WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES IN THE CZECH CONTEXT

THE IRISH CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES

Convention on the Constitution (2013 - 2014)

citizens   Voting Age, Presidential Term, Role of Women and Women in Politics, Same Sex Marriage, Electoral Reform, Blasphemy, Right to vote for abroad, Dáil Reform, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Citizens' Assembly (2016 - 2018)

Abortion, Ageing population, Climate change, The manner in which referenda are held, Fixed Term Parliaments

Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality (2020 - 2021)

Gender discrimination, economic and structural pay inequalities, participation and equal opportunities, early years parental care and work-life balance, the social responsibility of care

Dublin Citizens' Assembly (2022)

The type of directly elected mayor and local government structures best suited for Dublin

Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss (2022-2023)

How the State can improve its response to the issue of biodiversity loss

Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use (2023)

To significantly reduce the harmful impacts of illicit drugs on individuals, families, communities and wider society

THE IRISH CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES

Phase I. (Establishment)

- Government proposes the Citizens' Assembly
- Parliament formally establishes the Citizens' Assembly and agrees its Terms of Reference

Phase II. (Operation)

- Chairperson appointed
- Members recruited
- Meetings held
- Recommendations agreed
- Report drafted

Phase III. (Reporting)

- Report submitted to Oireachtas
- Oireachtas Committee responds to recommendations
- Government responds to recommendations

FRENCH GREAT NATIONAL DEBATE

Le grand
débat national

(January- March 2019)

FRENCH GREAT NATIONAL DEBATE

(January- March 2019)

- Commissioning authority: French Government

- Topic/Remit: 4 thematics (Ecological Transition, Public Spending and Taxation, Public Services and State Organisation, Democracy and Citizenship)

- Governance: Operational inter-ministry task force + 5 guarantors

- Process: Online platforme + « doleances books » + 10 000+ local townhall debates + 21 sortitioned-based « Regional Citizens' Conferences » (including 1 only for Youth, 18-25 years old)

- Number of participants: 1404 citizens randomly selected to participate in the Regional Citizens' Conferences (in total, 1,5 million people participate to the National Debate)

- Output: 230 recommendations on all 4 topics

- Political commitment: No clear political commitment

- Political impact: none

- Budget: estimated at €12 million

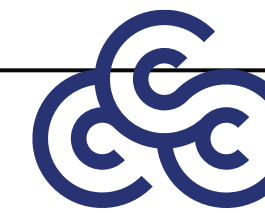# FRENCH CITIZENS' CONVENTION ON CLIMATE (October 2019 - June 2020)

FRENCH CITIZENS' CONVENTION ON CLIMATE

- <u>Commissioning authority</u>: The French President announced the Convention. Formally constituted by the Prime Minister, through an official mission letter to the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (ESEC)

- <u>Topic/Remit</u>: How can greenhouse gas emissions be reduced by at least 40% (compared to 1990 levels) by 2030 in a spirit of social justice?

- <u>Governance</u>: 15 representatives of government, think tanks, unions, business and experts in climate science, policy, and democracy + 2 citizens + 3 Guarantors

- <u>Process</u>: 7 face-to-face Week-ends + 1 online Week-end + 100 webinars (platform)

- <u>Number of participants</u>: 150 citizens, from 16 to 80 years old

- <u>Output</u>: 149 measures on 5 topics: Transport & mobility, consumption, housing, production and the workplace, nutrition endorsed by 95% of participants

- <u>Political commitment</u>: follow-up "without filter" to a referendum, a vote in parliament, or direct regulatory application.

- <u>Political impact</u>: four years later, 20% implemented in original form, 51% partially, 22% abandoned or still pending

- <u>Budget</u>: estimated at €5.4 million

FRENCH CITIZENS' CONVENTION ON END OF LIFE

(December 2022 - Avril 2023)

Convention
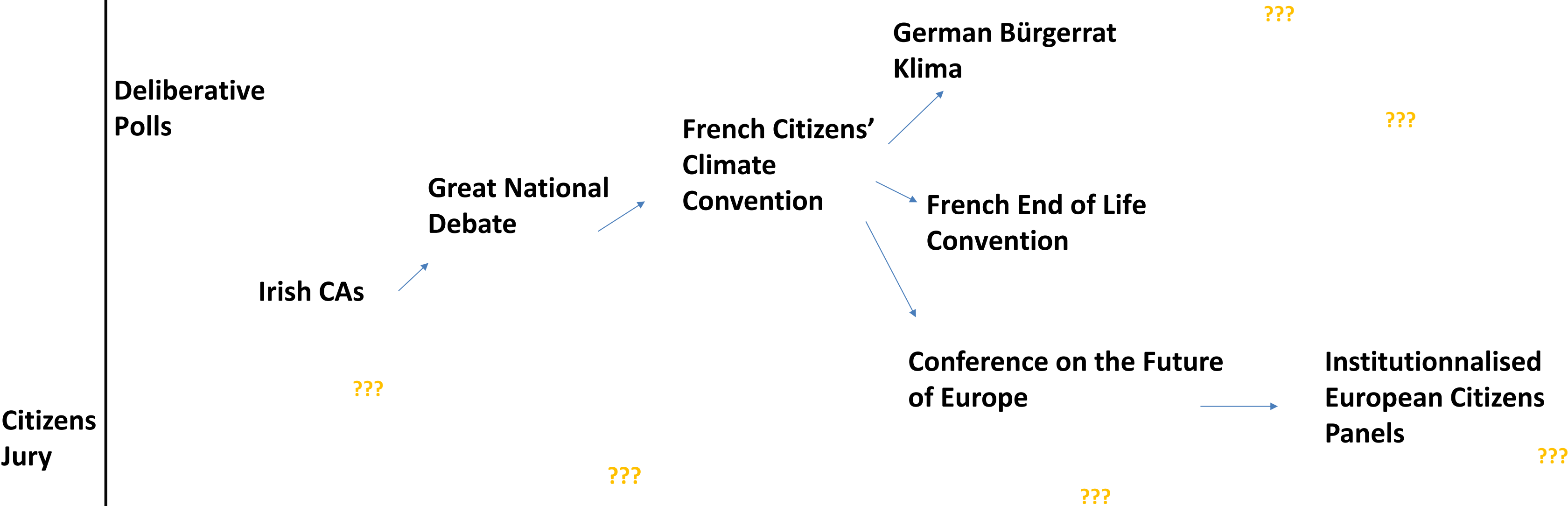Citoyenne Cese
sur la fin de vie

FRENCH CITIZENS' CONVENTION ON END OF LIFE

(December 2022 – Avril 2023)

- <u>Commissioning authority</u>: French government, hosted by the CESE

- <u>Topic/Remit</u>: Is the end of life support framework suitable to the different situations encountered, or should changes be made?

- <u>Governance</u>: Governance Committee, Steering Commitee and Guarantors

- <u>Process</u>: 9 Week-ends in Paris, 27 days in total + continous engagement on platform

- <u>Number of participants</u>: 185 citizens – sortition based on 6 criteria

- <u>Output</u>: 65 recommandations, endorsed at 92%

- <u>Political commitment</u>: legislative proposal on assisted dying by summer 2023

- <u>Political impact</u>: pending

- <u>Budget</u>: estimated at €5 millions

WHAT NEXT?

Deliberative
Polls

German Bürgerrat
Klima

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French Citizens'
Climate
Convention

Great National
Debate

French End of Life
Convention

Irish CAs

Conference on the Future
of Europe

Institutionnalised
European Citizens
Panels

Citizens
Jury

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THE COLOURS

	Procurement phase	Preparation phase	Learning phase	Implementation phase
Fáze	Zadávací	Přípravná	Realizační	Závěrečná
Účel	Poptání OS	Sestavení skupiny účastníků a účastnic OS, Příprava realizace OS	Naplnění podstaty deliberativní demokracie	Využití výsledků Poučení se
Čas	4 měsíce	1 měsíc	12 dní v průběhu 4 měsíců	první info – 3 měsíce po OS druhé info – 15 měsíců po OS
Detail	• Seznámení se s metodou OS • Konsensus o politické závaznosti výstupů OS • Rozhodnutí o realizaci OS • Výběr a zmapování tématu • Formulace otázky • Výběr koordinačního a monitorovacího týmu • Design procesu OS • (Kniha pravidel)	• Publicita • Oslovení občanů/ek • Registrace občanů/ek • Výběr členek a členů OS losem • Organizační zajištění OS	• Vzdělávací fáze • Rokovací fáze • Fáze přezkumu • Finální hlasování • Koordinační tým • Monitorovací tým • Facilitační tým • Účastníci občanského shromáždění • Stakeholdeři • Nezávislí experti • Politik/Svolavatel • Zahraniční pozorovatelé	• Sestavení závěrečných zpráv • Zveřejnění • Zajištění využití výstupů • 2 x info pro veřejnost a účastníky o procesu implementace v rozestupu 1 roku
Lidé	• Politik/Svolavatel • Experti na metodu občanské shromáždění • Stakeholdeři	• Koordinační tým • Monitorovací tým • Politik/Svolavatel		• Koordinační tým • Monitorovací tým • Politik/Svolavatel