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Diving into practice Third wave: citizens' juries

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Citizen's juries principles

	commissioning authority publicly commits to responding to or acting on recommendations in a timely manner
	access to a wide range of accurate, relevant, and accessible evidence and expertise
	group deliberation that entails finding common ground
	random sampling or other methods to gain better representativeness
	task clearly defined as a question that is linked to a public problem
	participants have time to come to the decision (they meet for at least four full days in person)
	voting/deciding at the end
	involve a component of broader stakeholder participation

Újbuda Citizens' Jury

Duration of the process	3 days (June 17-18, July 1)
Location of the process	Budapest 11th district (Újbuda)
Coordinators of the process	DemNet
Who commissioned the process?	Municipality of the 11th District
Who was in charge of setting the remit (topic) of the process?	Municipality of the 11th District
Number of participants	36
Principles for deliberative processes	random sampling or other methods to gain better representativeness, group deliberation that entails finding common ground, task clearly defined as a question that is linked to a public problem, voting/deciding at the end

The solution is in your hands - How can the traffic around Nádorliget be improved?

Újbuda is the largest district of Budapest (151 000 residents)

The problem: traffic congestion and parking difficulties

Reasons: more people travelling through the district due, navigational apps, extended paying parking zone ending at the district's border, construction projects near by





Makeup of the citizens' jury: **36** people (mirrored the district's adult population based on gender and age)

- three days
- 4 experts
- 6 proposals

Nádorliget
residents

50 %

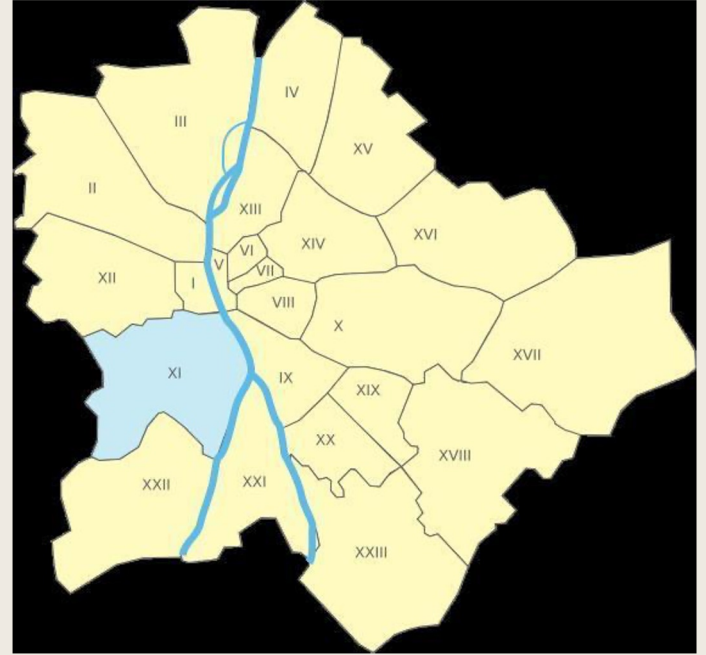
Residents from
other parts of
the district

50 %



Why citizens' jury?

- Local(-ish) problem
- Municipalities want to be careful (testing the waters with smaller scale projects)



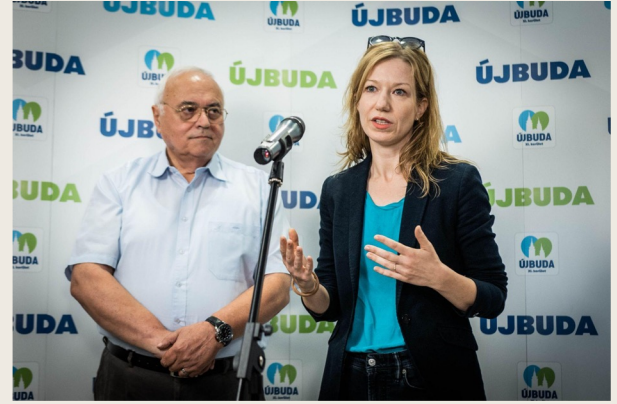
Characteristics of the process

- People were very curious and wanted to engage
- Party politics did not cause frictions within the groups
- Scepticism about political action regarding proposals remained



Biggest challenges

- Recruitment (lack of time)
- Communication
- Division within the municipality and the difficulty of introducing something new
- Local opinion leaders were offended



„A smooth sea does not make a skilled sailor!”

(Franklin D. Roosevelt)

Thank you for your attention!



Citizens' jury on a 15-minute city in Lisbon

Duration of the process	March-April 2023
Location of the process	Lisbon, Portugal
Coordinators of the process	Citizens' Forum Association
Who commissioned the process?	organised in partnership with the authorities
Who was in charge of setting the remit (topic) of the process?	Citizens' Forum Association
Number of participants	50 (+50 deputy participants from the second draw)
Principles for deliberative processes	group deliberation that entails finding common ground, random sampling or other methods to gain better representativeness, task clearly defined as a question that is linked to a public problem, voting/deciding at the end