



Citizens' Assemblies: The next democratic paradigm

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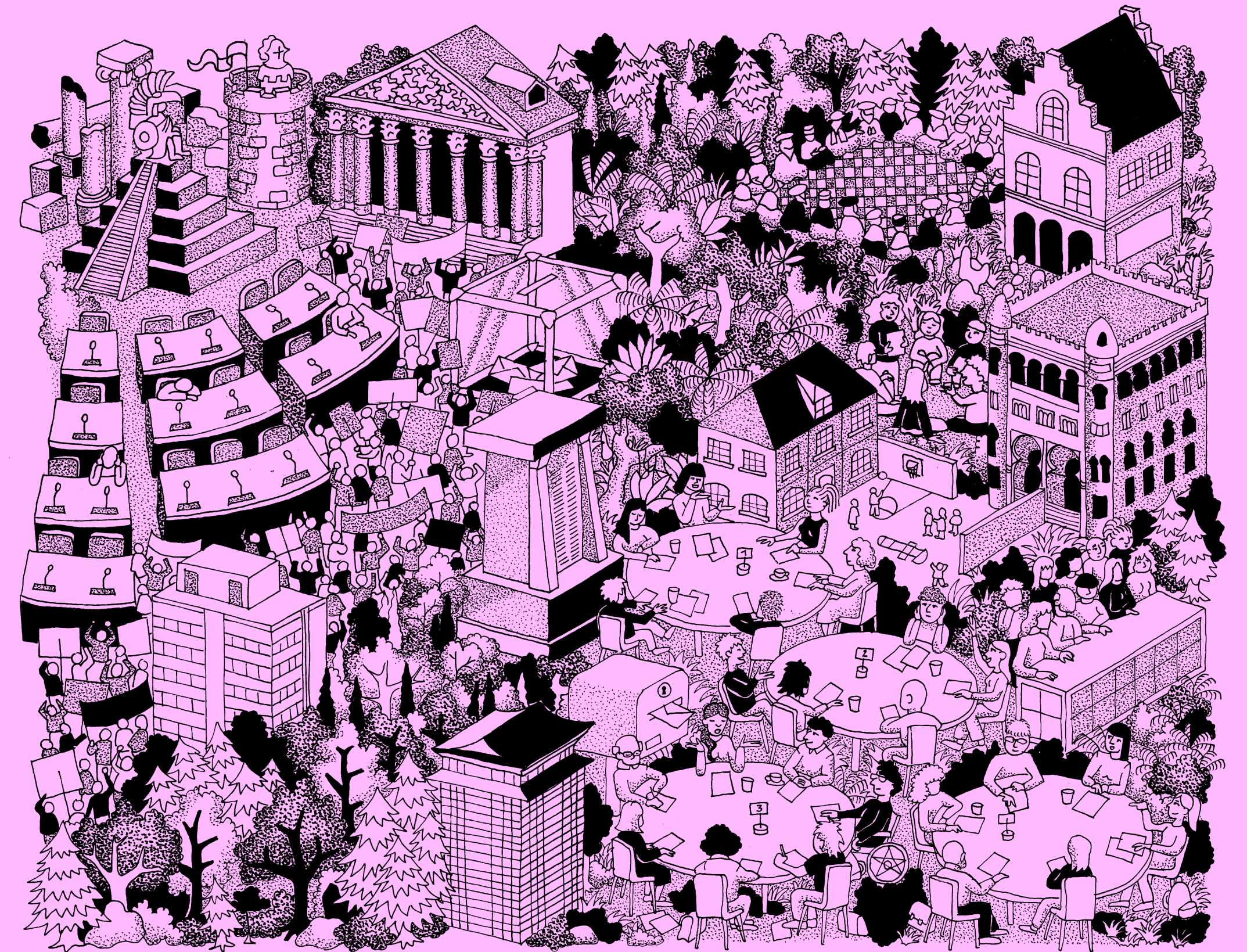
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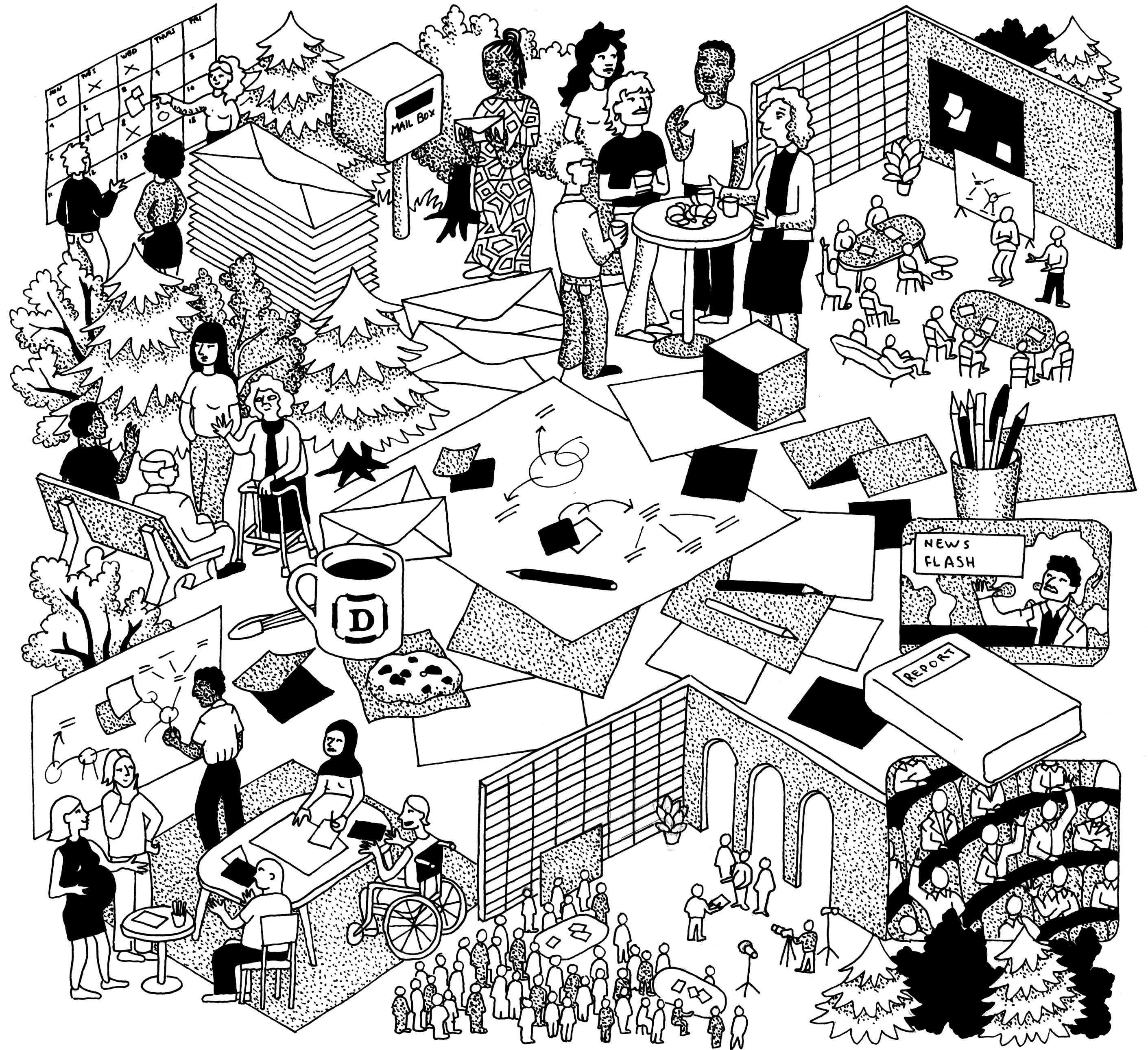
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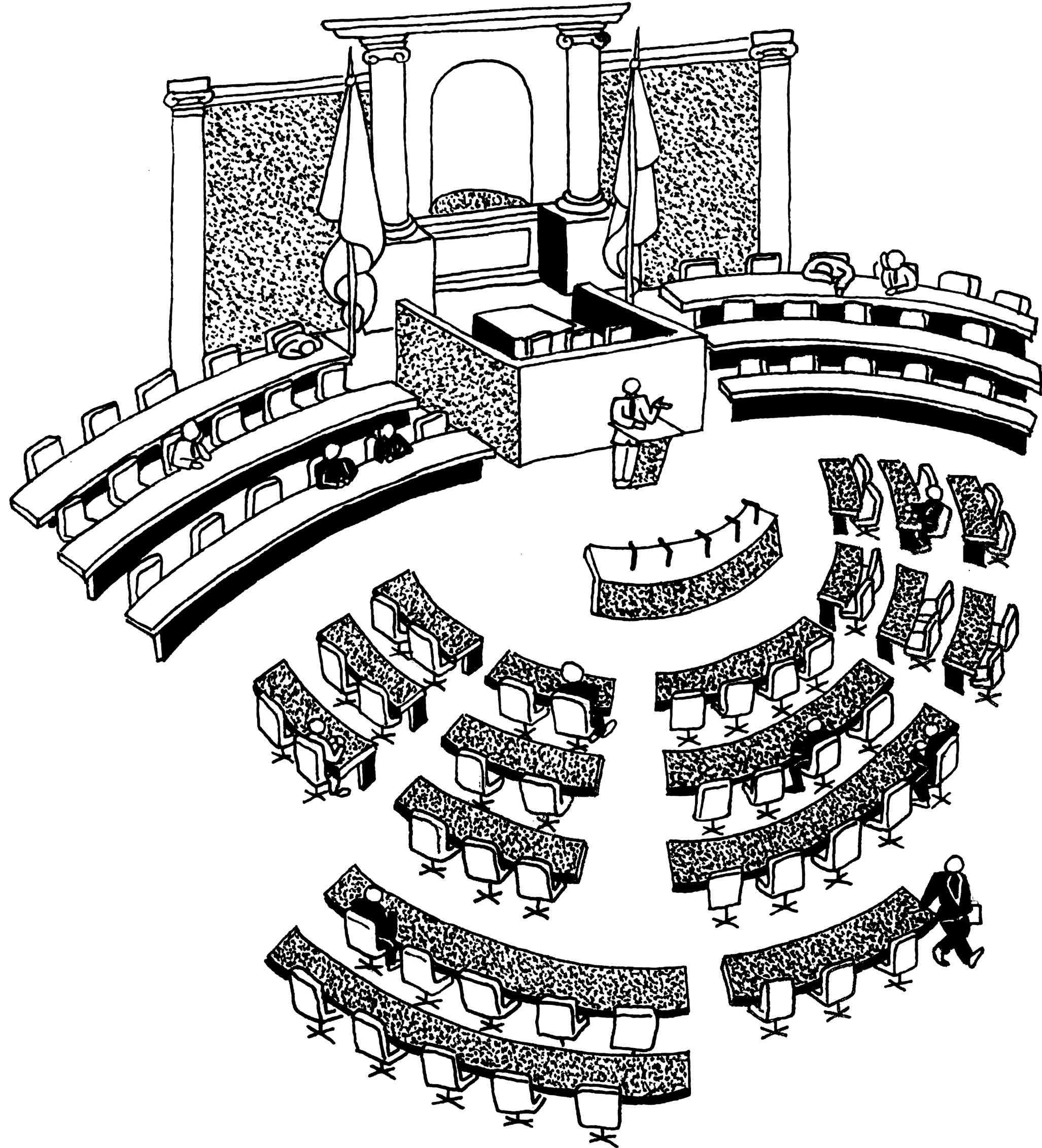
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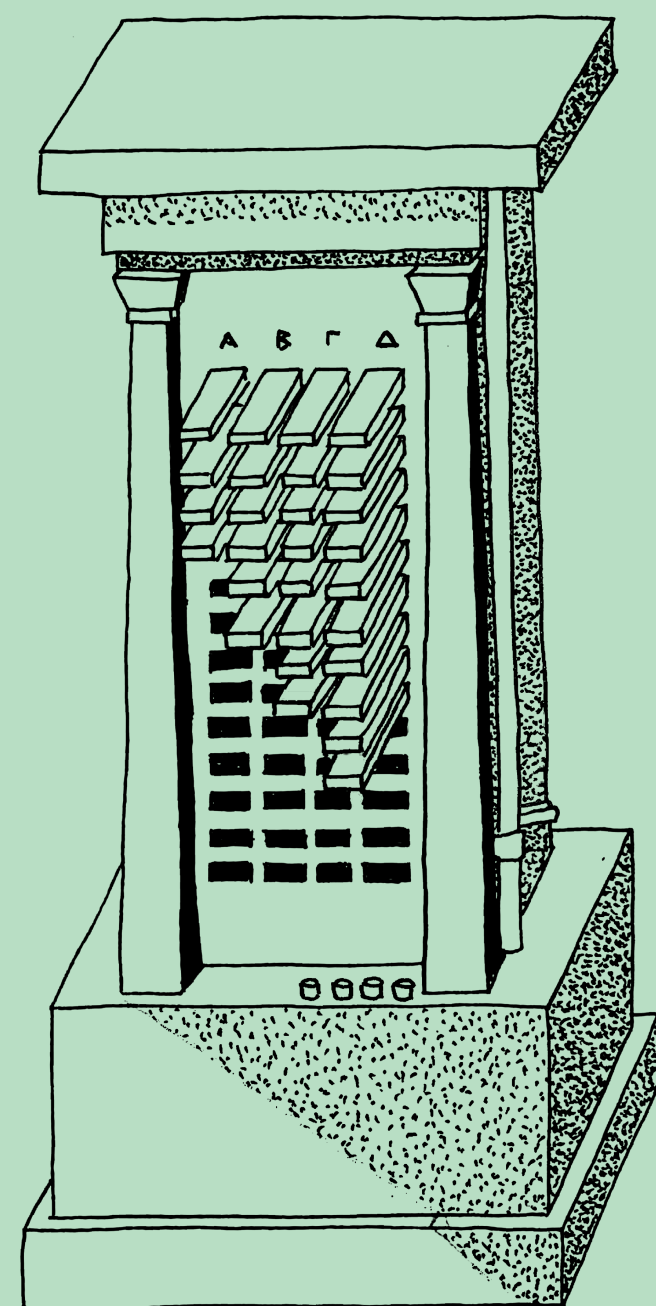
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Our mission is to shift *who* has power and *how* we take decisions in government and in other organisations in our daily lives.

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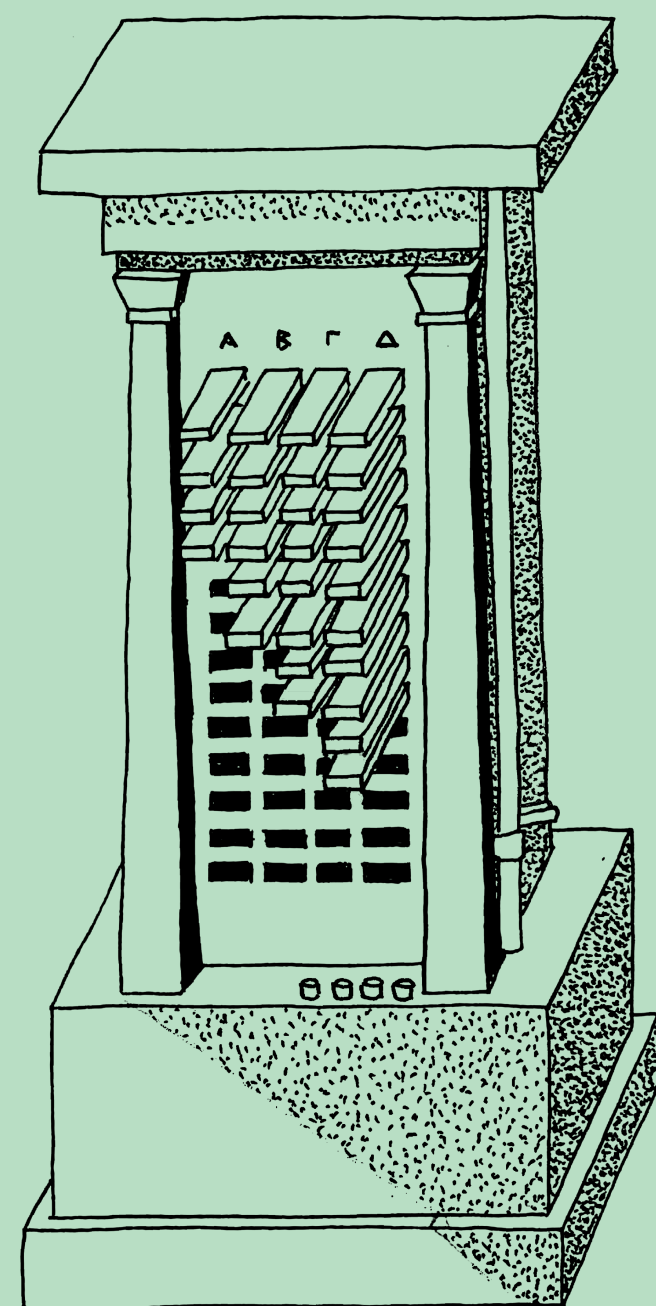
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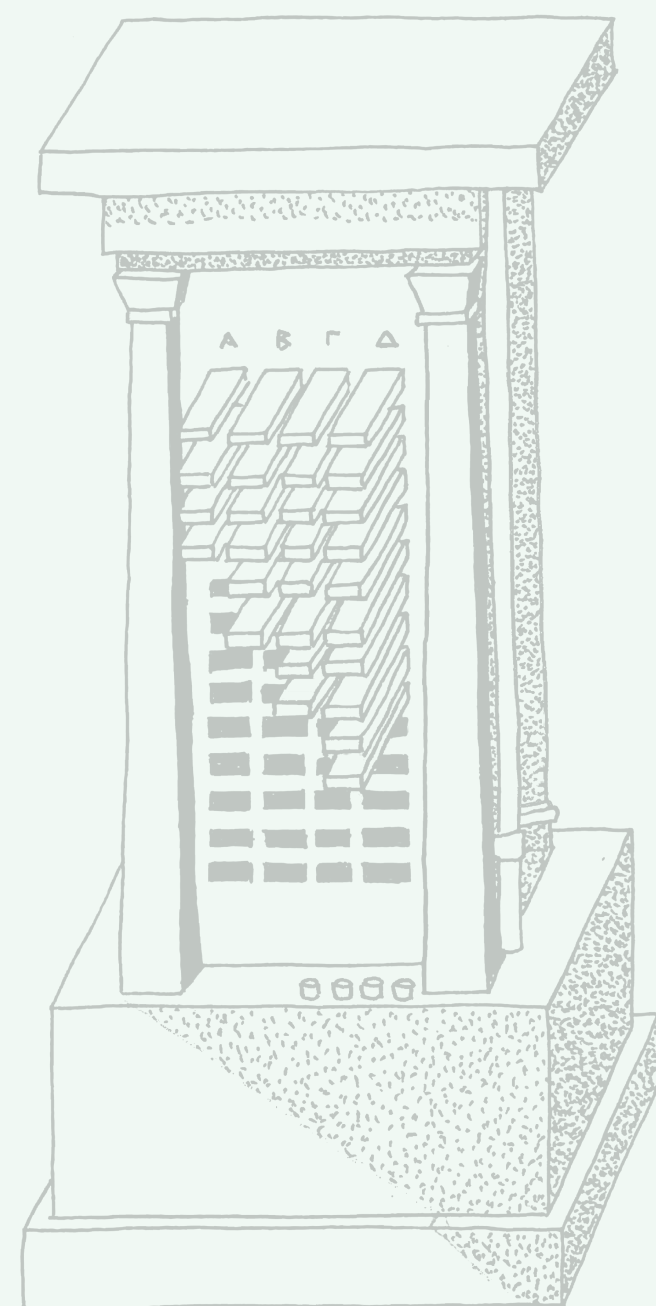
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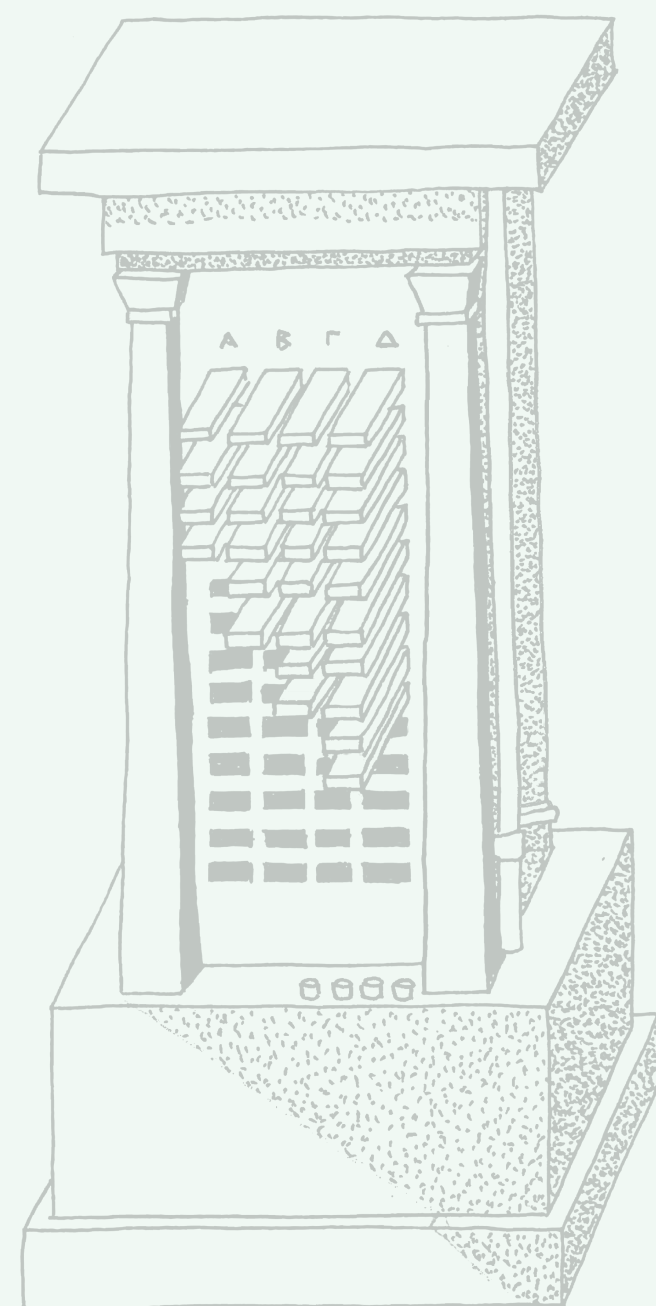
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We're building on a wealth of evidence

Step 1



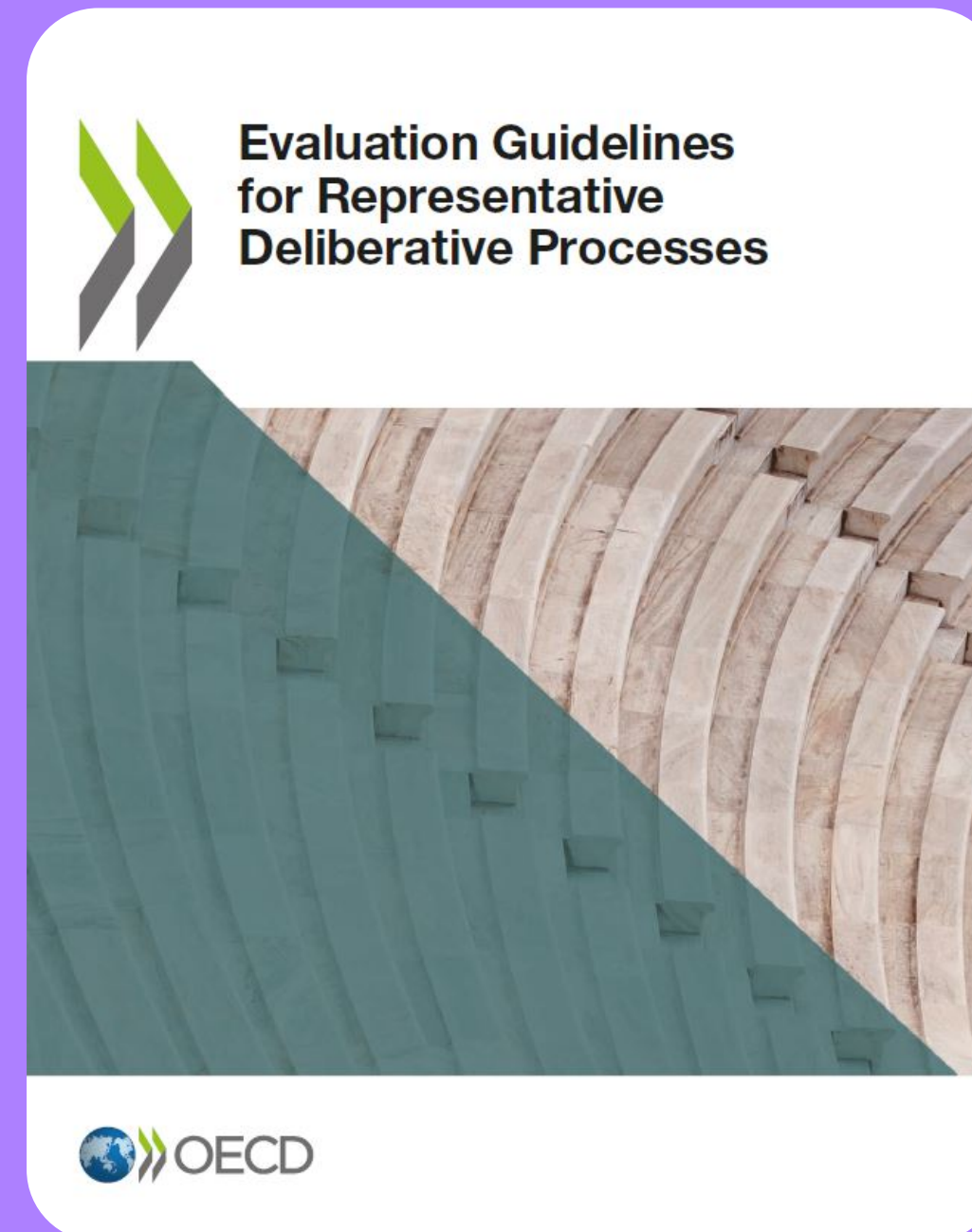
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Implement

Step 3



Evaluate

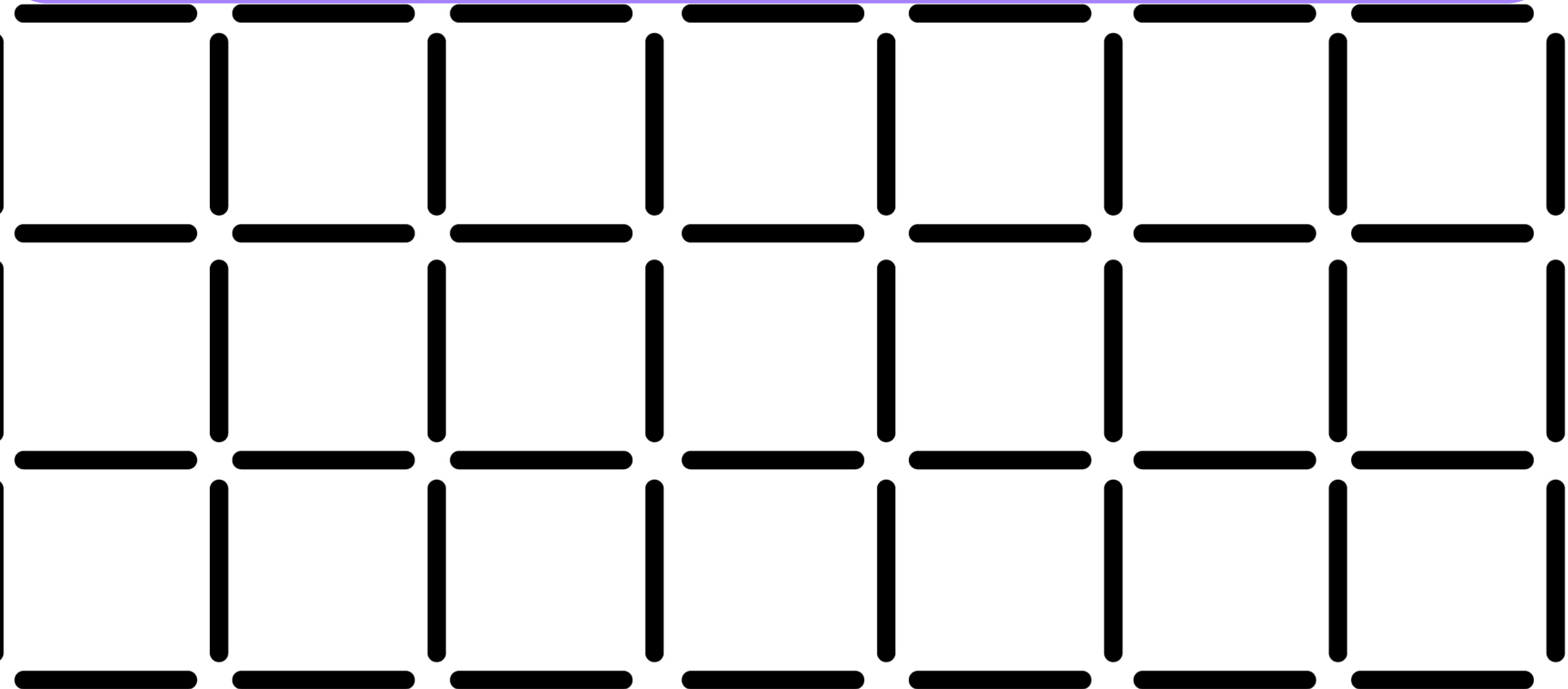
Step 4



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Assembling an Assembly Guide



What is a Citizens' Assembly?



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Irish Citizens' Assembly

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Irish Citizens' Assembly on Drug Policy Reform 2023

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Citizens' Assembly for the Island of Lynetteholm

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Bogotá's Citizens' Assembly on City Planning



Members and organisers of Itinerant Citizen Assembly
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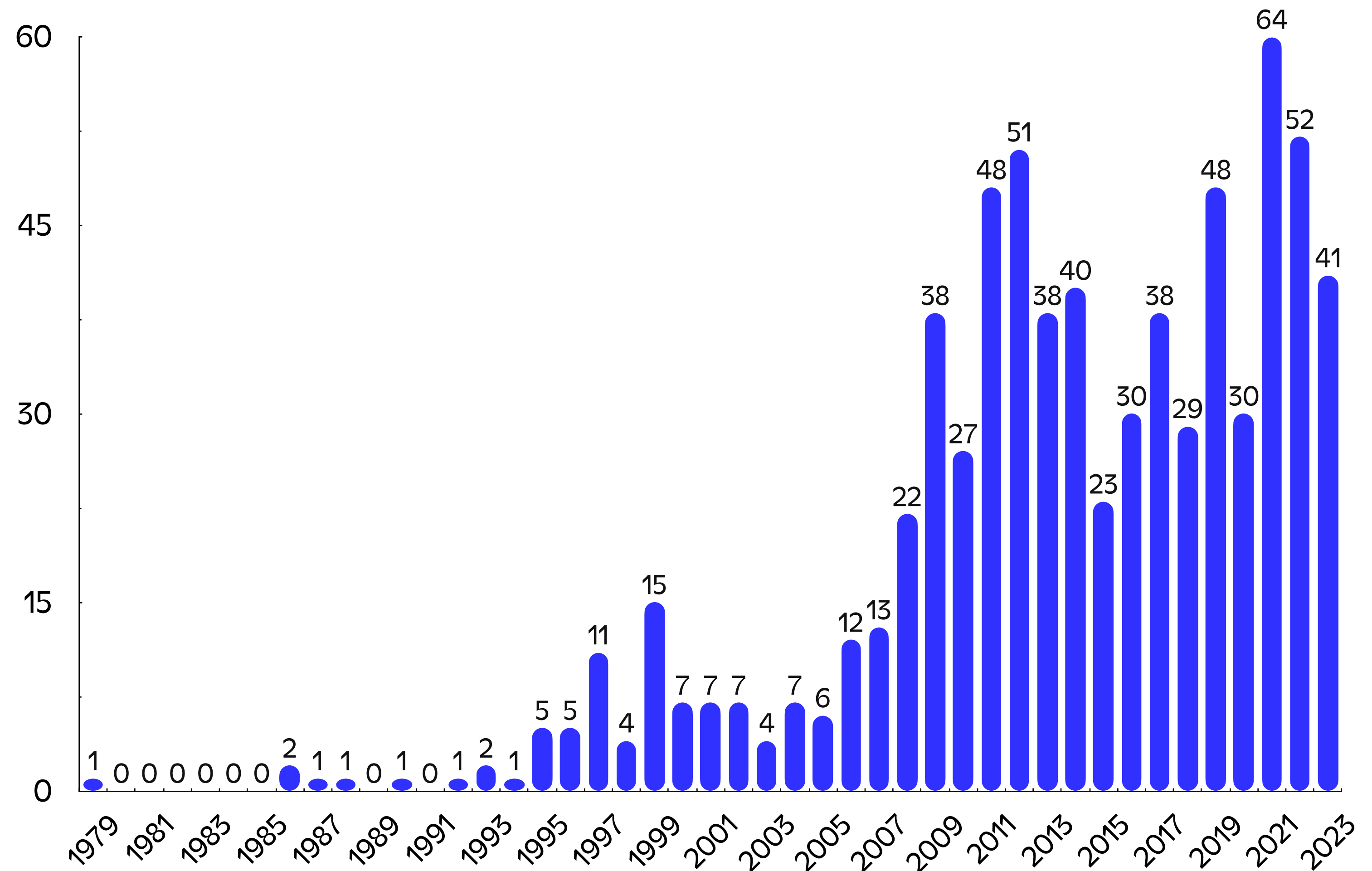


A growing “deliberative wave” of over 700 worldwide examples has demonstrated that Citizens’ Assemblies work

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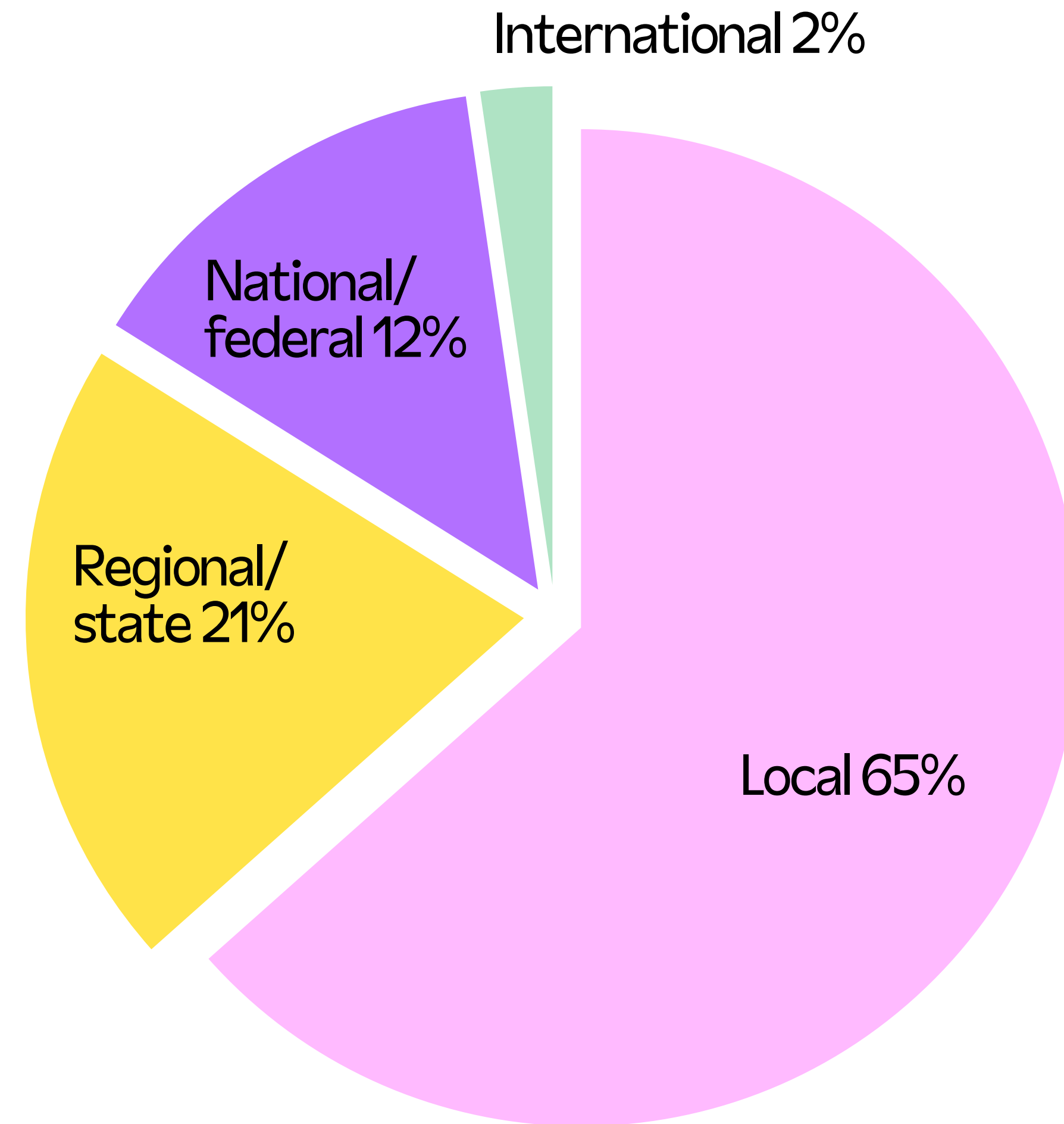
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Citizens' Assemblies and Juries have taken place at all levels of government

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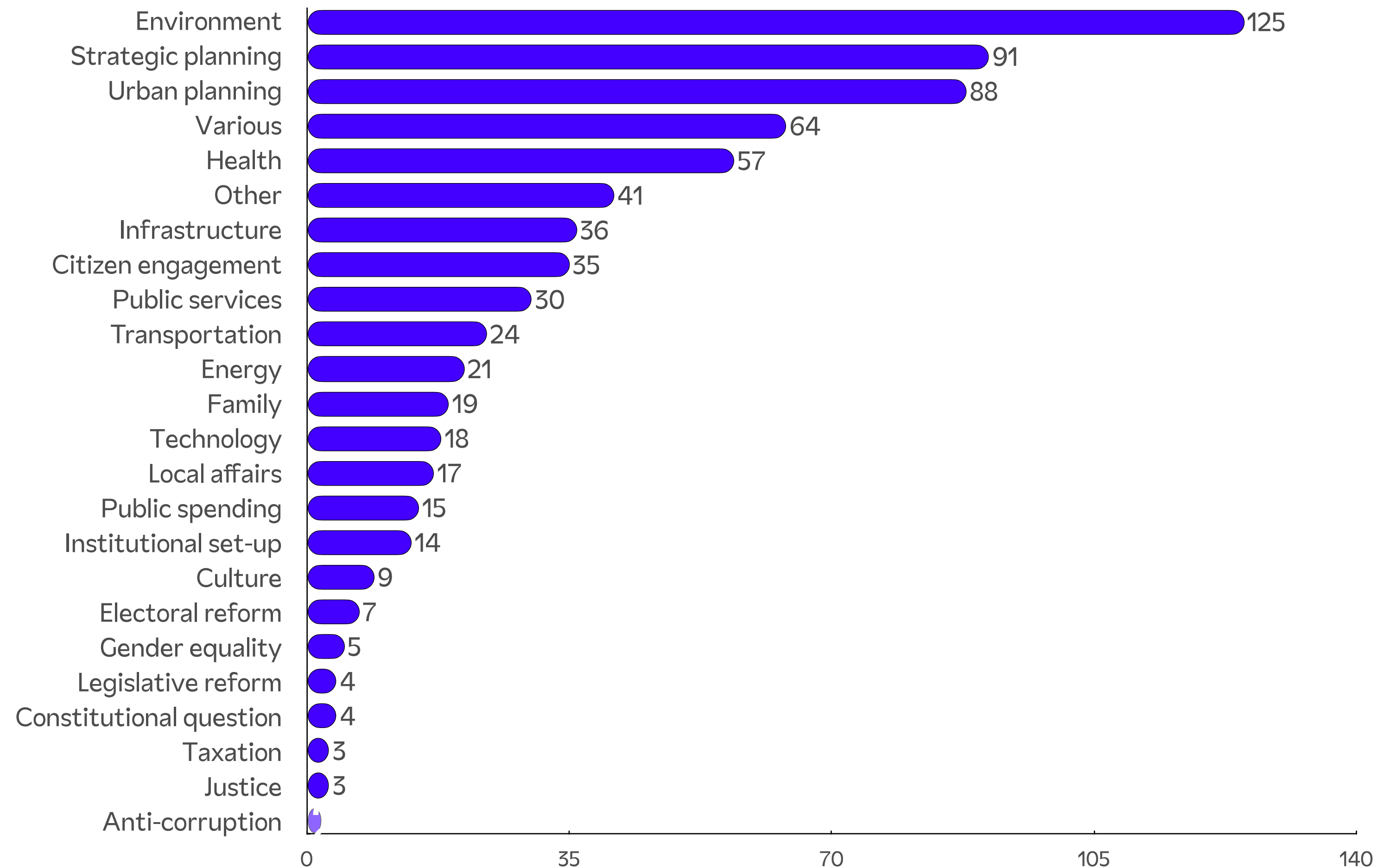


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Citizens' Assemblies have tackled a wide range of policy issues

Number of times a policy issue has been addressed through a representative deliberative process



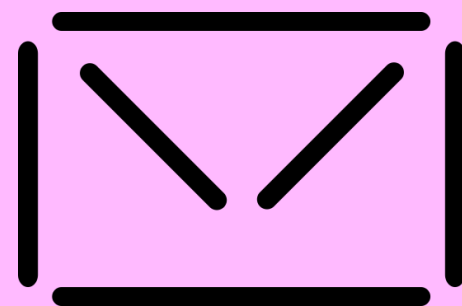
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Two-stage process for selecting Members of a Citizens' Assembly

STAGE 01



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By Post, Phone,
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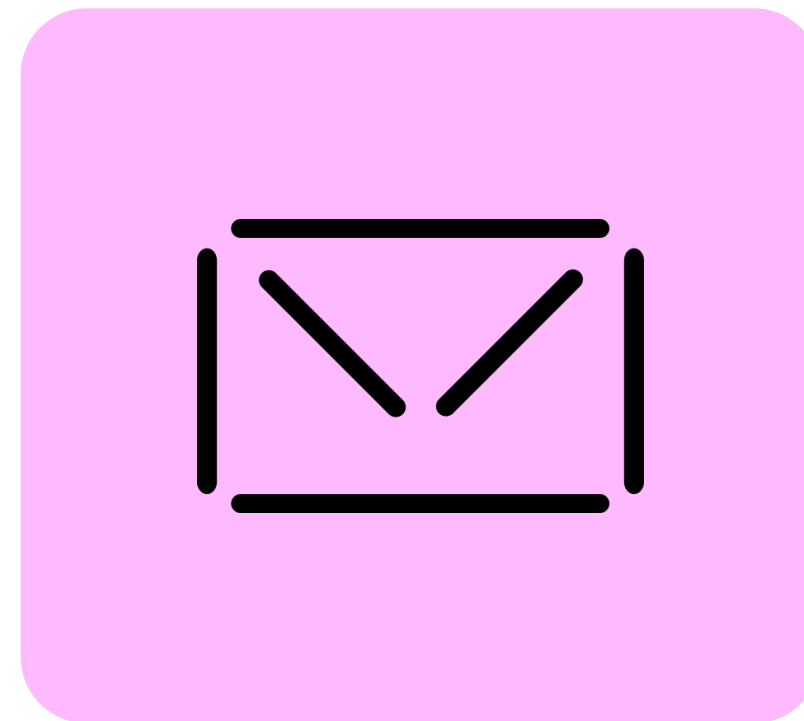


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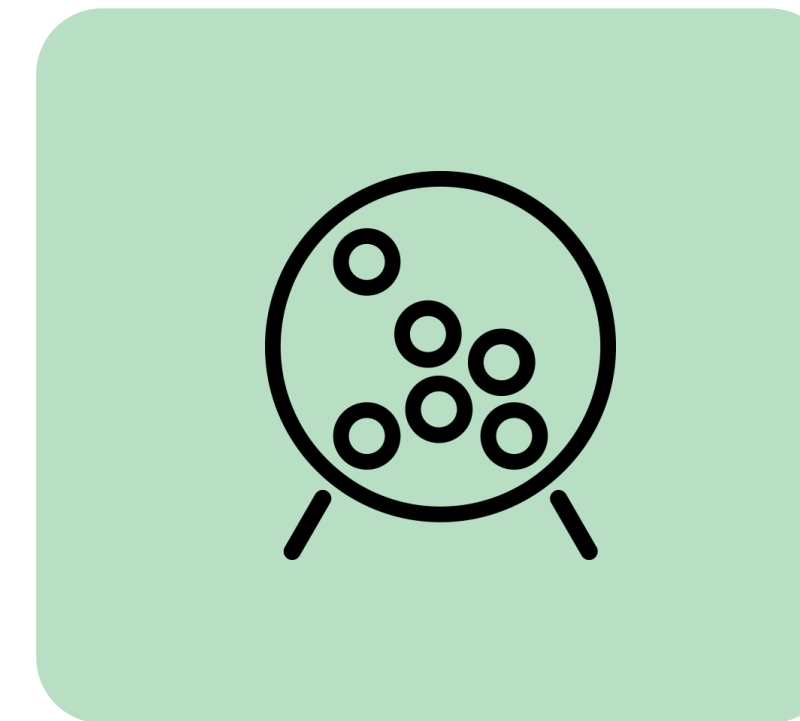
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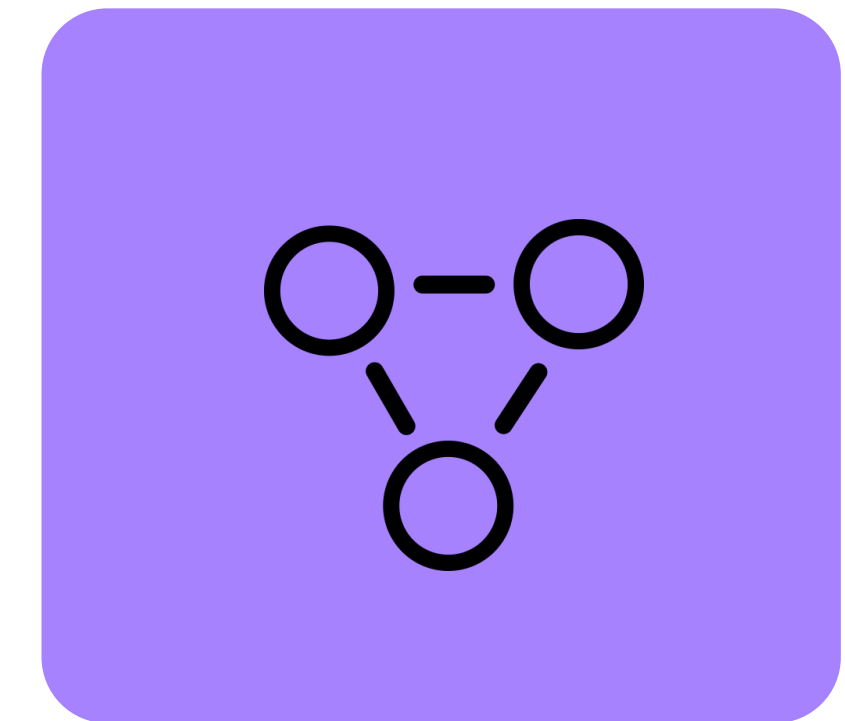
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STAGE 02



Second selection by lottery amongst the volunteers

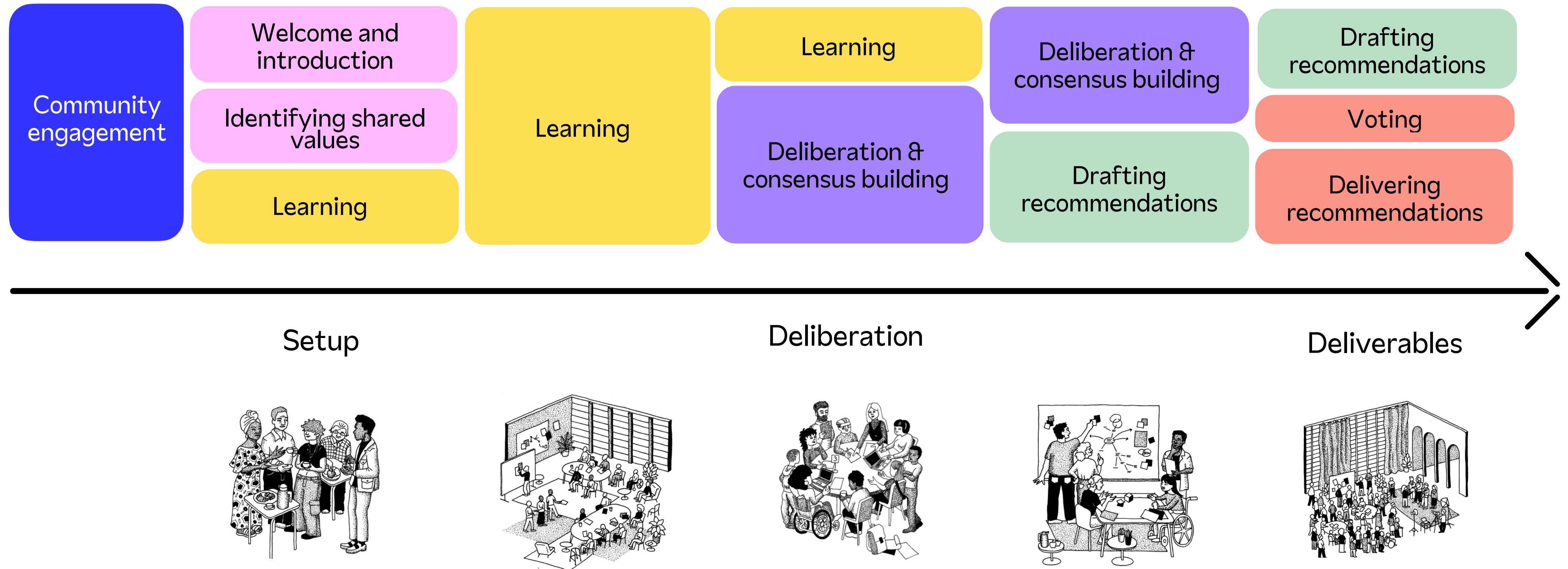
Stratified based on :
Gender, Age,
Location, Socio-economic criteria ...



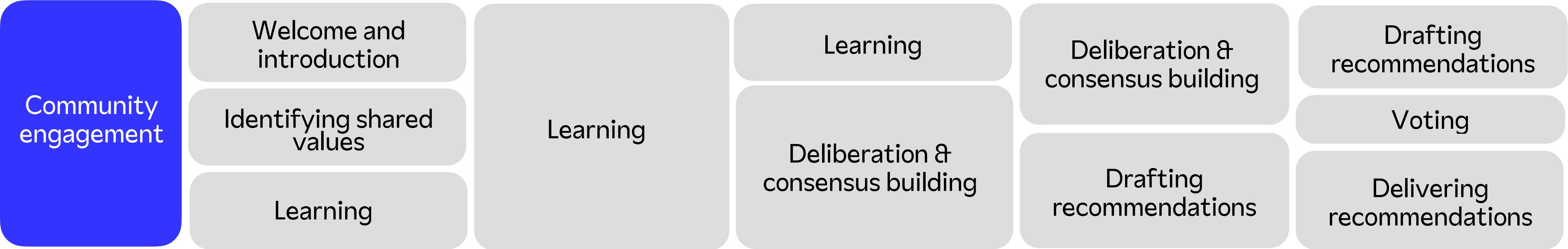
Final Group

Broadly representative of the community concerned (city, state, country etc.)

Enough time to build trust, be with complexity, and strengthen agency



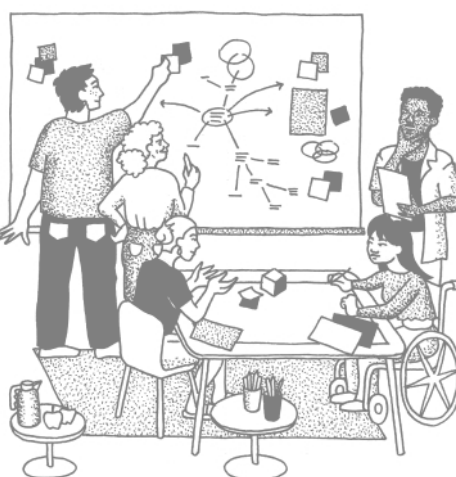
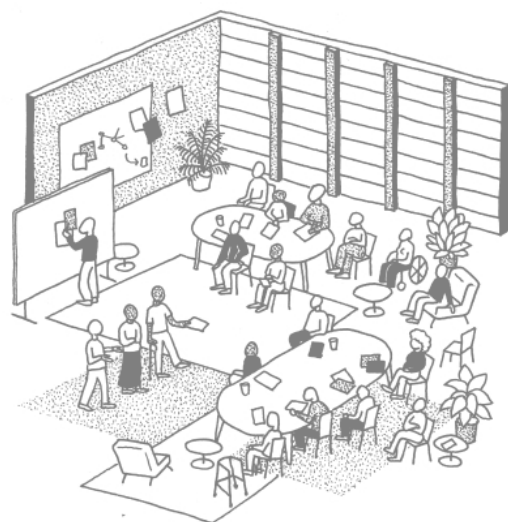
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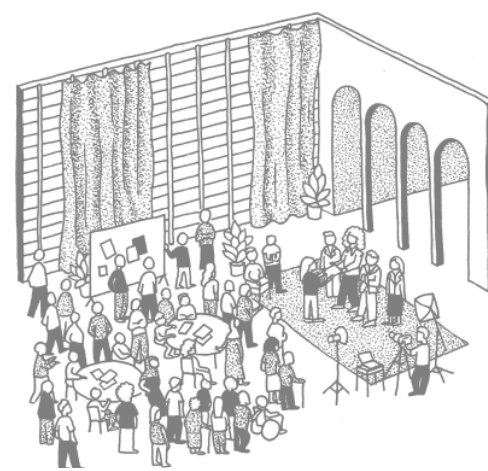
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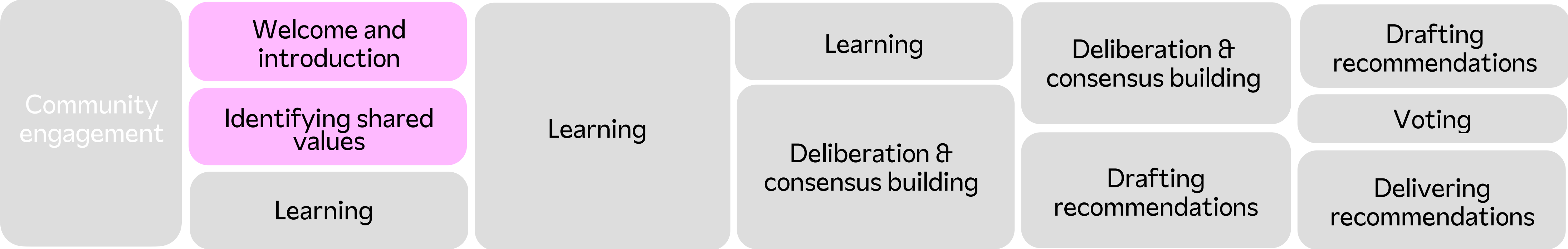
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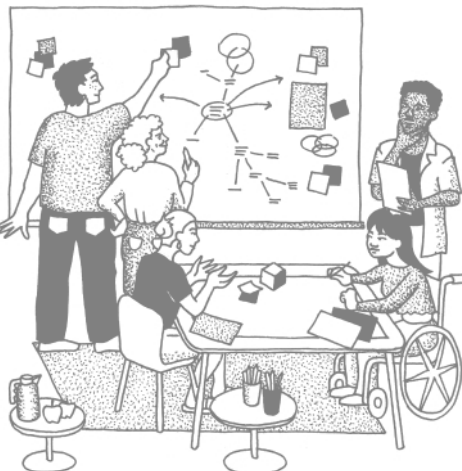
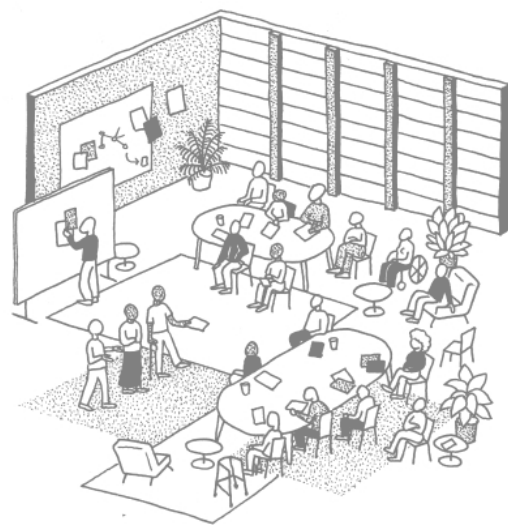
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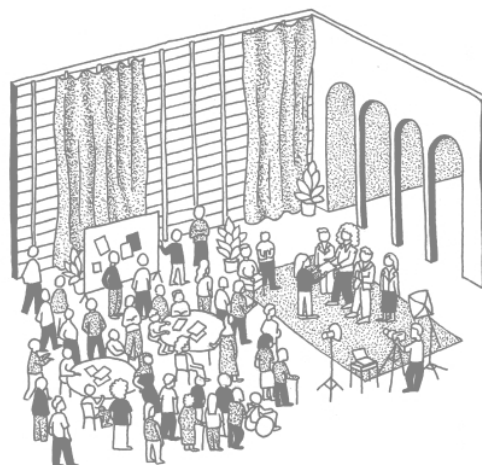
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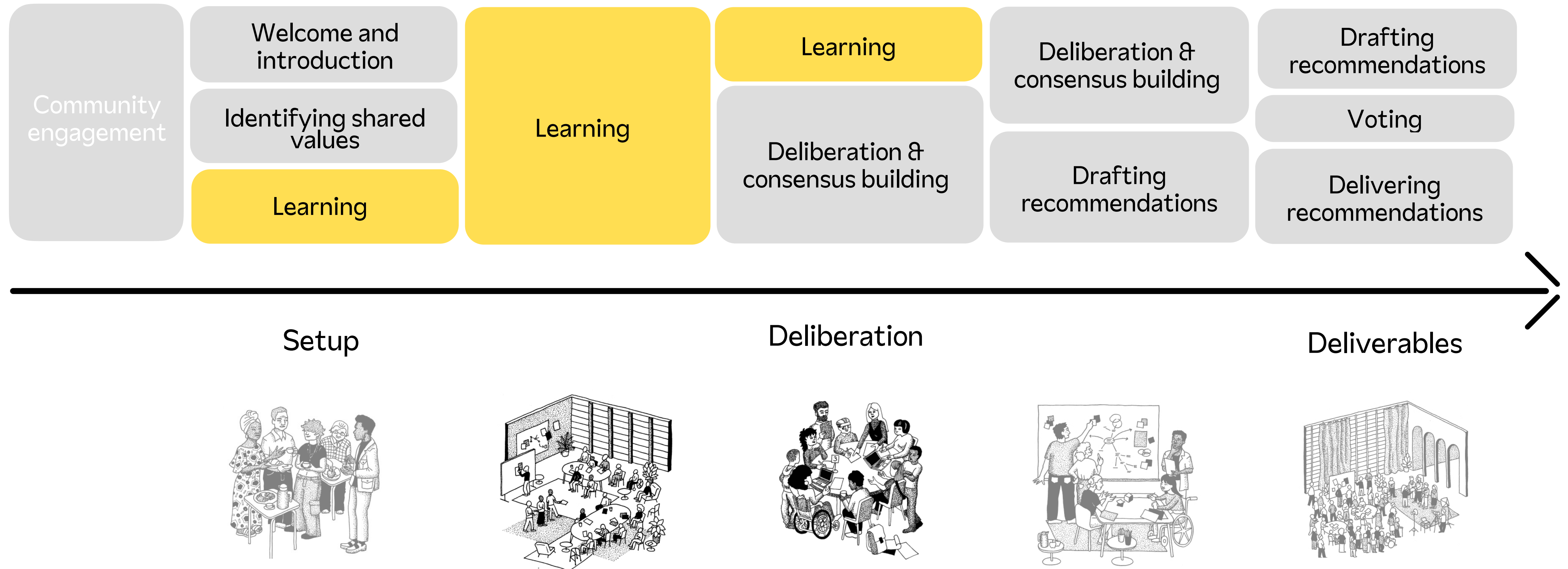
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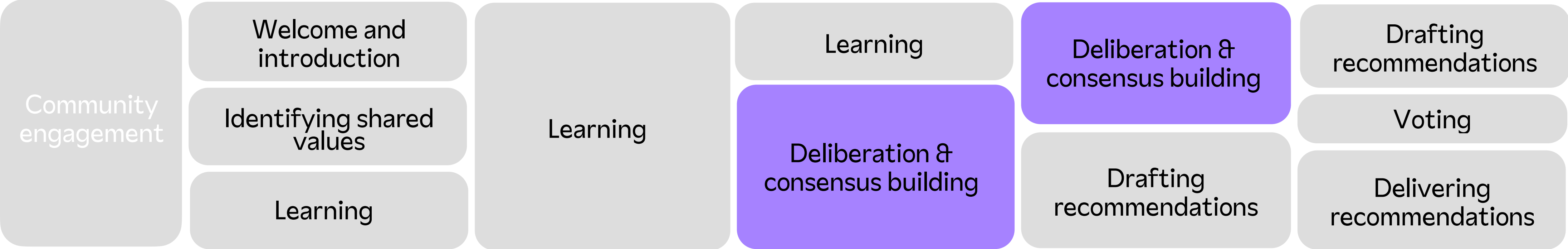
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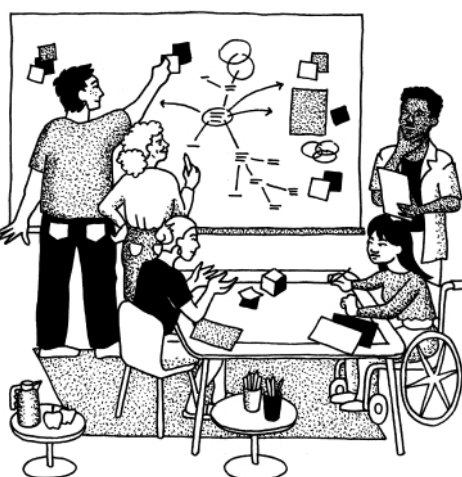
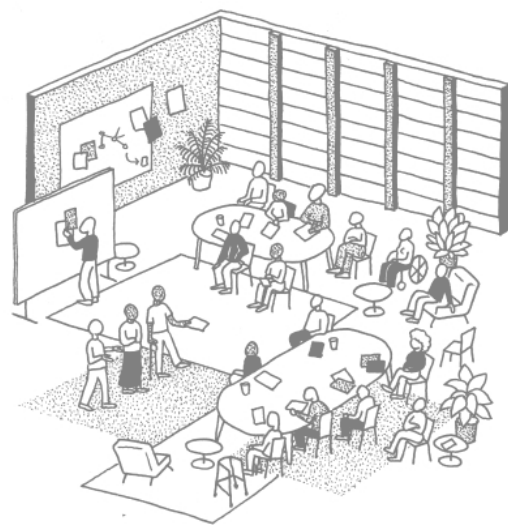
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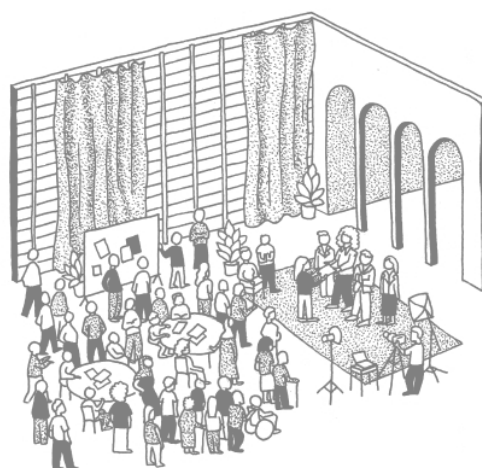
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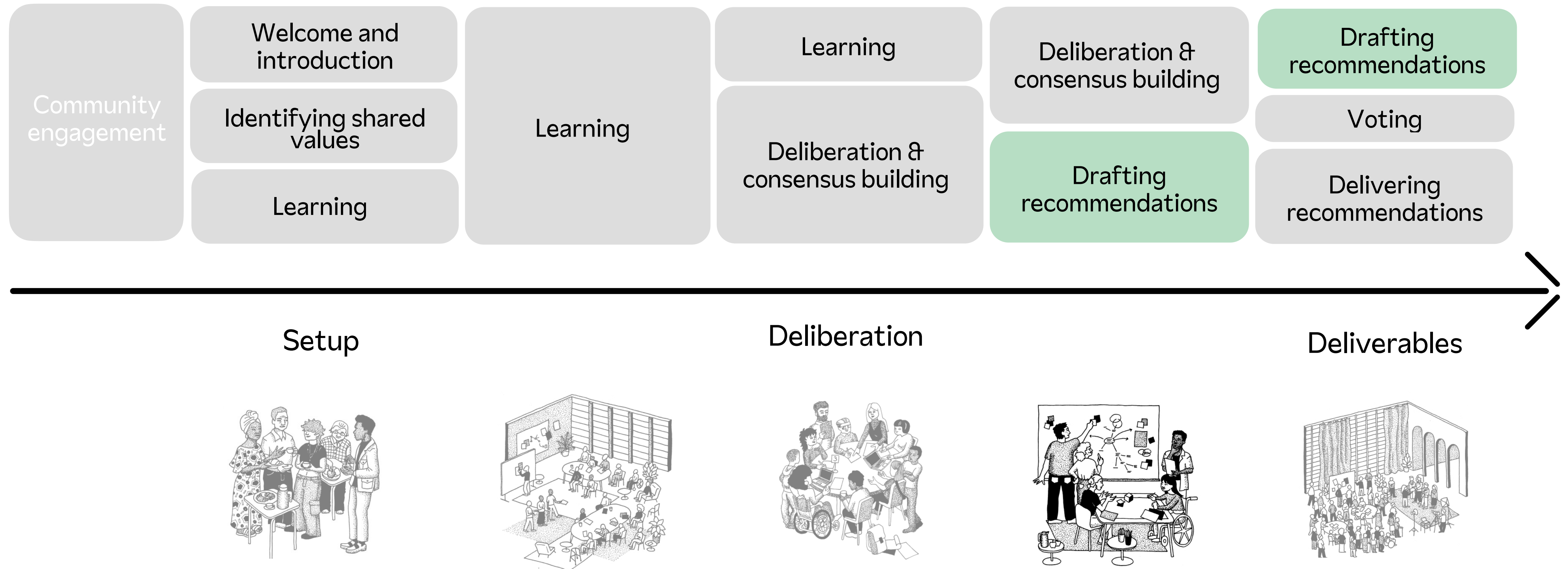
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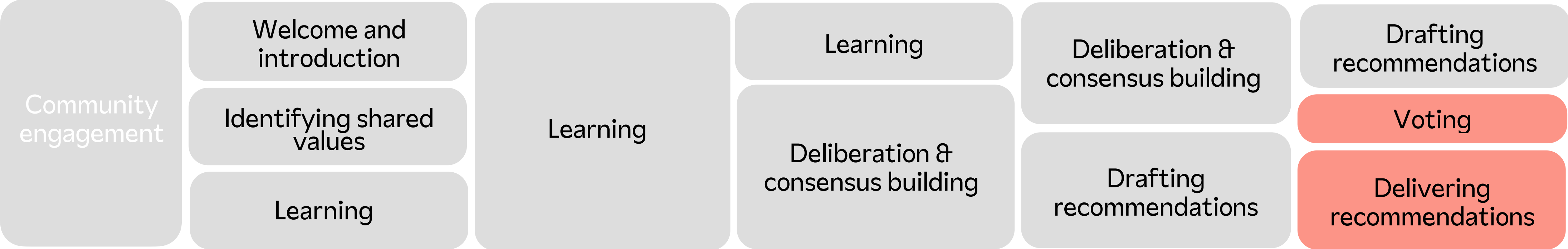
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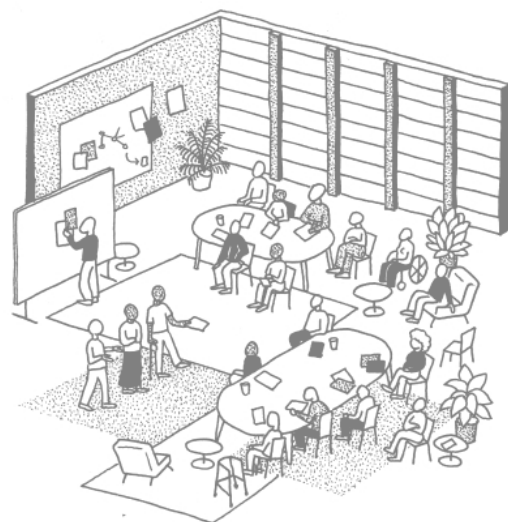
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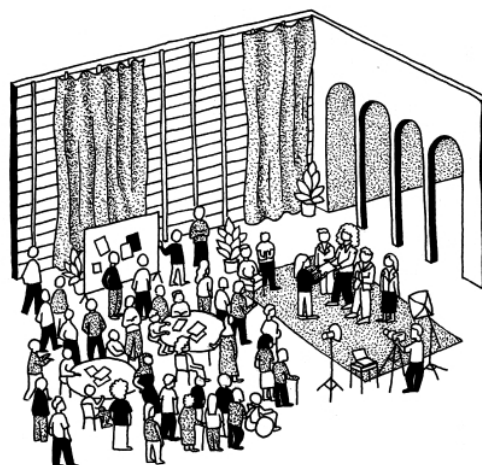
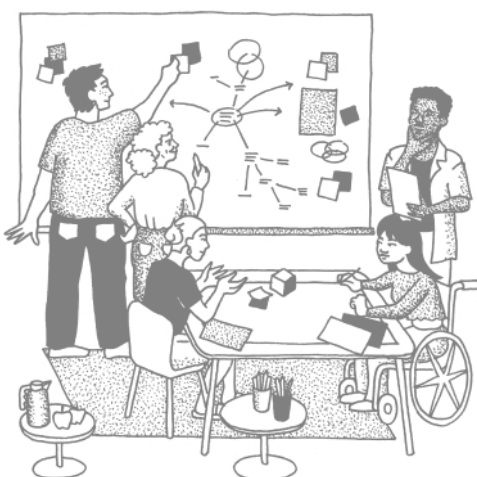
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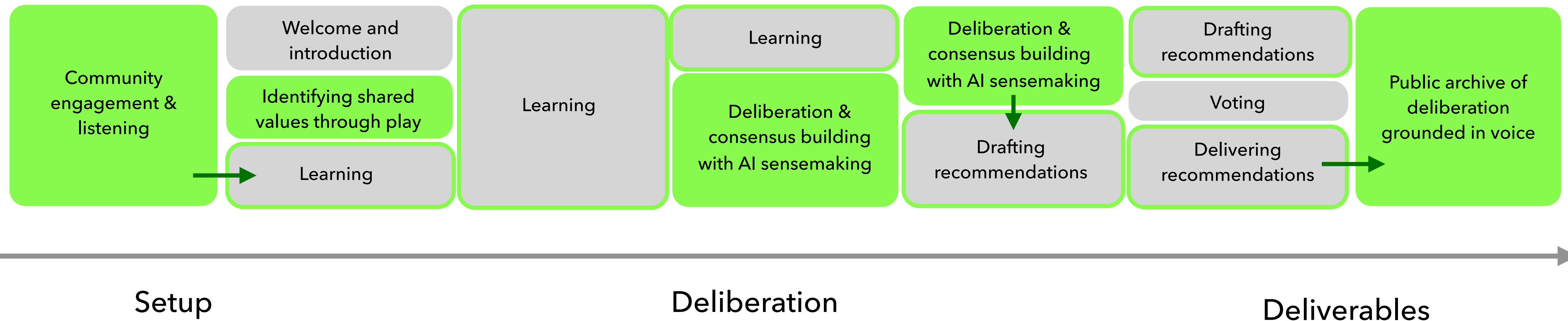


Pushing innovation in the field: Tech-enhanced Citizens' Assemblies

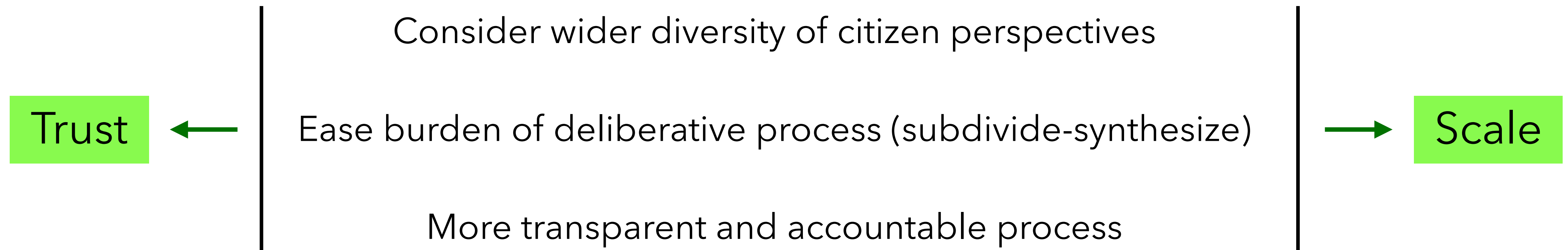
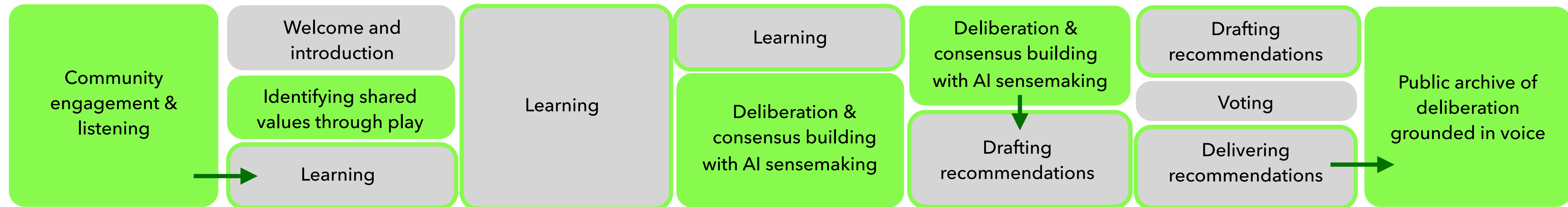


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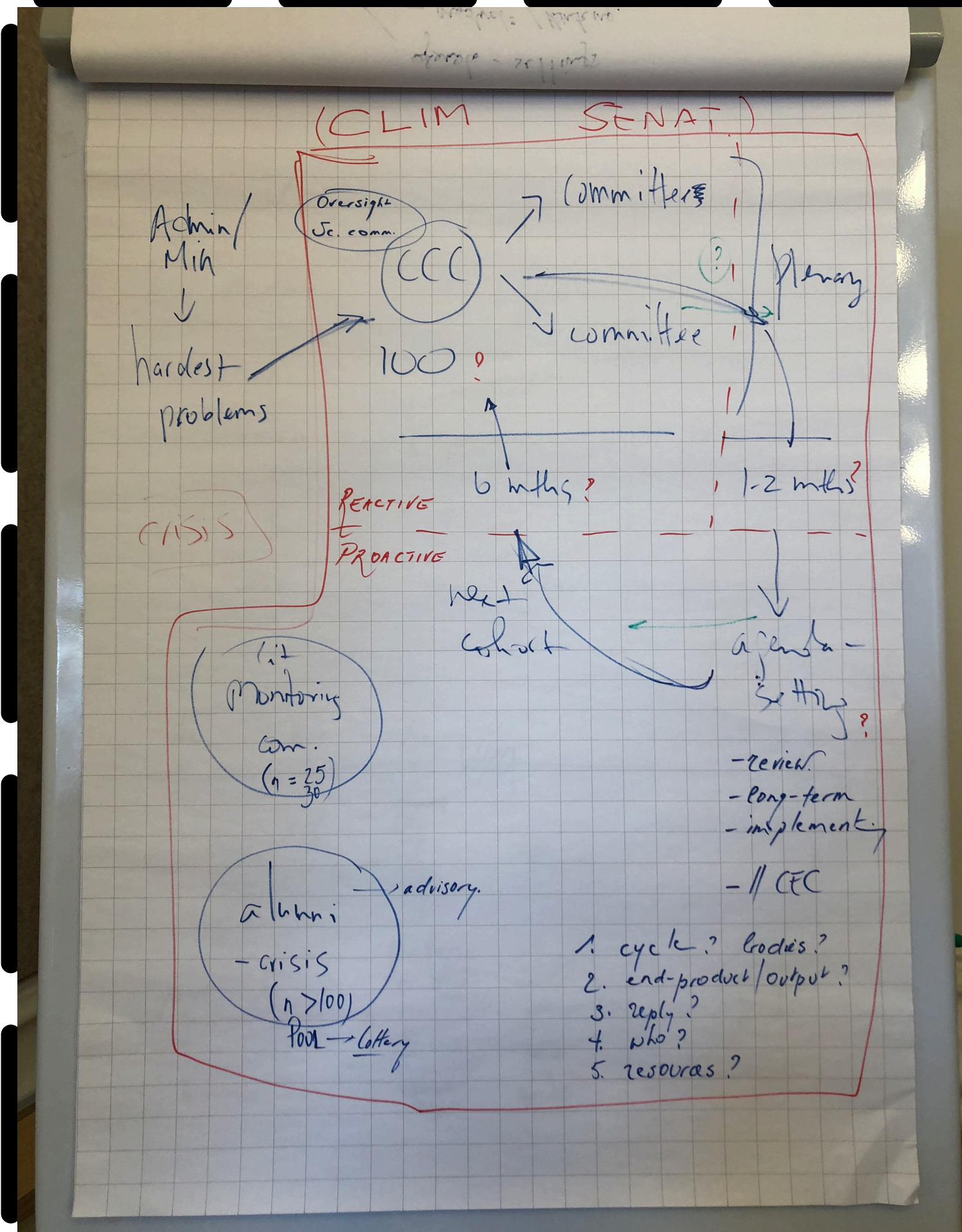
Brussels Climate Assembly: Design and political buy-in

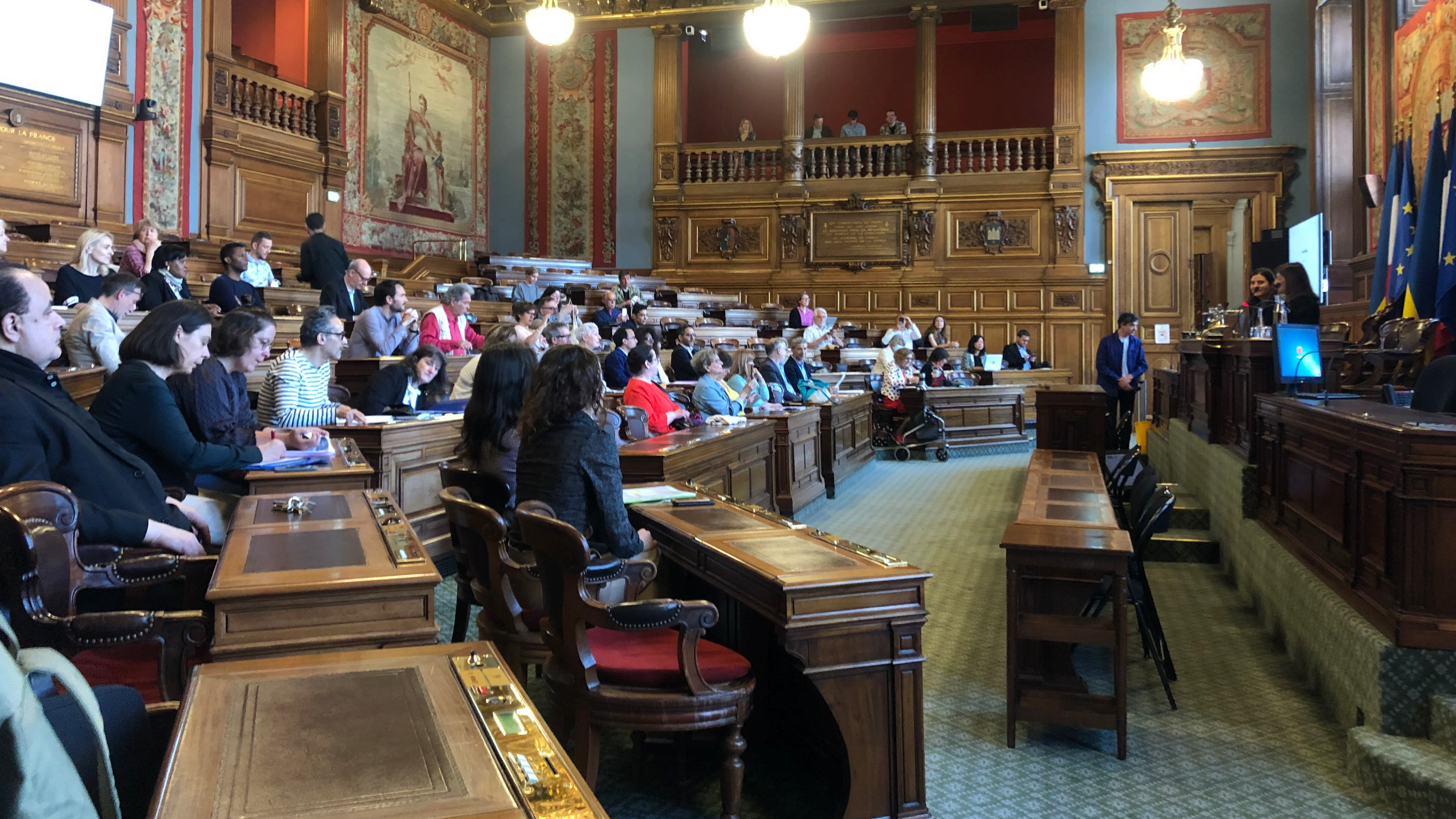


Photos: Top: Claudia Chwalisz and David Van Reybrouck at the Brussels Design Session

Middle: Schema of the Climate Assembly in development

Right: Claudia and David presenting the model to the Brussels Government





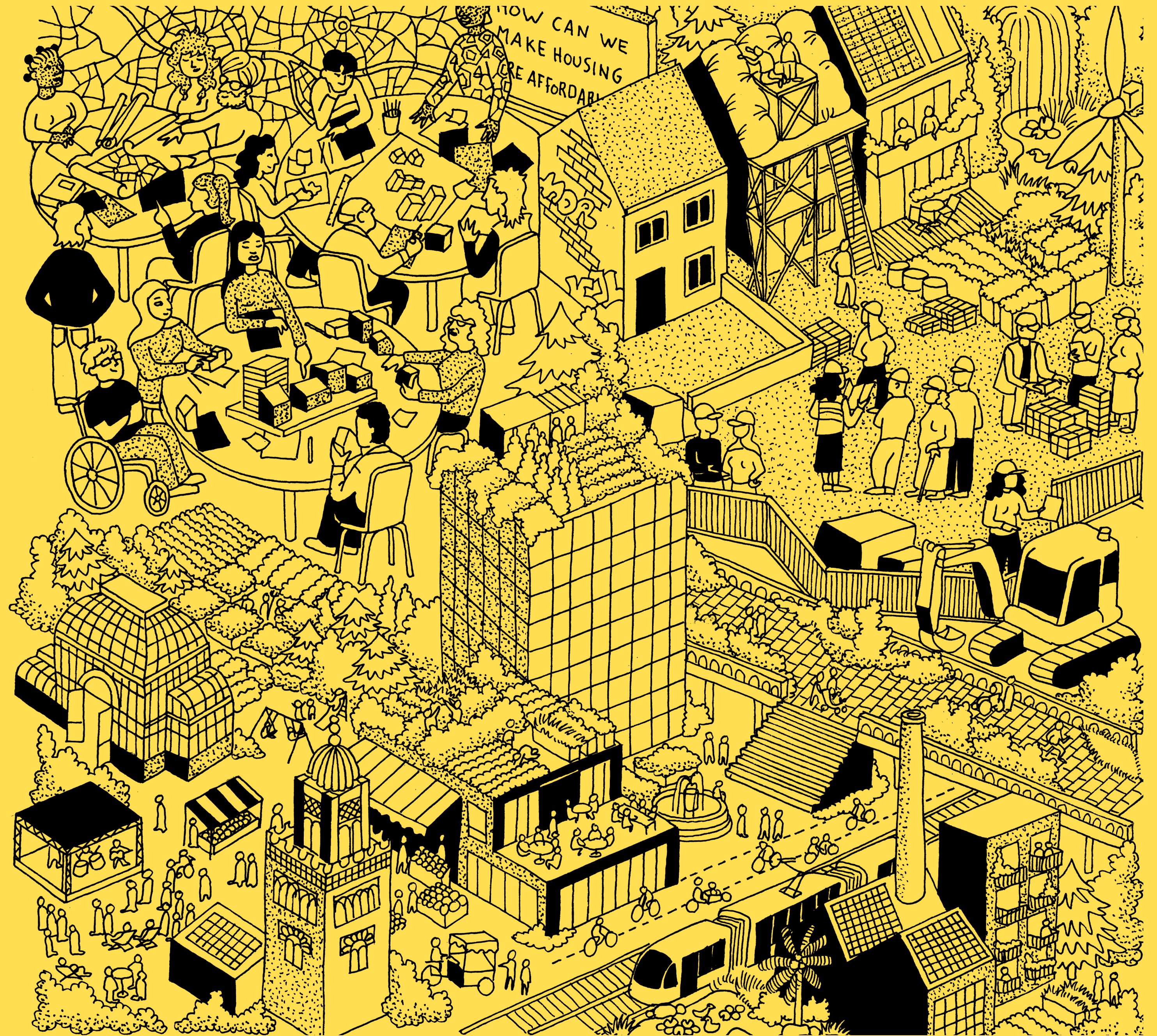


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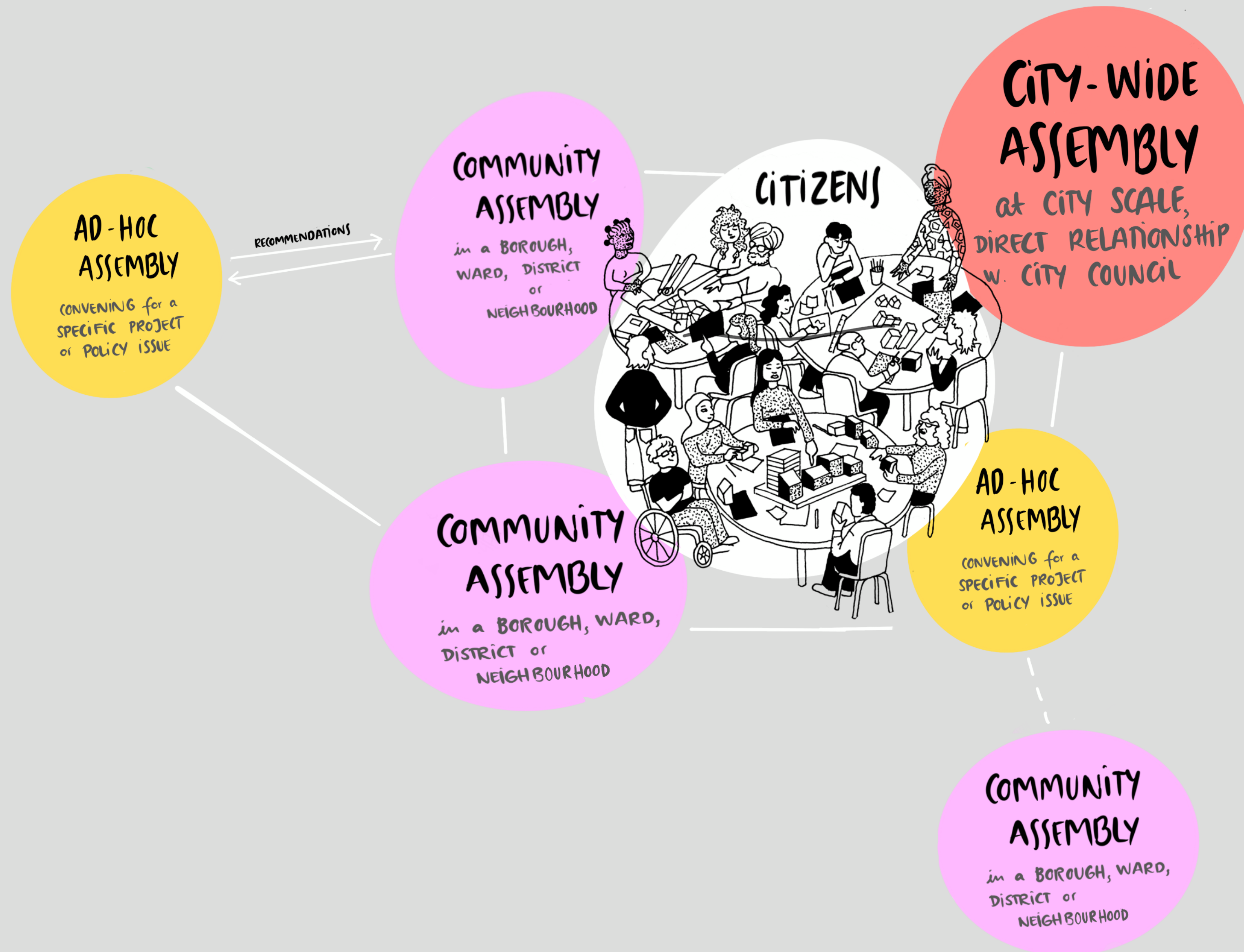


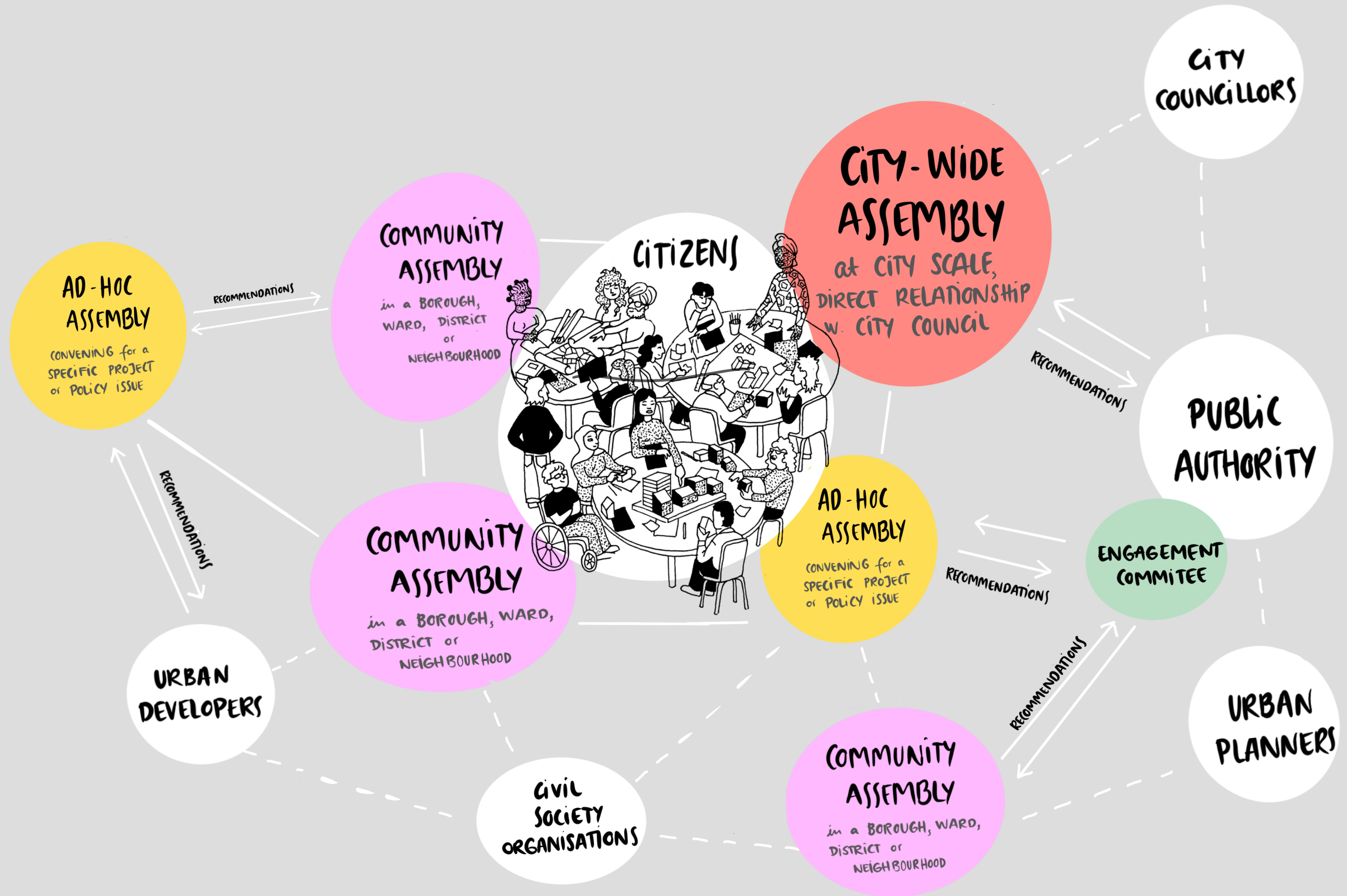
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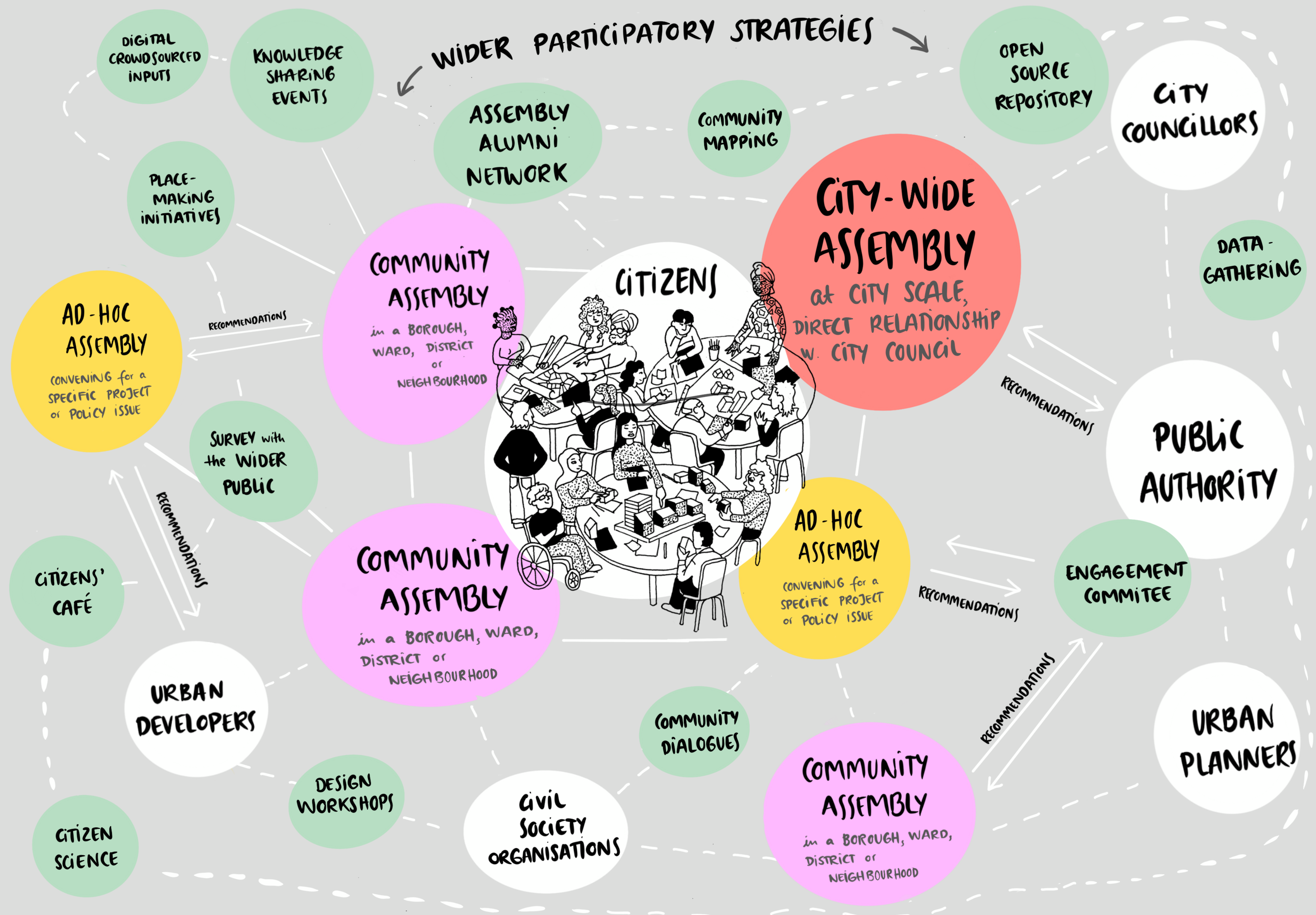


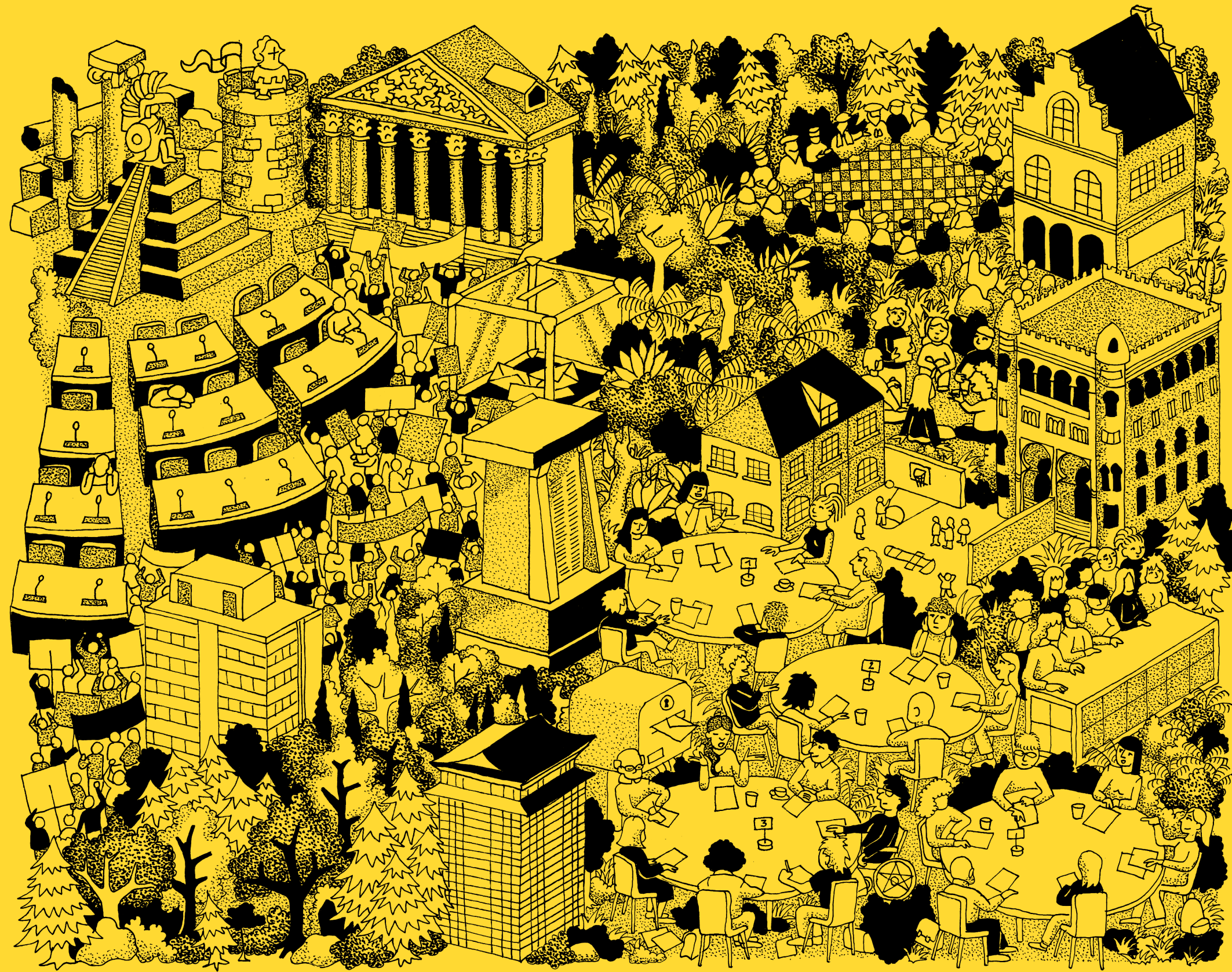
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