

What next for climate assemblies?

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- KNOCA is a European-based network that aims to improve the commissioning, design, implementation, impact and evaluation of climate assemblies
- Launched in June 2021 –over 500 members (policymakers, academics, practitioners, assembly members and civil society actors)
- Led by University of Westminster and the Danish Board of Technology. Funded by the European Climate Foundation

KNOCA's strategic priorities

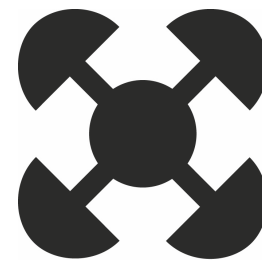
- Document climate assembly practice
- Identify and disseminate best practice for impact
- Shape future trends
- Co-create the future



An **Tionól Saoránach**



The **Citizens' Assembly**



Global Assembly



Family resemblances

- Commissioned by public authorities
- One-off initiatives
- Focused on mitigation rather than adaptation
- Comprehensive (climate change per se) rather than focused on particular policy area
- Limited (but variable) impacts

Limitations in current practice

- Danger that inadequate commissioning, design, implementation, and follow-up of climate assemblies may diminish their potential to (a) enable more robust and legitimate climate policy; (b) enhance democratic practice
- Coupling between assemblies, the climate policy system and broader public discourse is poorly articulated

Some indications of learning, but...

- Netherlands vs Luxembourg!
- Brussels permanent climate assembly...

What next for climate assemblies?

- What is the likely future for climate assemblies? More of the same, a loss of interest or new directions?
- What is our preferred future for climate assemblies- and how can it be shaped by Democracy R&D, KNOCA and other actors?
- What risks can we mitigate and which barriers do we need to break down?

Where next for climate assemblies?

- Framing
 - Adaptation / futures / systems change / transition
 - Selecting and presenting complex information
- Communication
- Integration into “ecosystem” of climate engagement
- Institutionalisation/embedding into climate governance



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