

What are Deliberative Spaces?

EuComMeet aimed at creating **virtual spaces** designed for **citizen engagement** and **discussions** on certain European issues: sustainable food consumption, plastic pollution, and sustainable mobility.

Goals



Bring deliberative democracy closer to the people.



Explore the impact of deliberation on identity, polarisation, and inclusion.



Improve online deliberations through automated moderation and translation services.

Deliberation Structure

- **Multi-Stage:** Deliberations happen over multiple sessions.
- **Multi-Level:** Discussions occur at local, national, and European levels.
- **Multi-Mode:** Combination of video conferencing and text forums for deeper, reflective discussions.

Innovative Features

Automated Moderation

The system combines human and bot moderation for an organized debate (e.g., Agendabot)

Automated Translation

Automatic translation integrated to accommodate multiple languages, ensuring inclusivity

Data Collection

Insights and data gathered to improve future deliberations and inform policy

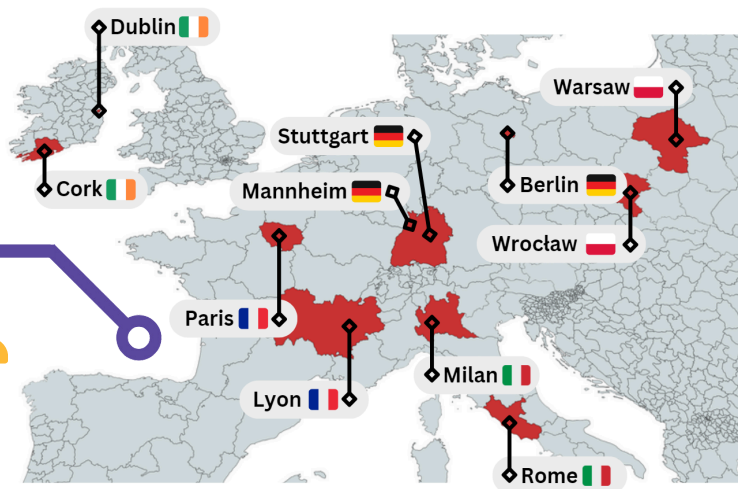
Results & Impact

Main Experiment on Deliberative Spaces

8 May - 17 June 2023

Participating cities

Participants : **approximately 350**



Topics discussed

- Sustainable mobility
- Sustainable food consumption
- Plastic pollution



Level of interaction/Multilevel

- Local: participants interact with people from same city
- National: participants interact with people from the same country
- European: people from different countries



Groups of interaction

- Polarised people
- Cross-sectional
- Like minded



Modes of interaction

Synchronous sessions (90-minute video live debate)
Asynchronous sessions (3-4 days chat forum debates online)



Human

Types of moderation

Automated

Non-moderated groups

(social media environment)



Automated translation in European debates/Multilanguage

Texting space is integrated with a machine translation system in the 6 languages of the countries involved

