

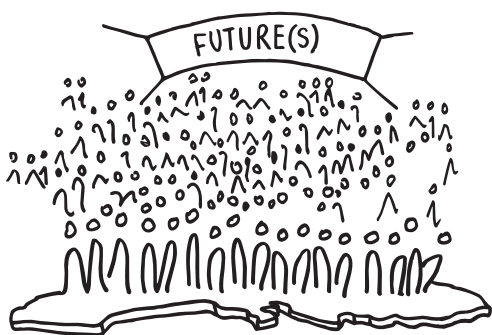


CIMULACT

ENGAGING ALL OF EUROPE IN SHAPING
A DESIRABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

CITIZENS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE AND UNIQUE INPUT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION'S RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENDA

CIMULACT – 'Citizen and Multi-Actor Consultation on Horizon 2020' – will engage citizens, along with a variety of other actors, in redefining the European research and innovation agenda and thereby make it relevant and accountable to society. The project does so by having more than 1000 citizens in 30 countries in Europe formulate their visions for desirable sustainable futures, to debate and develop them with other actors, and to transform them into recommendations for future research and innovation policies and topics. By no longer reserving these questions for experts and policy makers only, CIMULACT makes the building of the future more accessible by commonly sharing and discussing our visions for how research and innovation can take us there.



A new standard for citizen participation

CIMULACT stands out as a visionary project by inspiring the future research agenda and shaping it on the concerns about, wishes for, and visions of desirable and sustainable futures of citizens from 30 countries in Europe. The aims of CIMULACT continue beyond the end of the project, as it sets a new standard for public participation through development, testing, training and assessment of methods for citizen and stakeholder engagement. The participatory tradition is well established in some European countries, but not in all of them. By uniting partners from all over Europe, all aiming for the same high level of public participation, CIMULACT will build strong capacities in the field.

A multi-actor approach

CIMULACT is not only about citizens' visions. It involves a large number of actors who also have an interest in the shaping of the future research agenda – the 'multi-actors'. This group includes policy makers, scientists, research communities, NGO's, and more atypical "challengers" such as designers, futurists, and technical developers. The input to the research agendas will be created with all of them in a highly participatory process. Besides making real, validated and shared visions, based upon needs and demands, this process will create dialogue and shared understanding between the different actors.





In short, CIMLUACT will:

- Involve citizens in the actual formulation of the EU research and innovation agendas.
- Provide concrete and unique input to the identification of the future European research agenda by eliciting concerns about, wishes for and visions of desirable sustainable futures from 1000 citizens in 30 countries in Europe.
- Make the European research and innovation agenda relevant and accountable to society by engaging citizens, stakeholders and experts in co-creating research agendas based on real, validated and shared visions, needs and demands.
- Contribute to responsible research and innovation (RRI) in the EU by promoting the engagement and inclusion of the public in the identification of desirable sustainable futures.
- Set a new standard for public participation through the development, testing, training and assessment of methods for citizen and stakeholder engagement.
- Make the building of the future more accessible. It is no longer only a question discussed by policy makers and experts; it is a wider public conversation for a greater democracy.

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For information on the partners in the project, visit the website www.cimulact.eu

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