

BRUSSELS REGIONAL PARLIAMENT
INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A DELIBERATIVE COMMISSION COMPRISING PARLIAMENTARIANS AND
RANDOMLY SELECTED INDIVIDUALS

Dear Sir/Madam,

You have been randomly selected to participate in a **deliberative commission** formed under the aegis of the Brussels Regional Parliament.

What is it about?

The Brussels Regional Parliament establishes deliberative commissions from time to time. A commission comprises 45 people who are randomly chosen from all residents of the Brussels region aged at least 16, along with 15 parliamentarians. They are tasked with **formulating recommendations** on a particular topic.

This deliberative commission will study the following issue:

Traffic, industry, business and leisure... the city is full of noise. The Brussels Region has a [quiet.brussels](#) plan to reduce the effects of noise on its residents' health and well-being.

What measures should be adopted to cap the noise in Brussels' public spaces?

This issue involves **choices to be made by society** and **your opinion counts**. You will receive documents and meet experts, while having the opportunity to ask any questions you might have. In smaller groups, you will be able to listen to what others think and have your say, all in an atmosphere of equality and trust. From this, you will form your opinion and participate in preparing a collective response to the above question.

The Brussels Regional Parliament agrees to follow up on the recommendations made by the deliberative commission, by calling on ministers to take action or by proposing, for example, new legislation. Six to nine months later, you will also receive an invitation to participate in an exchange within the parliament to see how your recommendations have been acted on.

When will it take place?

The deliberative commission will meet several times in April, May and June. Your attendance is required at each of these meetings.

Thursday, 20 April Evening	Inauguration: meet and greet with an introduction to the process
Saturday, 22 April All day	Information stage: presentation of the topic and talks with experts
Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May Two full days	Deliberation stage: discussions, some in small groups, some with all members, and preparation of recommendations
Saturday, 3 June All day	Recommendation stage: discussion and adoption of recommendations
Saturday, 10 June Morning	Report presentation

Everything will be set up to favour your full participation, such as activity workshops for your children at the parliament, language support or more specific assistance. Please inform us during registration if you have any particular needs we should be aware of.

You will be compensated for your participation (€81.34 per meeting) and your travel expenses reimbursed. At the end of the process, you will receive a certificate of attendance.

How can you participate?

Do you want to take part in this deliberative commission? You can register any time up to 31 March 2023 inclusive on the platform <https://democratie.brussels> (accessible 24/7). If you have any problems, you can call us on **0800 35 257** (freephone number open Mondays and Wednesdays 2pm-5pm, Tuesdays and Fridays 9am-midday and Thursdays 5pm-8pm).

Following registration, a second draw will take place based on the demographics of the Brussels region. The deliberative commission will be a reflection of our diversity. If you are selected during this second draw, you will receive a confirmation letter by post or email no later than 14 April 2023.

Any questions?

If you have even the slightest question, **please call us** on the number given above. This number can also be used by your assistants (if you are disabled, for example). You can also email us at contact@democratie.brussels. You might even find an answer to your question on our FAQ page https://democratie.brussels/pages/faq_platform.

This invitation is strictly personal

Yours faithfully,

Rachid Madrane,
Speaker of the Brussels
Regional Parliament

Tristan Roberti,
Chair of the Environment and
Energy Commission

Hugues Timmermans,
Secretary-General of the
Brussels Regional Parliament