

Getting people on board

How can cities mobilise and empower citizens in their journeys to climate neutrality?



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Alarm

Climate sceptics

Climate anxiety

Conspiracy theories

Climate protests

CLIMATE CRISIS

Fake news

Despair

Climate change denial

Greenwashing

Political Backlash

Information overload



The red thread COMMUNICATION











How to engage The 90%?

1. Raise Awareness

Making the journey understandable



Speaking a language everyone understands

- 1) Adapting the language to the target audience.
- 2) Shedding the technical language.
- 3) Adding a tangible, concrete layer to your SECAP.
- 4) Working across departments.



Inspiration: the Flemish Pact





Resource: Tangible Targets for Cities

TANGIBLE TARGETS FOR CITIES

33 CONCRETE GOALS TO ADVANCE THE LOCAL ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION



Tangible Examples



- 100% of parking areas are covered by PV panels
- 100% of school lighting is switched to led
- 1 Community Energy project per 500 inhabitants



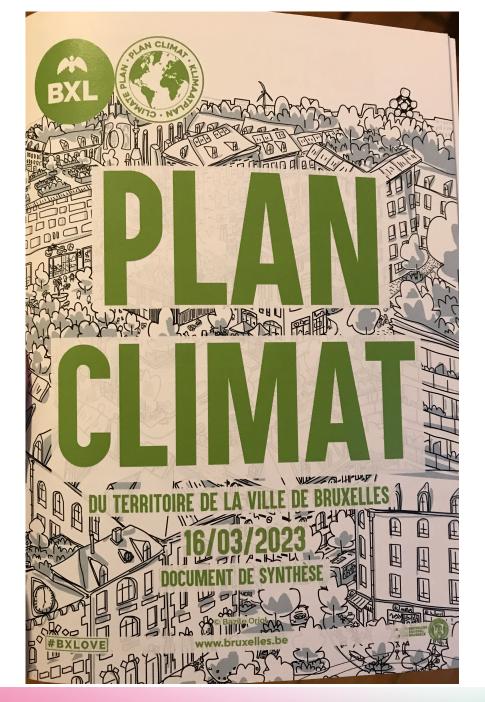
- 1 bike bus route per school
- 20 km/h default speed limit in urban areas
- 1 meter of bicycle lanes per citizen



- Reclaim 80 dwellings from vacancy every year
- Renovate 50 of everyone 1000 housing units



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2. Engage Making the journey interactive



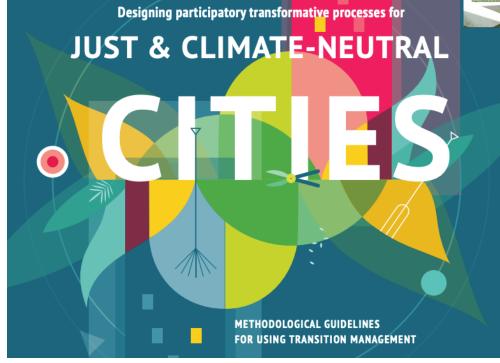
Making it a conversation

- 1) Setting up interactive platforms and forums.
- 2) Having clear calls to action.
- 3) Developing engaging and inclusive material.
- 4) Creating a sense of community.



Inspiration: Leuven 2030





Resource: Designing
Participatory
Processes for a Just &
Climate-Neutral City
(TOMORROW project)





The first Leuven Climate Contract

On November 23, Leuven 2030 and the city of Leuven presented the first Leuven Climate Contract. This contains an action plan towards climate neutrality in 2030, commitments from partners to implement the actions, and a financial model to finance those actions.

Leuven

Less emissions, more future

WHY A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL **LEUVEN IS SO NECESSARY**

Climate neutral? That means choosing together for the best possible future for everyone. With more greenery, less flooding, more road safety, less noise, healthier air, more future-proof jobs and more social justice.

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Valencia

SUSTAINABLE

ECONOMY

AND CIRCULAR

3. Empower

Making it everyone's journey



Giving people the power to direct & shape the journey

- 1) Setting up Citizen Climate Assemblies.
- 2) Guaranteeing representation.
- 3) Responding to recommendations.
- 4) Communicating on the Assembly.



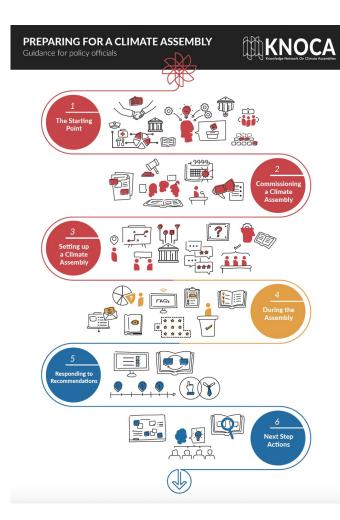
What is a citizen assembly?

Citizen assemblies consist of randomly selected groups of individuals at local or national level who convene to deliberate an important issue.



Inspiration: Grenoble's Citizen Convention for the Climate







KNOCA

Resource: Knoca's
Guide to Climate
Assemblies

Author: Kelly McBride, TPXimpact

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Grenoble





à effet liés au transport, la Convention citoyenne pour le climat a proposé à la Métropole de mettre en place une piste cyclable Chronovélo circulaire.

CE QUE LA MÉTROPOLE S'EST ENGAGÉE À FAIRE :

> Créer un itinéraire Chronovélo périphérique de 1ère couronne, avec un début de réalisation en 2024. Les études opérationnelles seront engagées immédiatement.





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Upcoming Events

15 March

Translating the European Green Deal into local action: Conference for local and regional leaders

15 March 2024

Brussels





TRANSLATING THE **EU GREEN DEAL**INTO LOCAL ACTION







Thank you!

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