

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' PANEL

Energy Efficiency

What are European Citizens' Panels?

European Citizens' Panels bring together randomly-selected citizens from all 27 EU Member States to discuss key, upcoming proposals of the European Commission. Interpretation is provided in the 24 official EU languages.

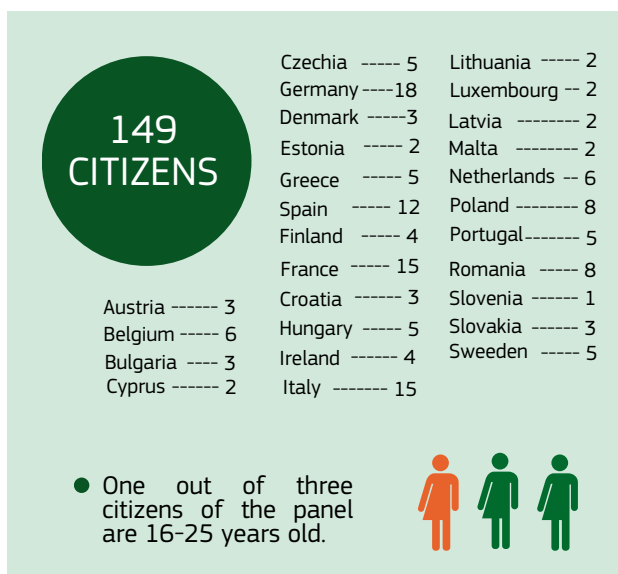
Based on their deliberations taking place over three weekends, citizens make recommendations for the European Commission to take into account when preparing policy initiatives.

Who participated?

The citizen participants are randomly selected by phone interview, using number generation technology.

The final selection is representative of diversity of the EU population based on the Eurostat:

- Age
- Gender
- Socio-economic background
- Rural/City
- Education



More information

The deliberations of the Panels are also inspired by the debate in the Citizens' Engagement Platform:

<https://citizens.ec.europa.eu/>

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Timeline

Participants work in small groups and plenary sessions across three weekends of deliberation:

- Session 1 ● **23-25 February 2024**
Generate ideas, and build and group approaches that citizens find most promising for further discussion.
- Session 2 ● **15-17 March 2024**
Build on the approaches agreed in the first session and draft initial citizen recommendations.
- Session 3 ● **12-14 April 2024**
Submission of the conclusions of debates, together with the Panel's recommendations.

RECORDINGS: [23 Feb](#) [25 Feb](#) [15 Mar](#) [17 Mar](#) [12 April](#) [14 April](#)

Why does this Panel matter?

European Citizens' Panels provide European citizens with the opportunity to develop concrete proposals that impact EU policies. They were central to the Conference on the Future of Europe, and have now become a regular feature of our democratic life.

The Panel on Energy Efficiency was organised to gather citizen recommendations on the following question:

“**How can the European Union bring the benefits of energy efficiency to citizens, public authorities and enterprises?**”

Analysis and feedback process

The Panel recommendations are captured in a Citizens' Report. In this case, they will inform preparation of an EU Recommendation on the [“Energy Efficiency First” Principle](#), planned for proposal later in 2024.

To ensure transparency and accountability, a feedback event will be held after the Panel's conclusion, where Commission policymakers report on how citizens' recommendations have been taken into account.