



SPAIN

## EU Mission Adaptation to climate change including societal transformation

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ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO A CLIMATE PREPARED  
AND RESILIENT EUROPE

Climate change is one of the greatest threats facing humanity, with potentially devastating impacts on people, the environment and the economy. Reducing our carbon footprint is therefore crucial. Despite our best efforts, a certain level of global warming will happen, and is already underway. Its detrimental effects are already being felt. To check whether we had set the right goal, and to help us determine priorities for action in order to reach that goal, we asked Europeans to tell us what they think. That is why, on July 28, 50 people in Spain, selected at random and representing all walks of life, gathered to deliberate on our EU mission for Climate change adaptation and societal transformation.

### Participants prioritised the following actions

- 1 Teach how to take advantage of natural resources, avoid waste, less garbage. For example, with potato peelers, carrots... you can make delicious and healthy snacks. Reuse and recycle. Give it a different use. Everything is used.
- 2 I believe that an ecological agriculture with pesticides without chemicals of plant origin and very important without plastics. All this with a bonus system for companies that make it to lower the cost of production.
- 3 Recovering the native crops of each area, that makes the natural resources of the area are optimized.
- 4 Encourage citizen participation with benefits for preserving the area where they live, for consuming locally produced products, economic incentives for recycling materials such as glass, plastic, electronic devices and textiles.

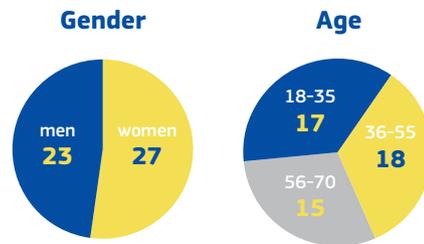
### What did participants think about the meeting?

- "These events are very interesting, mainly because of the participation of citizens"
- "I find it very interesting that we citizens are involved and that we are taken into account in making Europe. Thank you!"

**100%** of the participants declared that they will follow the progress of EU missions in the future and they are interested in how they can get involved Research and Innovation



# Who Participated?\*



| Employment situation       |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Full and part time workers | 28 |
| Looking for a job          | 9  |
| Student                    | 5  |
| Retired                    | 8  |

\*Participants were selected at random to join in the live online workshops. This is the best way to make sure that we hear from a variety of people.

## Questions we asked participants

- What kind of information do you think is needed to make good decisions about climate adaptation in your community and/or region?
- What are your immediate reactions to the vision for the Mission?
- Do you have proposals for modification?
- Is something missing in the focus of this Mission?
- What makes a solution truly transformative?
- In your opinion, what is needed in your community and/or region to enable transformative solutions?

## Recommendations from participants

- 1 To oblige by European laws that the production of solar energy with panels in homes can be turned over to the network in its entirety, turning citizens into small producers.
- 2 Oblige each new building to be 100% sustainable, or at least 70%.
- 3 Encourage citizen participation with benefits for preserving the area where they live, for consuming locally produced products, economic incentives for recycling materials such as glass, plastic, electronic devices and textiles.
- 4 Transmit to the citizens ways to act individually with a clear, easy and viable message, showing the reward this will have as long as there is a motivation.
- 5 We must encourage debate on the issues of climate change and create a more real awareness, which puts its conclusions into practice, separating any cultural or generational differences.
- 6 Social education programs at the local level, to raise awareness and sensitize the population about the effects of climate preservation: examples nature walks, recycling day, cleaning and rehabilitation of a natural area etc.
- 7 For a change to be truly transformative and to be sustained over time it must arise from a deep desire of people. Local citizen participation should be promoted and should respond to the needs of as many groups as possible.
- 8 I have had a hard time understanding that when you talk about a transformation to a resilient society you are not just talking about mentally resilient people, but about creating redundant systems (social and technological) that can withstand climate change.
- 9 Encourage citizens to consume seasonal and local products (km 0).
- 10 Creation of collective groups of people, cooperatives or institutions that help the evolution and transition to other people or companies in the technological field for the effectiveness and efficiency of the future.
- 11 Make it compulsory for newly built homes to use grey water for toilet cisterns, avoiding the use of clean water for filling.
- 12 Implement environmental education programs in the early population, in order to raise awareness of the impact of their eating habits on the environment.
- 13 To create a set of laws common to all the countries of the union, in such a way that the use of renewable energies is promoted (flexibility by countries).
- 14 Teaching of natives of countries with more environmental culture, who know how to transfer from the beginning to the less evolved societies in it, their good practices.