ...
- Post project sustainability:** Initiating a **Citizen Deliberation Academy** for mutual learning and training

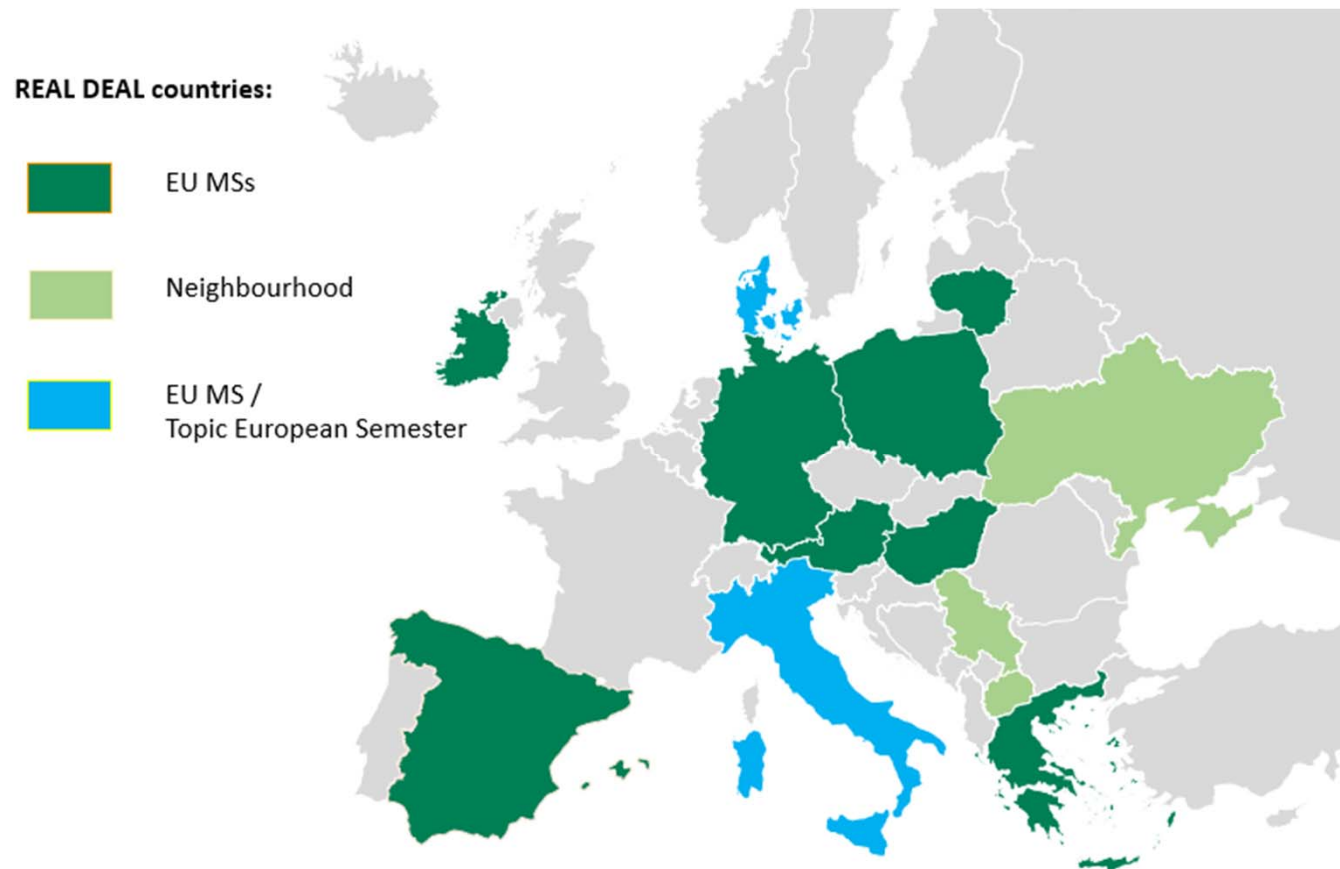


# REAL DEAL timeline



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# REAL DEAL: country level test cases (WP3)



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- **Session 2: Policy Developments in the EU (November 15, 14:00-16:00 CET)**
- **Clara Dassonville**, SOLIDAR  
*European Green Deal and Just Transition*
- **Gaetane Ricard-Nihoul**, European Commission, Secretariat of the Conf. of the Future of Europe  
*EU policies and actions in deliberative democracy – the EU citizen panels*
- **Yves Mathieu**, Missions Publiques (TBC)  
*Reflections on linking citizen deliberation with planetary boundaries*
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- **Ulrike Liebert**, European University Institute  
*Other initiatives in deliberative democracy in Europe – the Democratic Odyssey*
- **Angela Pereira**, European Commission, JRC  
*The Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy*
- **Laurence Graff**, European Commission, DG CLIMA  
*European Climate Pact and beyond*



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