

INITIATION



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Co-design public policy « hot potatoe topic »	1) Advocacy objective <i>Focus on process: « foot in the door »</i> or topic: Agenda-setting 2) Accountability objective « Citizens' audit »	Hot potatoe topic Agenda setting Constitutional Changes
Bad Reason: communication & trends	Bad Reason: self-legitimation	

EXAMPLES

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French Conventions: Prime Minister, on request of the President	German Citizen Assembly for a Better Education: Montag Stiftung	Austrian Climate Assembly: Government, on request of one political party, following a Petition
Irish Conventions: Government and supported by all political parties	Serbian Citizens' Assembly on Food Labelling (Horizon Europe + Belgrade University)	BiH Citizens' Assembly on Constitutional and Electoral Reform (EU-EEAS, OSCE Mission, local civil society)
German Assembly on Nutrition: Parliament	Polish Citizen Assembly on Energy Poverty: Fundacja Stocznia, with the Copernicus Science Center	Ukraine's Zvyahel Citizen Assembly on local spaces (Council of Europe)

QUESTIONS

- What is the need for a CA in Czech Republic?
 - Is it a social need, a political need? Born of a crisis, a political deadlock, emotions/aspirations?
 - Is there still a need to « put the foot in the door »?
- Who would be the most legitimate actor(s) to initiate a national Citizen Assembly in the Czech Republic?
 - What does the law say? Who is the most likely to have impact (keeping in mind there are different types of impact!)
- How can we overcome the top-down/bottom-up dichotomy?
 - Is it desirable in the Czech context? Who should be at the governance table? (*cf. Eva presentation*)

GOVERNANCE

• Transparency and impartiality

Internal checks and balances (clear division of tasks and mutual accountability)



GOVERNANCE

- - CA members
 - Commissioning body
 - Design Team
 - Coordination Team
 - Information Selection Group/Lead experts/Knowledge Committee
 - Experts and other stakeholders
 - Lead facilitators
 - Facilitators
 - Oversight committee(s)
 - Support Team
 - Observers



