

Deliberative Futures Thinking & Decision-making

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Workshop carried with state-agency officials, with a remit for promoting community engagement in climate action within their work programmes (12 November 2020). A number of recommendations emerged on integrating the deliberative process in current practice:

Direction on the deliberative process

- The benefit of clearer guidelines when applying deliberative processes in very sensitive or controversial areas (such as siting of new wind farms, etc...);
- Need direction toward making 'typical' consultation processes more deliberative (*i.e. when engagement is based more on information sharing rather than decision-making*);
- Visioning and pathways of change should be aligned with the different stages of project design and project development;

On ensuring inclusiveness:

- A framework for giving participants a role in agenda-setting;
- Additional tips on thematic approaches to climate mitigation and adaptation;
- Recruitment of participants remains a challenge;
- Mixed views on the potential of online engagements for wider participation with hard to reach groups;

