

Session 2

Innovative participatory approaches – can they support formal planning procedures?

Demoenergy – energy transition as a driver of democratic innovations?



Citizen participation in energy transition – design challenges in a suboptimal framework

- How to balance involving organized stakeholders and unorganized citizens? Can they work together?
- How to bind organized stakeholders to a citizen-centric process?
- How to ensure citizens are equipped with necessary information from trusted source?
- How to balance involving many with working intensely?
- How to ensure that results of participatory process are considered in formal process?
- How to balance addressing the conflict dynamic (open door policy, geographic criteria) and the goal of including a broad spectrum of people (aleatory recruitment)?
- How to balance the immediately affected (risk of fostering NIMBY-atmosphere) and the less directly affected (whose motivation might be a challenge)?
- How to deal with citizens that (legitimately) want to discuss issues transcending the setting?