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The Rise of Citizens Voices
for a **Greener Europe**



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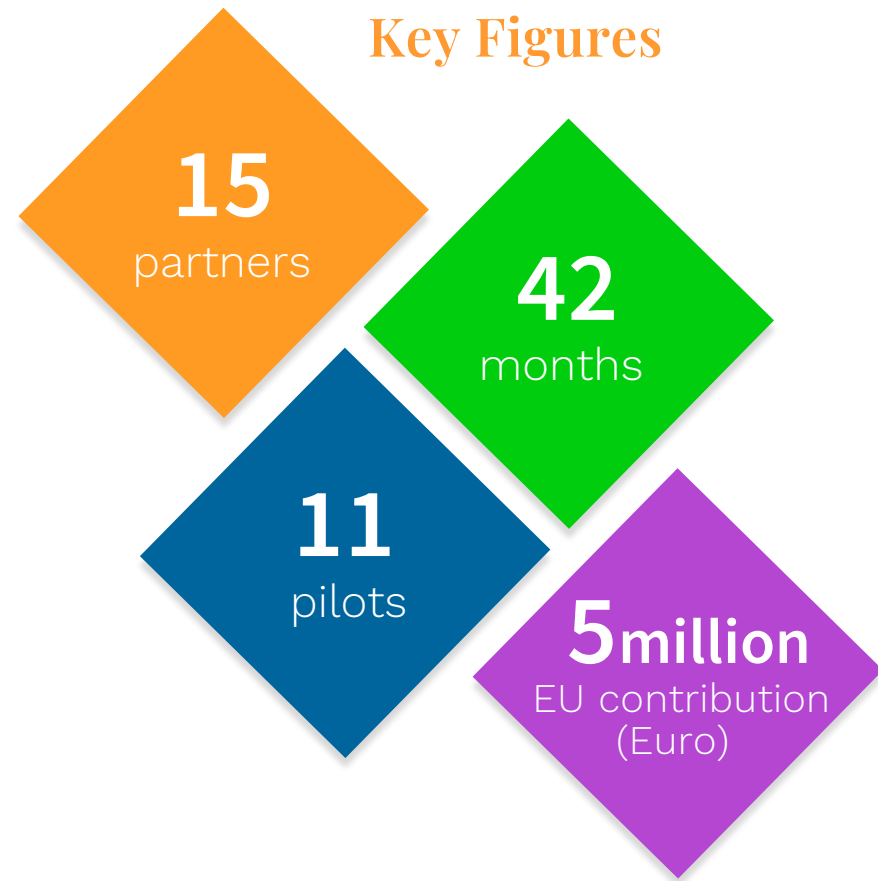
PHOENIX is an EU **Horizon 2020** research project aimed at studying, enriching, and testing **participatory and deliberative practices** to better tackle **environmental challenges**.

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Key Figures



Why is it relevant?

THE CHALLENGES

Environmental crisis

Climate change requires urgent measures to activate the green transition. These measures will affect people's lives and habits.

Democratic crisis

Democracies have been facing a growing **public disillusionment** with traditional institutions and an increasing disconnection between citizens and decision-makers.

THE SOLUTION

A participatory green transition

To involve people in the discussion, creation and improvement of environmental policies can:

- Help implement more **inclusive policies**;
- Improve people's **willingness to change**;
- Ease the implementation and enforcement of policies;
- Enhance citizens' **trust in institutions**;
- Improve **confidence** in the green transition.



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PHOENIX mission

Increase the potential of
Democratic Innovations
to improve the
European Green Deal
pathway.

Democratic Innovations (DIs)

Innovative forms of participatory and deliberative practices intended to **increase and deepen citizen participation** in the political decision-making process.

European Green Deal (EGD)

The **European growth strategy** aimed at ensuring:

- no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050
- economic growth decoupled from resource use
- no person and no place left behind.

The steps to our goal

1

ANALYSE DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS

Study **4 types** of innovative participatory and deliberative practices.

2

UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT CONTEXTS

Identify the **social and environmental conditions** and the impact of the EGD in the pilot territories.

3

DEVELOP THE PHOENIX TANGRAM

Design a portfolio of **Enriched Democratic Innovations (EDIs)** that can be adapted to different contexts.

4

TEST THE TANGRAM IN DIFFERENT TERRITORIES

Tailor and test the Enriched Democratic Innovations in **11 pilots** to address different EGD's topics.

5

ENCOURAGE FUTURE IMPLEMENTATIONS

Through an **online platform**, support the diffusion, scalability and adaptability of the methodologies assessed in the pilots.



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DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS

For the literature review and the implementation process, PHOENIX focuses on **4 good practices of DIs**:

- Participatory Budgeting;
- Citizen's Assemblies;
- Systems of Council;
- Public Debate.



TERRITORIAL CONTEXTS

To gain knowledge of the territories involved, PHOENIX is conducting research and collecting data on:

- The role and **impact of the EGD** on the territories;
- Their specific relationship with **nature**;
- Their **social, environmental and geographic** peculiarities.



ICT

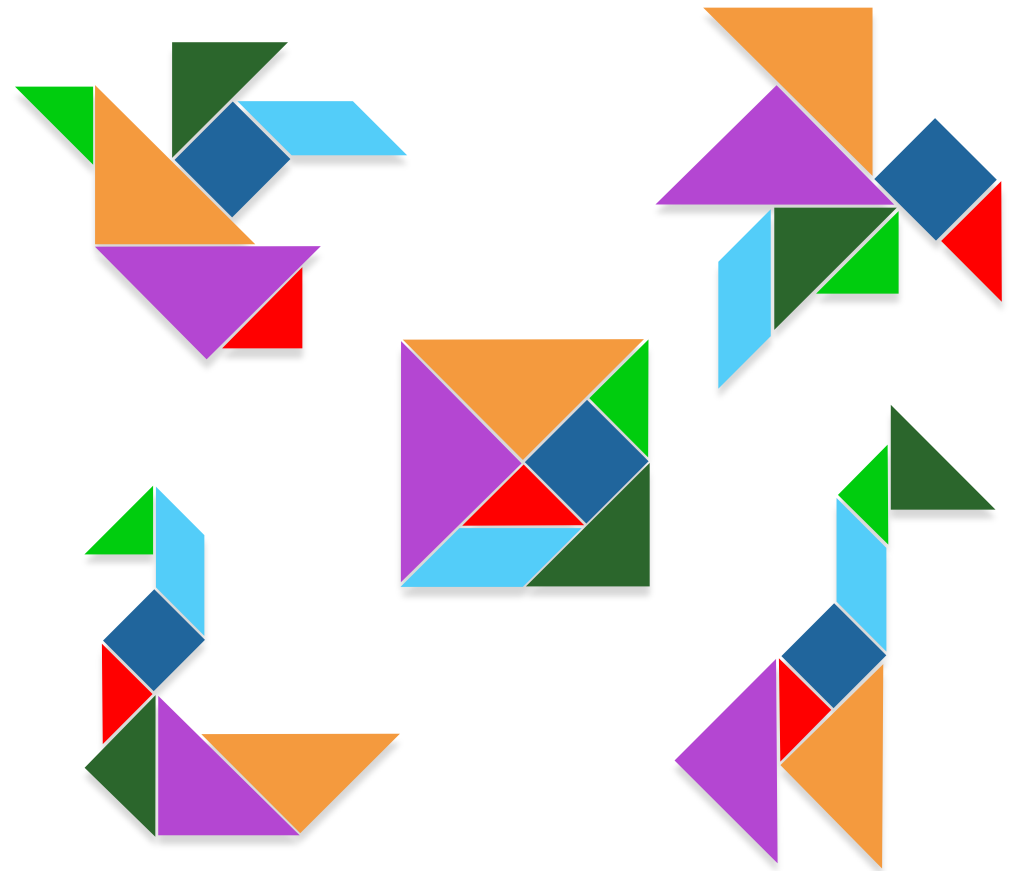
PHOENIX analyses and improves technological tools able to enhance participation. Among these:

- A '**serious e-game**' to involve young people;
- A **social simulator** to visualise policies' impacts;
- **AI** for anonymisation and randomisation of participants.

The PHOENIX Tangram

PHOENIX uses the **Tangram** as an iconic reference to elaborate a portfolio of methodologies and tools that can be **combined and aggregated** in order to adapt to different contexts and support the green and just transition.

The set of methodologies resulting from the Tangram is what PHOENIX refers to as **'Enriched Democratic Innovations' (EDIs)**.





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Pilots

PHOENIX will test the Enriched Democratic Innovations in **7 countries** at different levels of governance, for a total of **11 pilots**.

National level

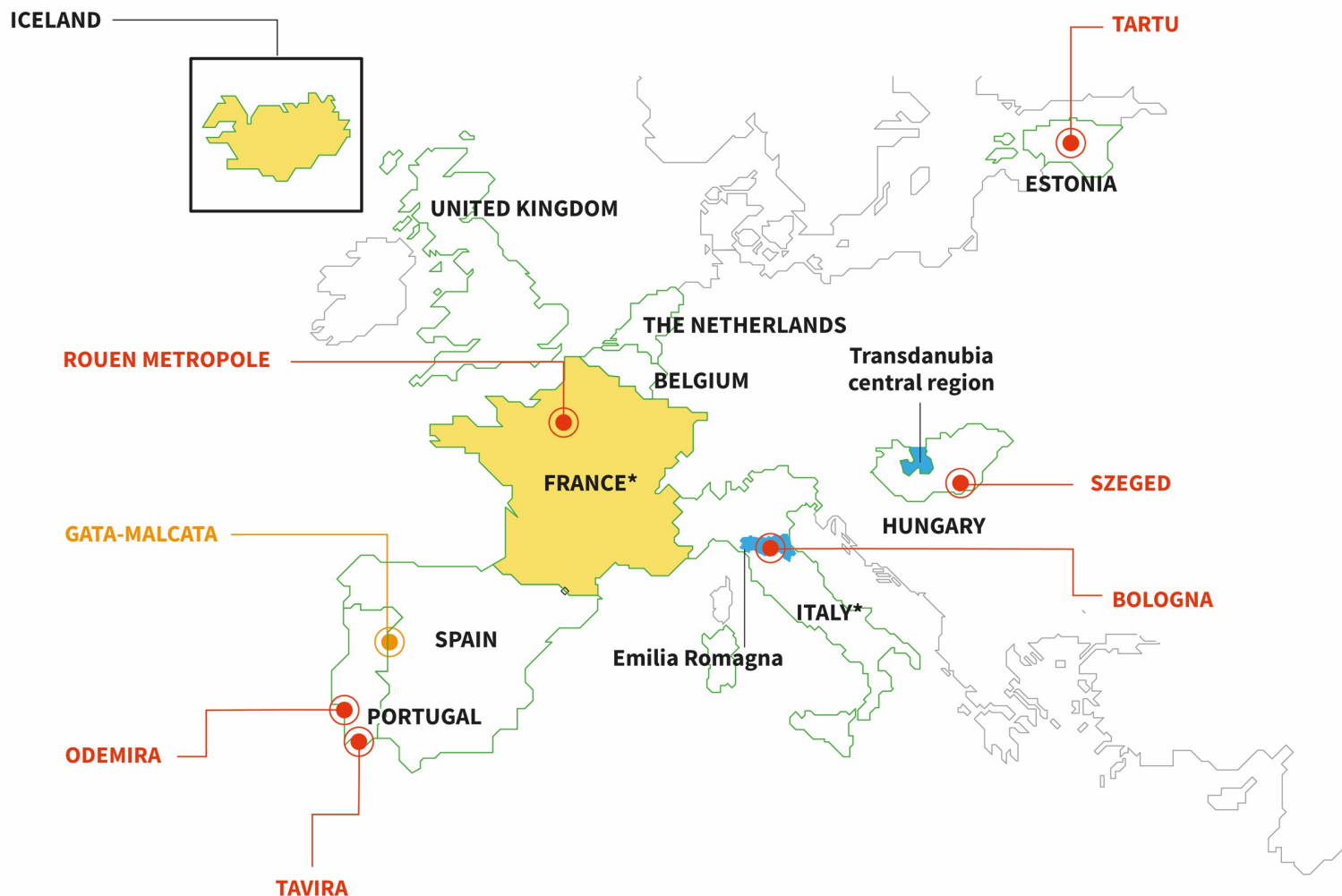
Regional level

Local level

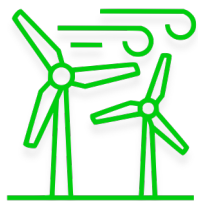
Transnational Pilot

PHOENIX partners

Country*: Special attention to inter-institutional synergies will be devoted to pilots which touch the same territorial unit.



Main EGD topics



Energy transition

Citizens can orient the energy transition throughout their **consumption choices** and by establishing **energy communities**.



Farm to fork

By supporting **organic and local food** productions people can reduce the **social and environmental impact** of the food they consume.



Circular economy

By reusing, recycling, repairing, refurbishing and recovering, people can actively contribute to the **reduction of waste** and raw material consumption.



Healthy soil and biodiversity

Citizens can gain increased knowledge on the **preservation and restoration** of biodiversity, which provides us with food, health and medicines, materials, recreation, and wellbeing.

Territorial Commission for Co-Design (TCCD)

In each pilot territory, PHOENIX will create a TCCD to be actively involved in the **co-creation** and **co-implementation** process.

Composition

- **Citizens** with different profiles;
- **Stakeholder** including public organizations, trade unions, ONG, economic groups, social movements and practitioner;
- **Representatives of territorial authorities** including the main administrative institution.

Role

Each TCCD will contribute to the **design of participatory and deliberative methodologies**, collaborating with project partners. TCCD's participants will also contribute to the **choice of the Tangram components** that will determine the specific characteristic of the Enriched Democratic Innovations experienced.



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TANGRAM PORTFOLIO

A portfolio with new tools and **redesigned participation methodologies**, responding to different territories' characteristics and challenges.

2

ONLINE PLATFORM

A platform capable of dealing with **online participation and deliberation**, using tools to respond to specific challenges of the territories, such as scale, linguistic differences, visualisation.

DESIRED RESULT INCREASED TRUST

Through its research, pilots and set of tools, PHOENIX aims at increasing the **mutual trust between citizens and decision-makers**. The project's ultimate objective is to pave the way for a growing involvement of people and communities in the discussion of environmental policies.



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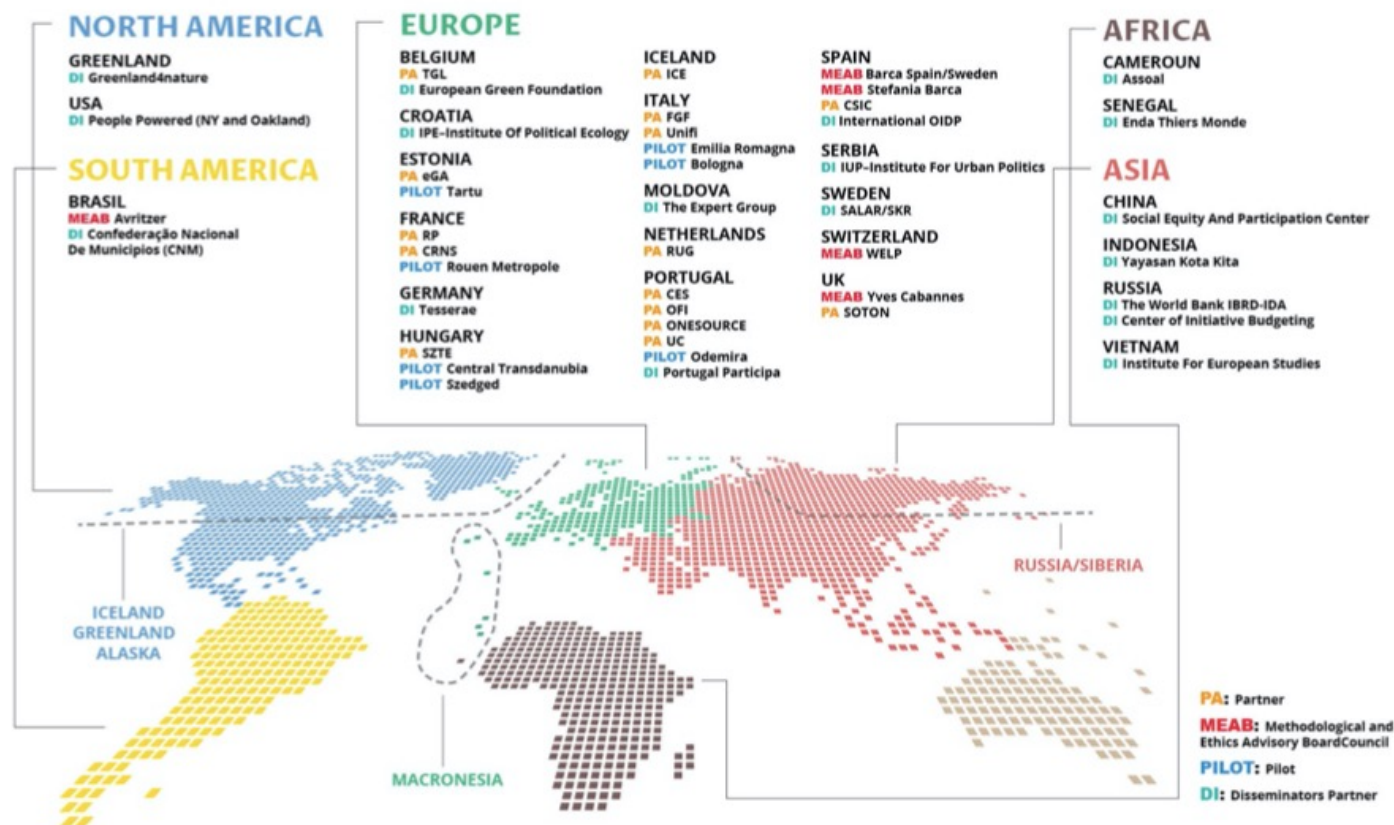
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Network

PHOENIX's consortium is enriched by a network of **17 other institutions and organisations** that will act as disseminators of the research results.





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