CLIMAS: CLIMAte change citizens engagement toolbox for dealing with Societal resilience

Climate assembly in Riga

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Green Liberty

Independent non-profit organisation working on different aspects of sustainability and climate change issues, including climate and energy, use of resources/ waste (including food waste and textile waste), youth engagement and society participation, sustainable consumption (including textiles) and fair trade. Established in 1993.

How did we find the right call?

- Following up the calls on a regular basis;

- Importance of networks that provide important information of new calls;

- Invitation to this call received from CambiaMo

Defining a theme

Citizen participation level in decision making in Latvia related to climate and environment is very low.

Green liberty announced year 2023 a year of DEFENSE OF ENVIROMENTAL INTERESTS.

Climate assembly is a new tool, never done in Latvia before. A great tool and challenge to implement.
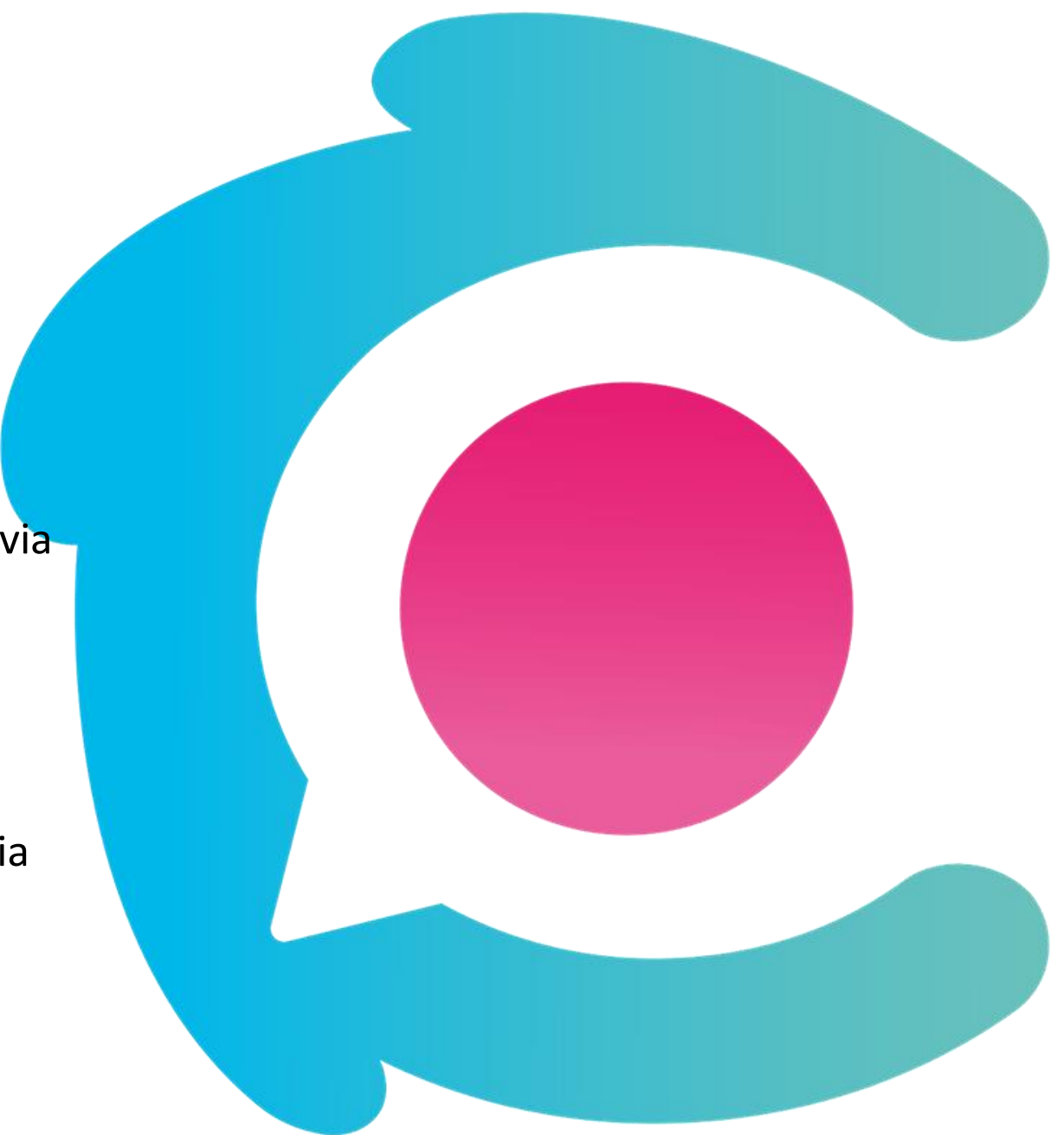
Context

Climate change: global crisis with enormous social, environment and economic consequences

Problem

→ Politics can influence only the visible part of 'iceberg'.
→ Politicians often do not consider the recomendations of citizens.
→ Citizen groups are often excluded.

It is not enough with action from politicians and involved stakeholders.

Expected result

360° citizen involvement to ensure that policy makers consider the recommendations from citizens

→ Inclusive approach – gender, age, income and intersectionality wise

→ Encouraging inclusive approach

→ Value based approach.

Climate assembly

Climate assembly is a sustainable tool to ensure deliberative democracy in climate policies.

Climate assemblies gather the most diverse people selected by lottery who are drawn together to learn, discuss and provide recommendations to policy makers.

Benefits of participation in CLIMAS

Expertise and knowledge from partners.

Support and methodology.

Amazing first hand experience to organize the first climate assembly in Latvia.

Who we are

Thank you!

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