



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



The banner features a stylized Earth with green continents and blue oceans on the left. The European Commission logo is at the top center. The text 'EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL RESEARCH & INNOVATION CALL' is in the center. A green circle on the left contains the text '€1 billion to accelerate a just and sustainable transition'. The date 'October 2021' is at the bottom right.

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to accelerate a just and sustainable transition

With the last call under Horizon 2020, the European Commission is investing in 73 projects that will contribute to accelerating a just and sustainable transition to a climate-neutral Europe by 2050.

- 74 projects in 10 areas:
8 thematic areas
2 horizontal areas

Political: The Horizon call for the European Green Deal

Horizontal

9. Strengthening knowledge

- 9.1.** European Research Infrastructures' capacities and services to address European Green Deal challenges
- 9.2.** Developing end-user products and services for all stakeholders and citizens supporting climate adaptation and mitigation
- 9.3.** A transparent and accessible ocean: towards a digital twin of the ocean

10. Empowering citizens

- 10.1.** European capacities for citizen deliberation and participation for the Green Deal
- 10.2.** Behavioural, social and cultural change for the Green Deal
- 10.3.** Enabling citizens to act on climate change and environmental protection through education, citizen science, observation initiatives, and civic involvement

**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

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)



Researchers and Practitioners



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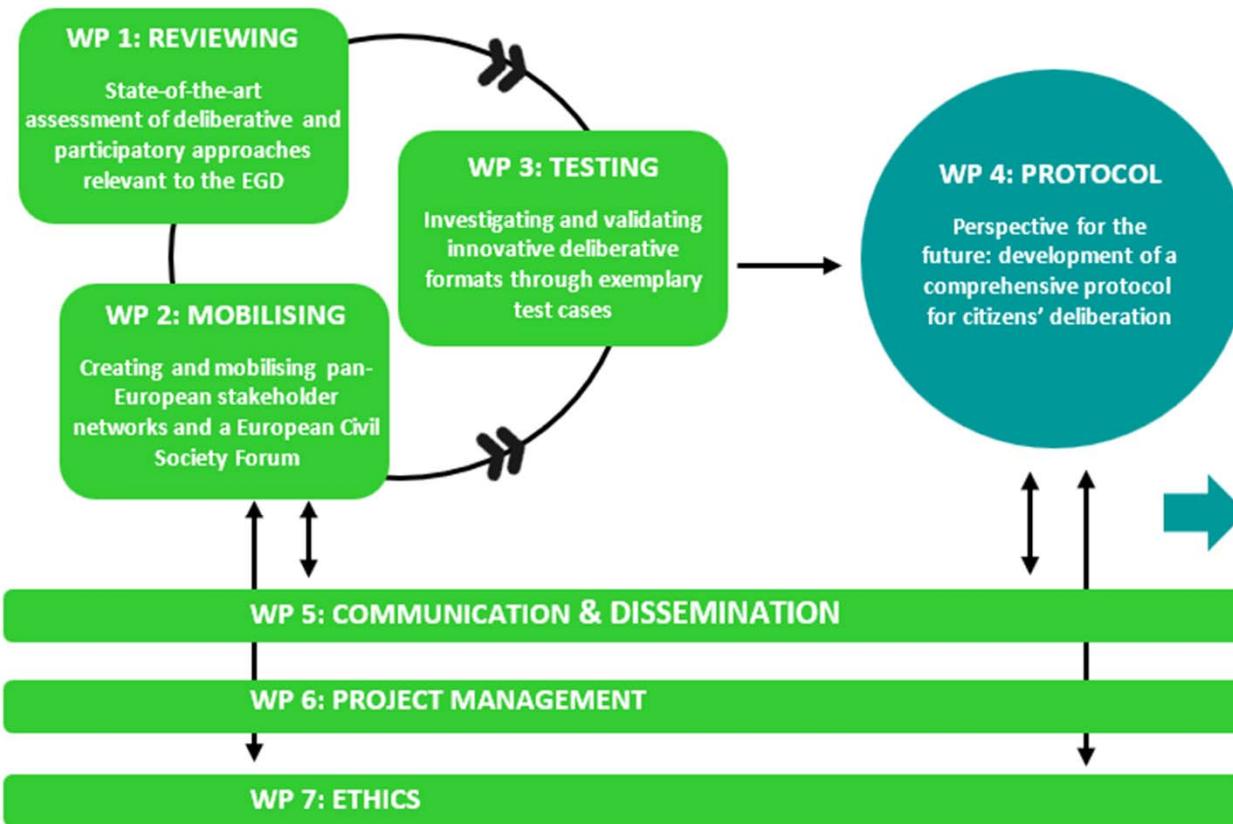
REAL DEAL key aims and questions:

- 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



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

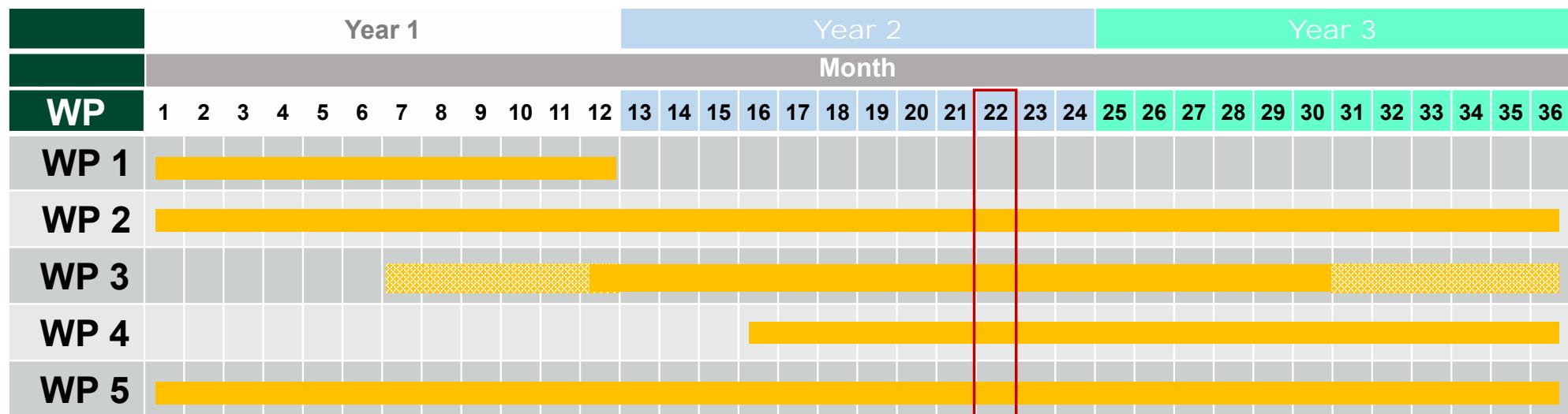
WP5 **Communication - Outreach and campaigning**

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

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 ...

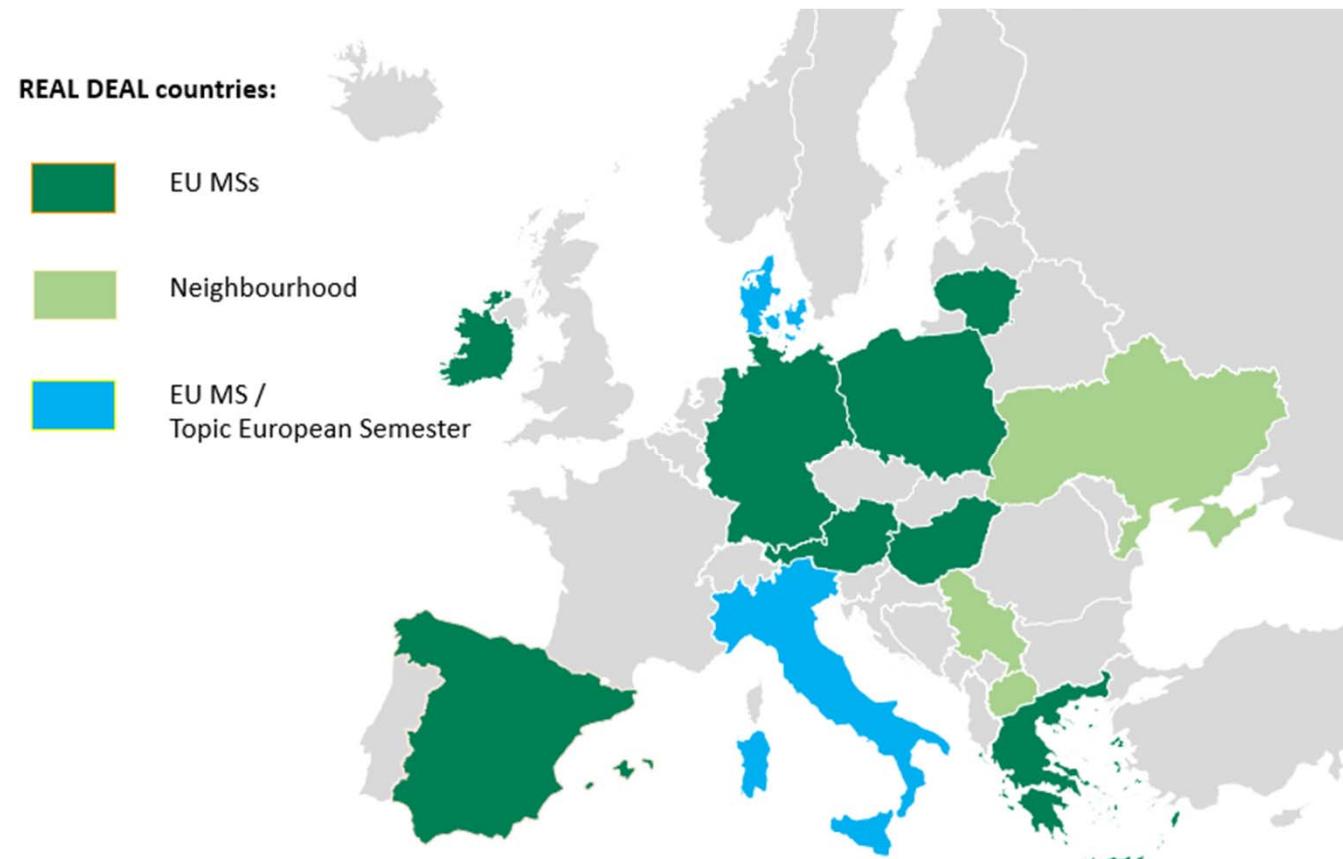
Post project sustainability: Initiating a **Citizen Deliberation Academy** for mutual learning and training

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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