

Combating the current crisis of democracy

Initiative on the participation of the civil society

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- Citizen's reports with planning cells according to Prof. Dr. Peter Dienel have been used in Germany and other countries since their invention in 1973.
- Their efficiency and alignment with the "Common Good" has been documented in numerous scientific studies.
- Approximately 12,000 citizens already have participated in Citizen's Reports.
- Citizen's Reports form an excellent base for political decisions which can be accepted by all citizens.

Crisis of democracy

How do
we find
workable
solutions ?

Citizen's Report with Planning Cells

That is:

A different way of social interaction with each other, which includes everybody and does not exclude anybody. The central point of this method is an intensive communication in randomly chosen small groups (= planning cells). They allow everybody to express her/his inherent "common sense". The experience shows, that the opinions which emerge from this small groups are very much oriented on what is good for everybody. This way they have the ability to bring about a more positive development of our society.

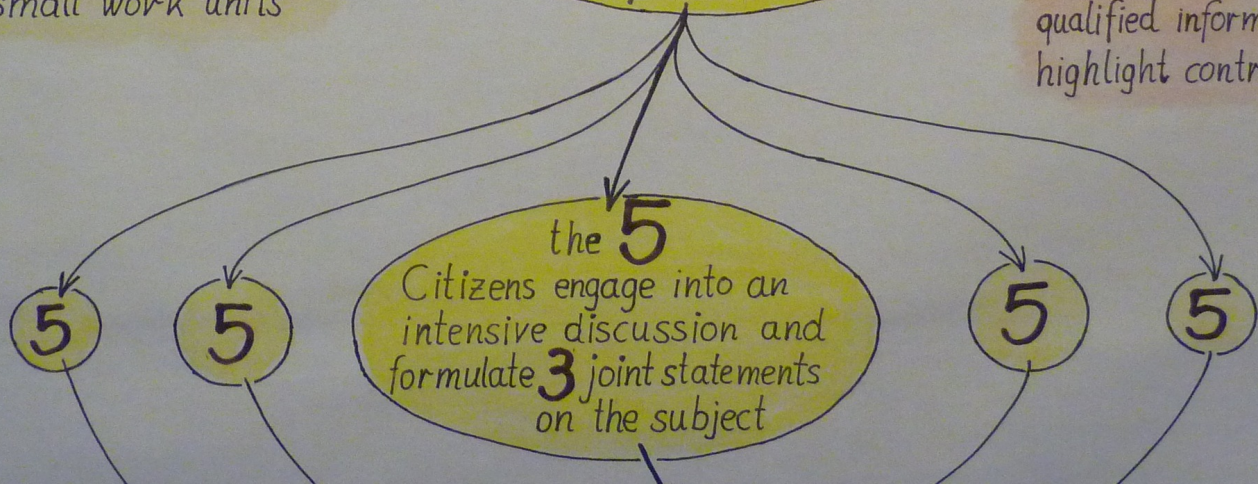
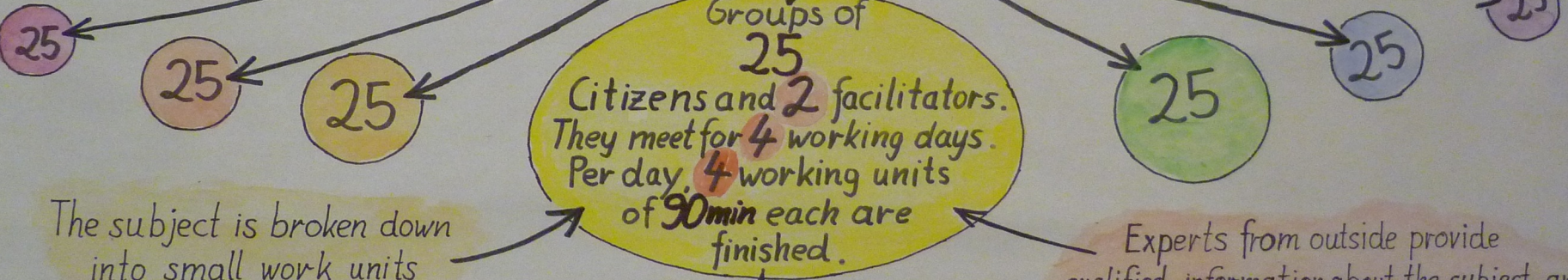
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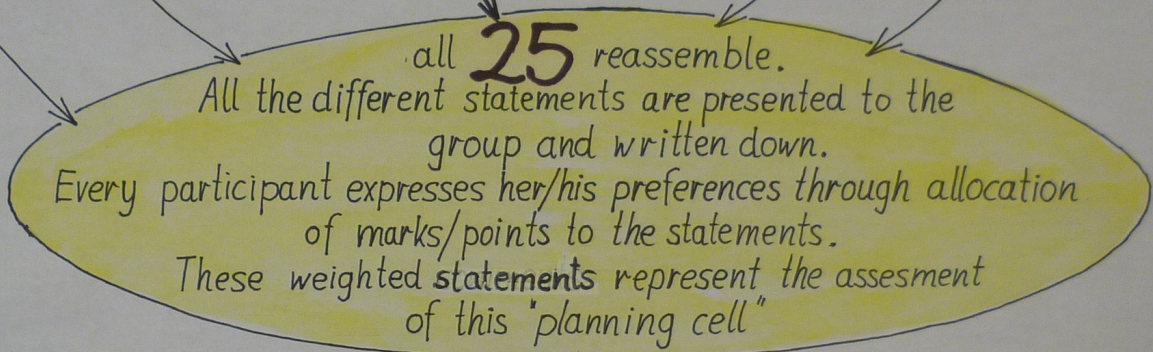
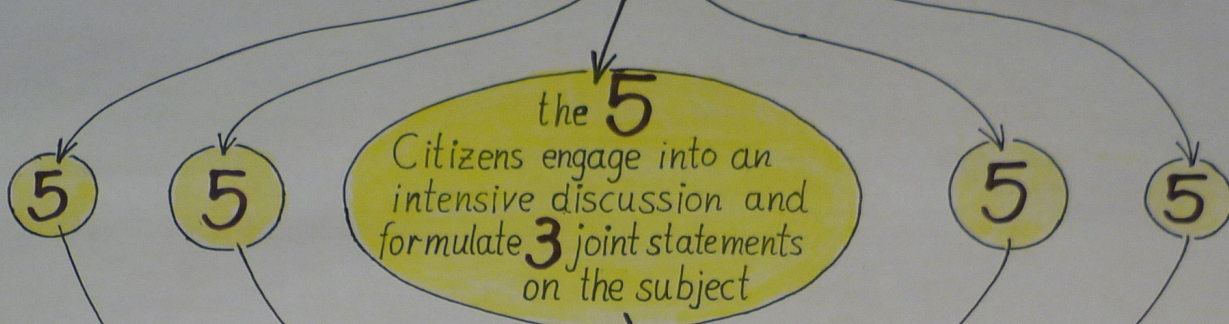


Some of us

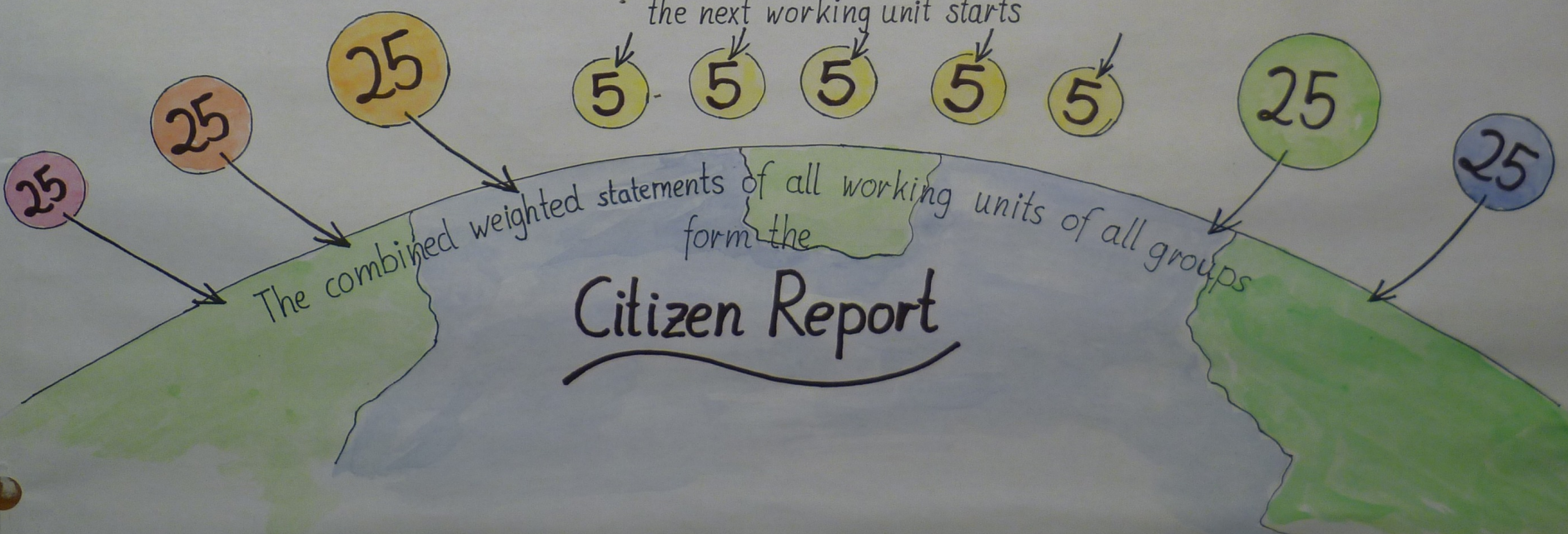
(randomly chosen, each time different people,
app. 200 to 400 persons for one application)

Many groups of 25 people, all will work on the same subject in the same manner





After a break for tea/lunch,
the next working unit starts





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ABSTRACT

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In order to create again a strong believe in the benefits of our democratic system, it is necessary to make every citizen feel that it is "his/her" society and state.

This is possible, when citizens participate in the creation of all legislation at an early stage. That is how they can form "their" society according to their needs.

So far, politicians are very reluctant to allow substantial citizens participation. They are afraid of populist opinions.

Since 2001 the author looked into many participatory methods. He came to the conclusion, that the method of "citizen's report with planning cells", invented 1973 by Prof. Dr. Peter Dienel in Germany is the most suitable participatory process for a successful citizen's participation. It has been used in Germany about 100 times during the last 42 years, on all type of questions, and on levels ranging from local community to state government of Germany. It has also been applied in other countries like Austria, Switzerland, Spain, France and Japan.

How does it work?

Instead of employing the whole of society on all questions, which is an impossible task, the method "citizen's report with planning cells", forms a separate miniature society for each question or even only part of a question. This miniature society consist of 200 randomly chosen citizens, and its time span is only 4 days. This has proven to be enough to go deeply into the complexity of a subject, take into account all relevant sociological aspects and come up with "wise" decisions. These decisions show a lot of common sense and regard for the common good. And therefore they can be accepted by the whole of society.

It is observed, that in these miniature societies, necessary changes of opinion, which would take 4 years in the whole of society, can take place in only 4 days.

(Note: Necessary facts about the subject are explained to the participants by experts in the field before each round of discussion. To achieve an intense mutual interaction of all individual opinions and personal circumstances of life, all discussions happen only in small groups of 5 participants, who are also interchanged randomly four times per day).

With such a tool, governments would be able to address all pressing problems of our society in a relatively short time. It would allow them to circumvent the usual deadlock over pressing issues, as it is currently observed in most national parliaments to the dismay of almost everybody. The unsuccessful climate negotiations are only one example for this.

The goal of this initiative is to make the widespread use of "citizen's report with planning cells" a political reality in as many countries as possible. This will enable us to find effective and mutually acceptable solutions to our pressing global problems.

To make "citizen's report with planning cells" eligible in the next general elections in Germany, the initiative founded in 2015 a new political party, which stands for the facilitation of a continuous stream of "citizen's reports with planning cells" and the introduction of the results into the legislative process in Germany. That way, true and continuous citizen's participation will become a political reality. To prepare the ground, the first "citizen's reports with planning cells" shall be financed through donations from the general public. Later the state shall take over that obligation.

The name of the initiative is (in German): (Www.)BuergerInnengutachtenpartei(.de)