



EUROPEAN CITIZENS' PANEL

Ecouter la voix des citoyens européens.
Au-delà d'une initiative pilote réussie,
qu'y a-t-il ?

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Context



- Citizens distrust towards decision-makers
- Decision-makers distrust towards citizens





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Why involving lay citizens?

- Decision-making tool
- European space for public debate
- Citizens-politicians dialogue
- Close (narrow) gap EU/Citizens



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How? (1/2)

- Up to the handing over to decision-makers:
Process & methods
- From the handing over, onwards:
Follow-up & feedback

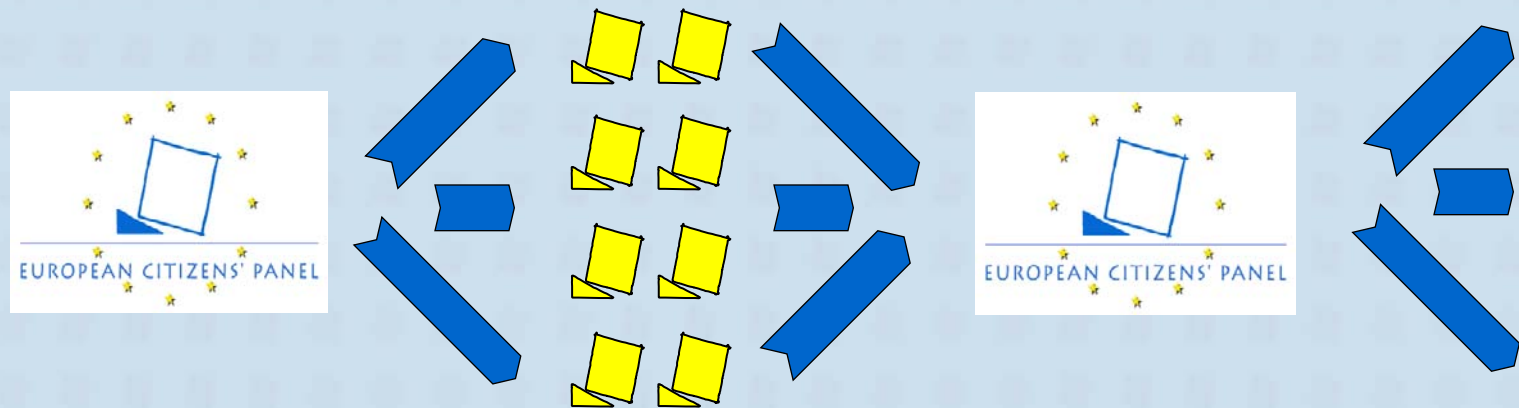
How? (2/2)

in function of objectives, issue, ambition:

- **Selection:** maximise diversity
- **Information:** maximise balance
- **Deliberation:** maximise cross-thinking
- **Moderation**, facilities: maximise empowerment
- **Governance** levels involved: anchor(s) for citizens and decision-makers



Anchors (1/2)

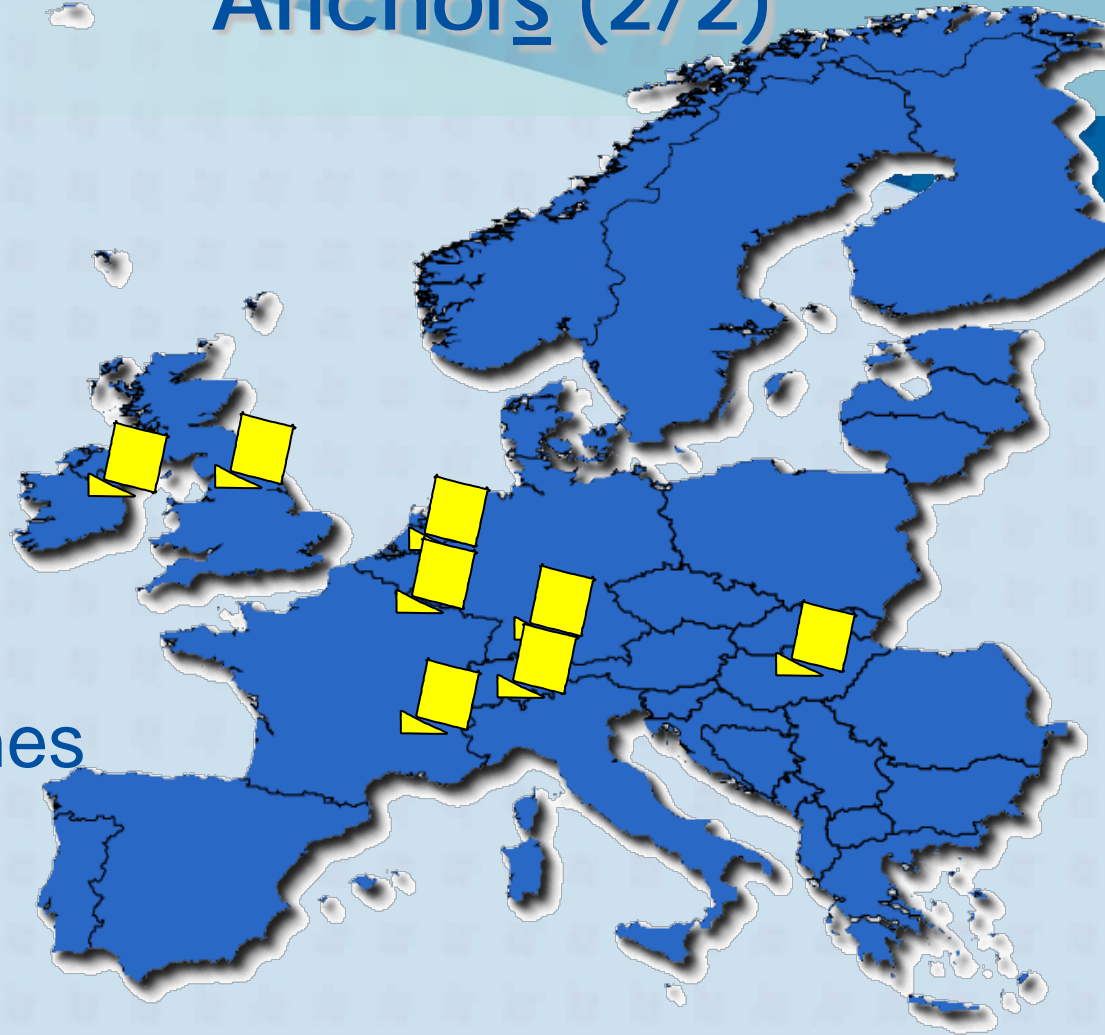


Eur. launch > 8 regional citizens panels
> European deliberation > reg & Eur follow-up



Anchor_s (2/2)

- 337 citizens
- 10 regions
- 9 countries
- 6 languages
- 8 panels,
2 cross-border ones





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*Walloon panellists present
report to Minister for
Agriculture and Rural
development*

Walloon Parliament 09.11.2006



*« The Commission will take the results of
this citizens' consultation very seriously, in
terms of contents and method »*

EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural
Development, 02.04.2007



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Output Eur. Citizens' Panel

Europe for Citizens Programme 2007-2013

- *New permanent co-funding for citizen's Panels
from 0 € up to 2.000.000 €*
- *With quality criteria explicitly derived from the ECP*



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Impact? (2/2)

- European Scale: European Citizens' Panel, ECC... : Tested. Feasible. Useful.
- Diversity (citizens) >> unity (citizens report)
- Involvement of public authorities



Conclusions/questions

- What next
Beyond « pilot initiatives »: mainstreaming
- Facing crisis : Ambition ?
 - Consultation or co-construction ?

More info available

- ECP - Complete report with DVD

Videos, European results, regional results, process, evaluation, thematic information, university analysis & more

- www.citizenspanel.eu

