




# POLICY FOR FUTURE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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# Where do we come from

- 2008: The Democratic Disconnect of Dutch Energy Transitions (Hendriks)
- 2011: The energetic society. In search of a philosophy for a clean economy (Haajer)
- 2019: Framework for shaping participation in sustainable energy projects (Rijnveld & van Schie)

# Where we at

- Citizen's have not really been present at the dutch climate agreement
- Right to challenge is not frequently used
- Fledgling participation at the national policy level
- Government expects citizens to increasingly participate and collaborate, at the same time citizens are calling for more government steering in solving societal problems

# Where do we want to go

- Task: We need a vision on citizen participation for climate and energy policy

# Journey

- Desk research: 150 studies/reports
- Talked to 120 citizens in 8 meetings throughout the country
- Sparring with Minister, three scientists and three local governors
- Writing week at the Dutch coastline
- Received about 400 comments and 1000 text suggestions from 35 parties on several draft versions
  
- Established a Committee with 17 parties that are currently writing an implementation programme

# Bumpy road

1. Ambition vs. reality
2. Abstract vs. specific
3. National vs. decentral
4. Speeding up vs. time for participation
5. Marking space vs. making space

# 1. High ambition (with a realistic time frame)

Participation...

1. Will be an incremental part of the development of national energy policy, energy projects of national importance and projects on government land or property
2. Will have to be followed along 10 clear rules
3. Will be part of a systems-check for national relevant infrastructure
4. Will be part of the working culture
5. Will be more diverse and accessible
6. Is not communication and more than polling

## 2. Abstract vision (with a concrete implementation)





# 3. National vs. decentral = integrational



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FEATURED COLLECTION  
Linking Participation and Economic Advancement

Updated January 28, 2021



FEATURED COLLECTION  
Covid-19 Response

Updated December 8, 2020



COLLECTION  
Transnational Social Movements

Updated July 25, 2022



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Transnational Citizens' Assemblies

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The POLITICIZE Project on Deliberative Mini-Publics (DMPs) in Europe



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Public Participation for Racial Justice

# 4. Speeding up (by) participation

- cost benefit analysis – invested costs (and time) are relativ to other democratic values
- Speedy boarding and normal boarding
- National and local climate assemblies
- Digital participation and deliberation (pol.is, considerIt, wevaluate, etc.)
- Energy cooperatives and energy communities
- Gas free neighbourhoods
- Youth participation programme
- Local ownership

# 4. Manage the unexpected



# 5. Marking space vs. making space

- Challenge the journey not the destination

