

# THINK TANK

## DELIBERATION SPACE ON THE GREEN RECOVERY

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This Working Document No. 3 is a follow-up to the reflection begun with Working Document No. 1 on four projects proposed by the Provincial Government of Gipuzkoa as part of the pillars of its action to respond to the challenge of green recovery. It adds to this reflection the contribution of participants at the workshop on 22 September. With these inputs, it is proposed to develop a deliberative agenda taking in the perspectives of both the Provincial Government and the participants.

One of the reflections arising from the last workshop is that further work is needed on some areas of the processes proposed, effectively but at a sufficiently gradual rate to allow criteria for action in the process to be defined. Consequently, in the initial stage of the Think Tank (June 2020-June 2021) it has been decided to address deliberation processes linked to two projects:

- Gipuzkoa 2050: 100% circular territory
- Climate Action League

After this stage, further deliberation processes will begin to accompany the Youth for Climate and Green Taxation for Gipuzkoa projects.

This new session of the Green Recovery Think Tank will centre on the **project Climate-Committed Citizens (Ciudadan@s Comprometidos por el Clima)** and will seek to answer the question **‘What types of methodologies and tools are being used elsewhere to raise awareness among citizens about the challenges of sustainability?’**. The following section contains the reflections shared by participants during the process of defining an agenda for deliberation. Although the contributions have been edited for inclusion in this document, they have been kept in verbatim form.

### Climate-Committed Citizens

‘Taking into account the current global population, it is necessary to make an effort to change things in 10 years but focusing at the same time on practices with a clear environmental target, of reducing the carbon footprint. In this regard, the challenge to be proposed to the citizens must have a clear environmental objective and a carbon reduction target’.

‘We are in an adverse environment (lack of mobilization, lack of motivation, discouragement). The greatest concern at the moment is economic, combined with a profound crisis that calls into question the currently prevailing model of urban settlement. Beyond best practice on the urban way of life, we should propose introducing an axis that will promote a change in criteria in the search for new ways of life (with or without teleworking) and the recovery of traditional trades and re-population of rural areas. I would also introduce textiles into the mix, since this is one of the most pollutant of all industries. The current state of atmospheric pollution is linked to certain trends that are not going to change, however much effort we make now. Such a change is inviable. At the same time, the social organization has changed, and families/households no

longer produce anything; they are simply consumers. People need to go back to generating things’.

‘This concept, the ‘prosumer’, is beginning to re-emerge in association with the food and energy sectors’.

‘It will be important to recognize and bring visibility to the effort made by the participants in the challenge – not so much in terms of quantified achievements (kW saved, etc.), but in terms of interest, effort, etc. For example, a display panel showing how the municipalities are getting on in the competition. The municipalities must also be able to select a project that is important for them, based on the opinion of those taking part’.

‘This project will need to be linked to the European Commission’s Climate Pact, which has not yet been launched. The Cristina Enea Foundation has already held workshops with young people, one of them co-organised with the Commission as part of the CITIZENV project, and it has contacts with associations, etc. It also supports the workshops of the ‘+55s’, environmentally conscious veterans. You should contact them’.

‘When it comes to project monitoring, there are mobile phone apps that allow you to take notes on the actions being developed. This type of technology might prove useful. At the same time, it is important to focus the project on the green economy, green restructuring to activate the local economy along these lines’.

Based on the above contributions, the following agenda for deliberation has been proposed. The topics to be discussed at each session will be determined according to the progress of each project.

DAY	PROJECT
15 December 2020	Climate-Committed Citizens <sup>1</sup>
26 January 2021	100% Circular Gipuzkoa 2050
23 February 2021	Climate Action League <sup>2</sup>
30 March 2021	100% Circular Gipuzkoa 2050
27 April 2021	Climate Action League
25 May 2021	100% Circular Gipuzkoa 2050

<sup>1</sup> The problem raised in the context of this project is that new tools are needed to help to attract citizens to processes of behavioural change in everyday life related to consumption of energy, water, resources, waste, etc.

<sup>2</sup> The problem raised in the context of this project is that there are barriers to the introduction of circular materials both because of the level of awareness among citizens/companies and because of the lack of mandatory frameworks or criteria.