# 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)

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## 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

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## Where do we want to go

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

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# Journey

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

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# 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

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# 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

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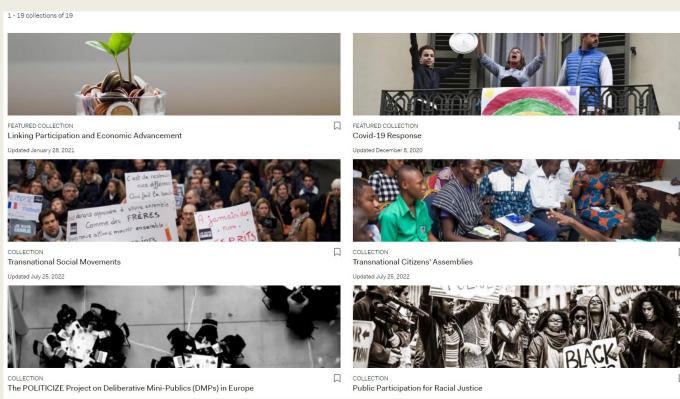
# 2. Abstract vision (with a concrete implementation)



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# 3. National vs. decentral = integrational





# 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

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# 4. Manage the unexpected

emergent behavior

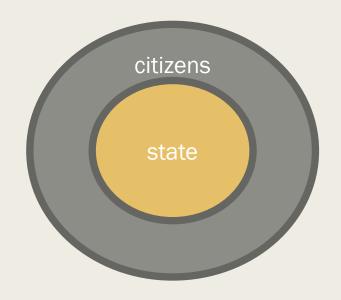


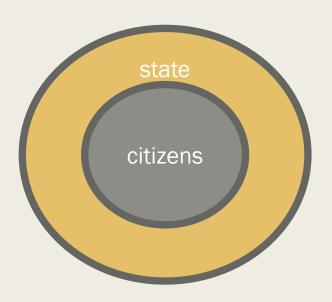
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# 5. Marking space vs. making space

Challenge the journey not the destination





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