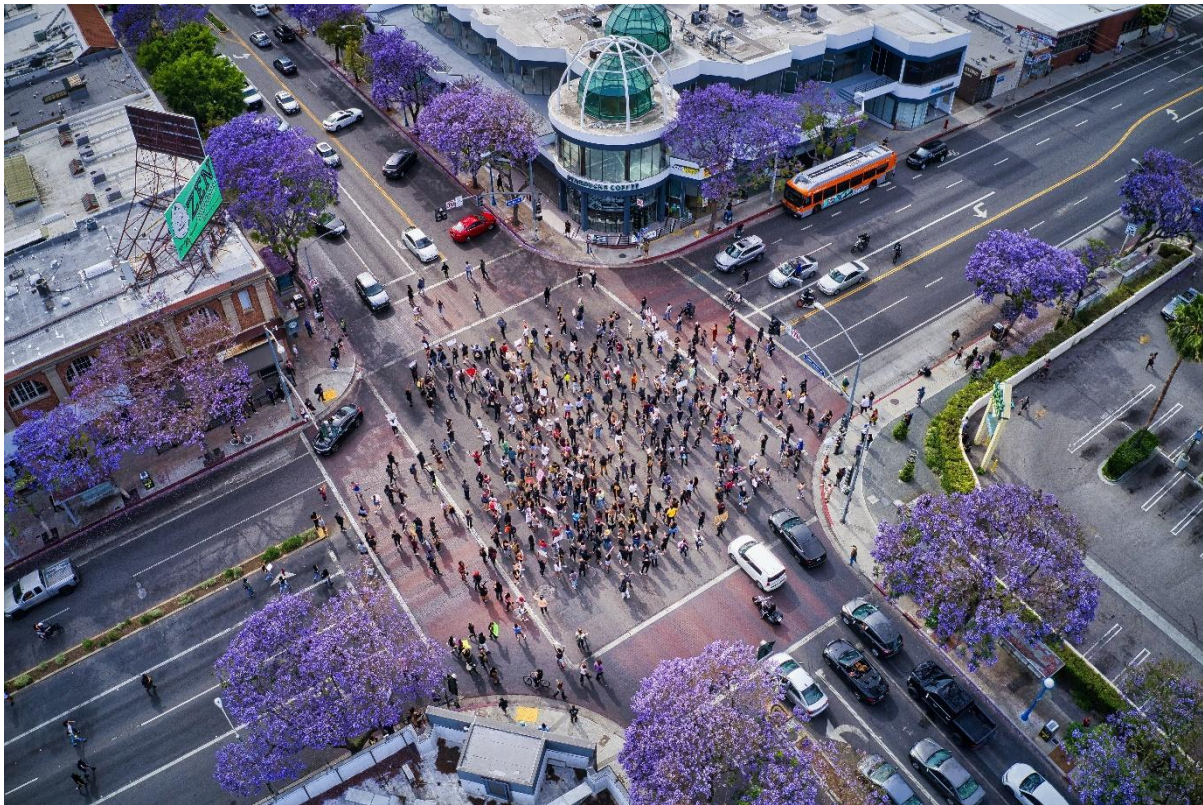


CLIMAS: involving civil society in climate adaptation and resilience efforts

A new EU-Funded Project involves Climate Assemblies practitioners, participants and decision makers in the design of tools and guidelines to increase the impact of deliberative democracy and resilient adaptation processes.

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[Brussels] [29 May 2023] - Last January a new EU-funded project was launched with the aim of accelerating the transformation to **climate resilience by improving citizen engagement** through a toolbox expected to further democratise citizen assemblies within 150 EU regions.

The project, named “CLIMAtE change citizens engagement toolbox for dealing with Societal resilience” (CLIMAS), is a joint initiative of nineteen (19) European organisations and universities, funded under the European Union's Horizon Europe programme for the next three years. The **CLIMAS project** directly addresses the **urgent need for a higher involvement of the civil society in climate adaptation and resilience efforts**, by providing collaborative decision-making tools that can be used and customised by all citizens, civil society organisations, local governments, and other stakeholders across the EU.

The CLIMAS toolbox will include a range of resources, such as **online platforms** for interactive discussions, **guidelines** for conducting effective Climate Assemblies and consultations, and **best practices** for the participation of diverse communities and stakeholders in climate adaptation planning and implementation. The CLIMAS project team will also provide **training and support** to local institutions and other relevant actors to ensure that the toolbox is effectively used to drive climate resilience transformation in each community.

Aelita Skaržauskienė – [Project Lead](#): “Climate change is a pressing global challenge, yet our societal resilience is still in its infancy. CLIMAS offers innovative solutions to help policymakers and stakeholders address climate change effectively”.

With the launch of the CLIMAS project, a promising endeavour to enhance citizen engagement and promote climate resilience, the stage is set for policymakers and stakeholders **to take decisive action against the pressing global challenge of climate change.**

For more information about the CLIMAS project, visit www.climas-project.eu!

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