



Time to listen

**A deliberative dialogue in Spain for tackling
the climate crisis**

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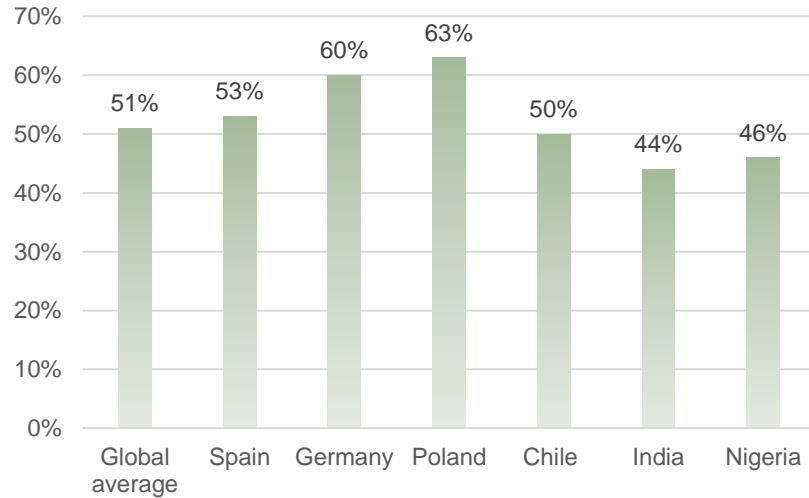
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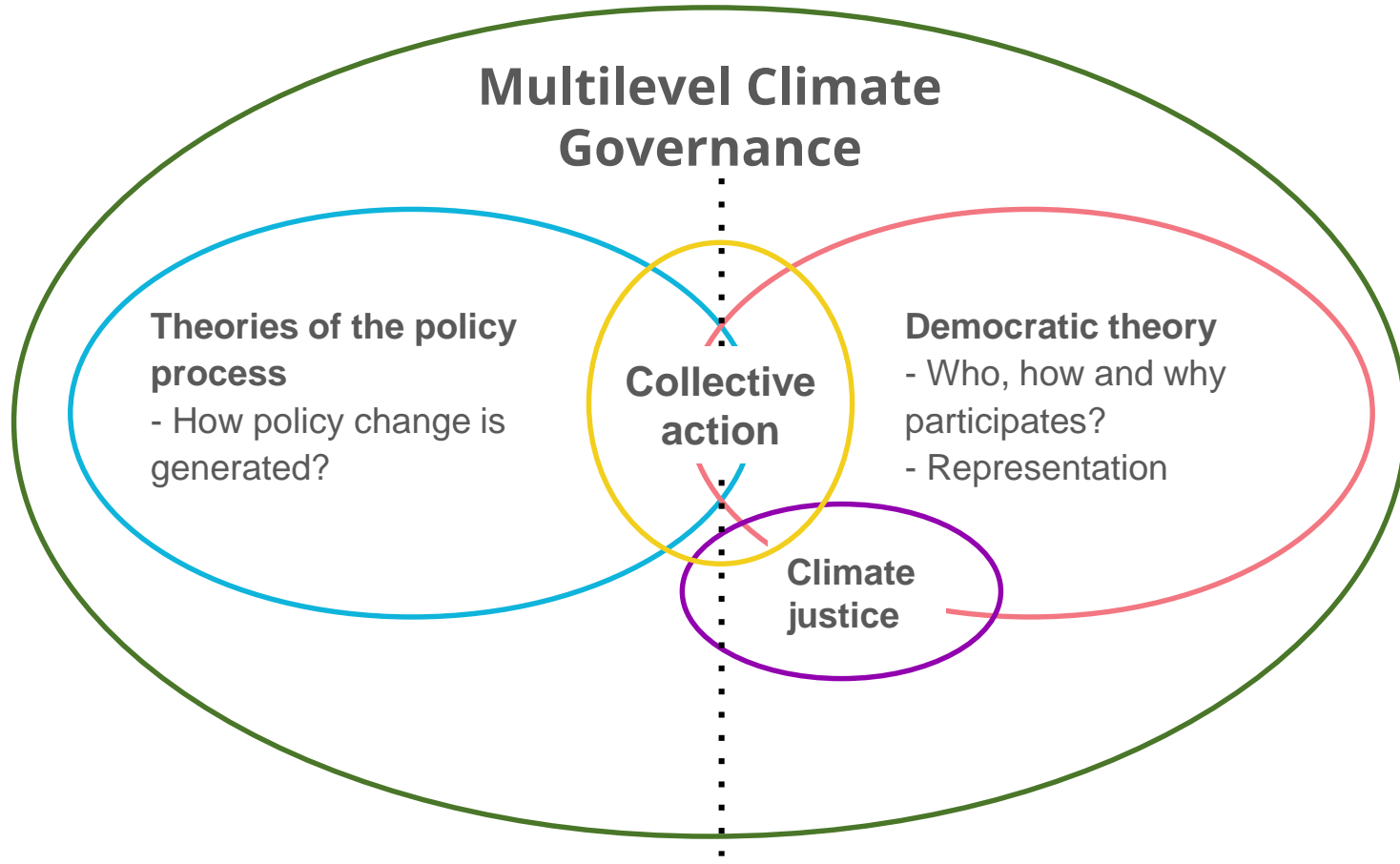
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A bit of context

The voice of people like me does not matter in politics



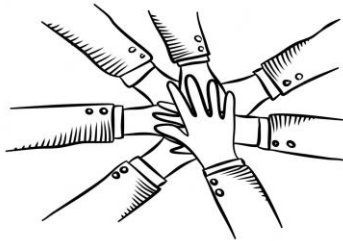
Theoretical foundations



Case studies

Objective: Analyse and understand the impact of citizen participation in the changes happened in the EU regarding climate action and justice during 2008* - 2021

What has been the role of citizen participation in those changes?



3 case studies:

- Democratic innovations: Deliberative survey →
- Social movements: Youth and climate justice movements
- Deliberative democracy: Citizens' assemblies

Research questions:

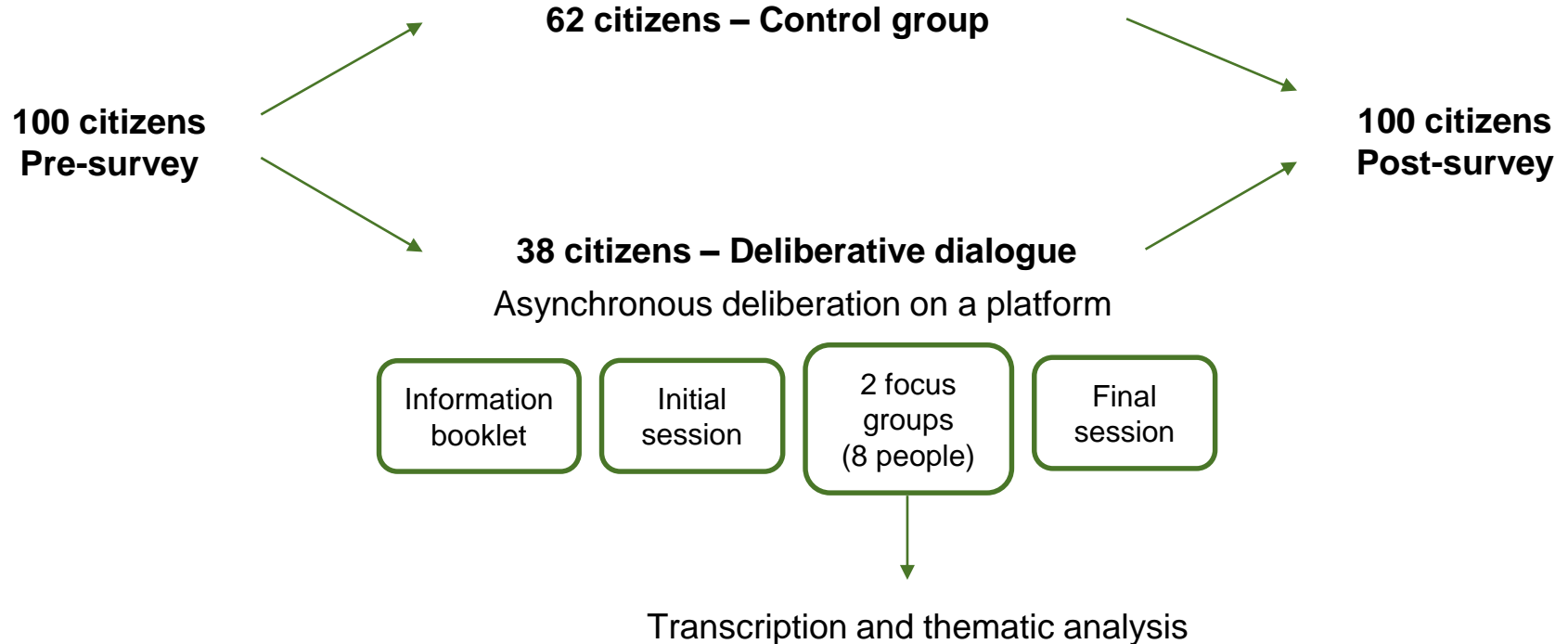
- **Regarding the deliberative process:** How has deliberation impacted the participants' attitudes and perceptions? Was there a difference across the different topics?
- **Regarding the themes:** How different are the barriers and tangible are the solutions across the different themes?

Methodology

Week 1

Weeks 2 & 3

Week 4



Results: The Survey

More awareness

Participants worried or very worried about the climate crisis went **from 78 to 90%**

Higher policy acceptability

The degree of acceptability of **70%** of the policy options proposed increased

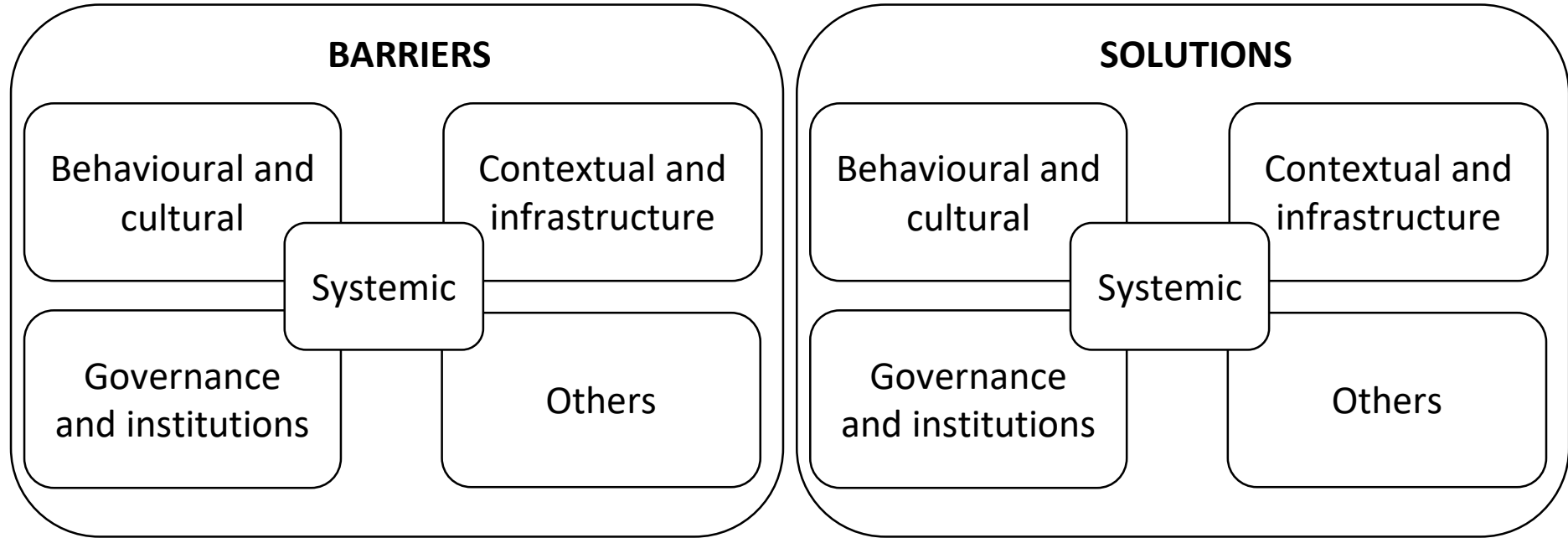
More willingness to behaviour change

Especially regarding consumption more than transport

BUT...

Governments and Business have the highest responsibility

Preliminary results: Thematic analysis



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FEELINGS

Preliminary results: Thematic analysis

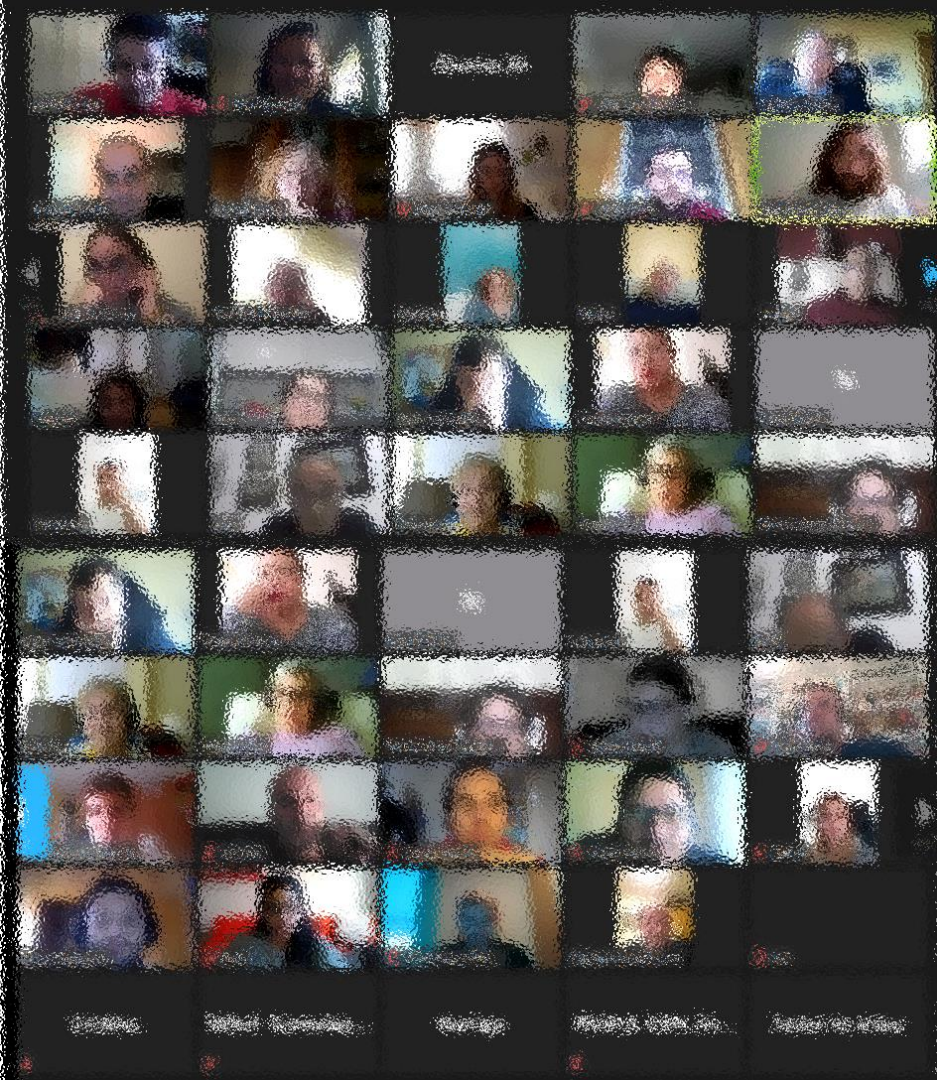
“It’s very difficult to solve world’s problems, we are very limited”

“Starting with an individual action, we can talk with other people about this and create a big chain that makes an impact”

“We live in a consumption society”

“It’s easier to help with our consumption than with transport”

“We need to try to equilibrate the power of big corporations and make governments listen more to those like us who are at the bottom.”



Thank you!



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