

# LET CITIZENS DECIDE



*'Just climate measures' rest on 'meaningful public participation, deliberation and conflict resolution'.*

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IPCC REPORT CONCERNING THE OCEAN AND THE CRYOSPHERE  
SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS - 2019

The dangers of the climatological and ecological crises are unprecedented. Action can no longer be postponed! The Dutch government must declare a climatological and ecological emergency, stop the loss of biodiversity, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to zero in 2025.

The measures that are necessary to confront these crises and limit further damage are far-reaching and demand broad public support. A citizens' assembly must show the government how it can reach these goals.

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*Extinction Rebellion Netherlands deems the following characteristics indispensable for a successful citizens' assembly.*

**REPRESENTATION THROUGH RANDOM SELECTION.** All members of the citizens' assembly are selected through random stratified selection. This method guarantees the citizens' assembly to be a broad reflection of the Dutch population.

**CONSULTATION OF EXPERTS AND STAKEHOLDERS.** The members of the citizens' assembly obtain balanced information from experts and stakeholders, selected by an independent organization. The members of the citizens' assembly may themselves invite experts and stakeholders if they deem this necessary.

**A DELIBERATIVE PROCESS.** The members of the citizens' assembly deliberate different possibilities in a facilitated process, before they decide which recommendations to make to the government. The citizens' assembly gets a sufficient amount of time to come to a well-considered conclusion.

**A CLEAR AND MEANINGFUL MANDATE.** The recommendations the citizens' assembly makes to the government are binding if they are supported by a qualified majority of the members.

**AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZER.** An independent and qualified organization obtains the mandate to organize and facilitate the citizens' assembly. Neither the government, nor Extinction Rebellion, nor any other stake-holding organization may lead the citizens' assembly.

**VISIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.** The process and documentation of the citizens' assembly are public. Information about the process and the recommendations the citizens' assembly makes are broadly distributed and made accessible.