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Presentation of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Le CESE, the Republic's 3rd constitutional assembly

- Le CESE advises the Government and Parliament and participates in drawing up and evaluating public policies.
- It has **175 members**, women and men from the grassroots, appointed by intermediary bodies.
- Since the reform of 2021, the Council has been entrusted with new missions to enable **citizen participation** to enrich its work.
- Le CESE bases its work on listening, dialogue and the search for a **demanding consensus** to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow and inform public decision-making.

Le CESE missions

1- Informing public authorities

Le CESE advises the Government and Parliament on economic, social and environmental policy.

2- Evaluating public authorities

Le CESE contributes to the evaluation of economic, social and environmental public policies.

3- Involving the public

Le CESE allows individual citizens to express their views to enrich its work.

4 - Interacting with local and regional authorities

Le CESE promotes dialogue and cooperation with its European and foreign regional counterparts (CESERs).



Citizen participation at the Council



2021 : Le CESE becomes the crossroads for citizen consultations

Organic Law of January 15th, 2021 :

*« Art 4-3 – To carry out its missions, the Economic, Social and Environmental Council may, on its own initiative or at the request of the Prime Minister, the President of the National Assembly or the President of the Senate, **consult the public** on matters falling within its remit »*

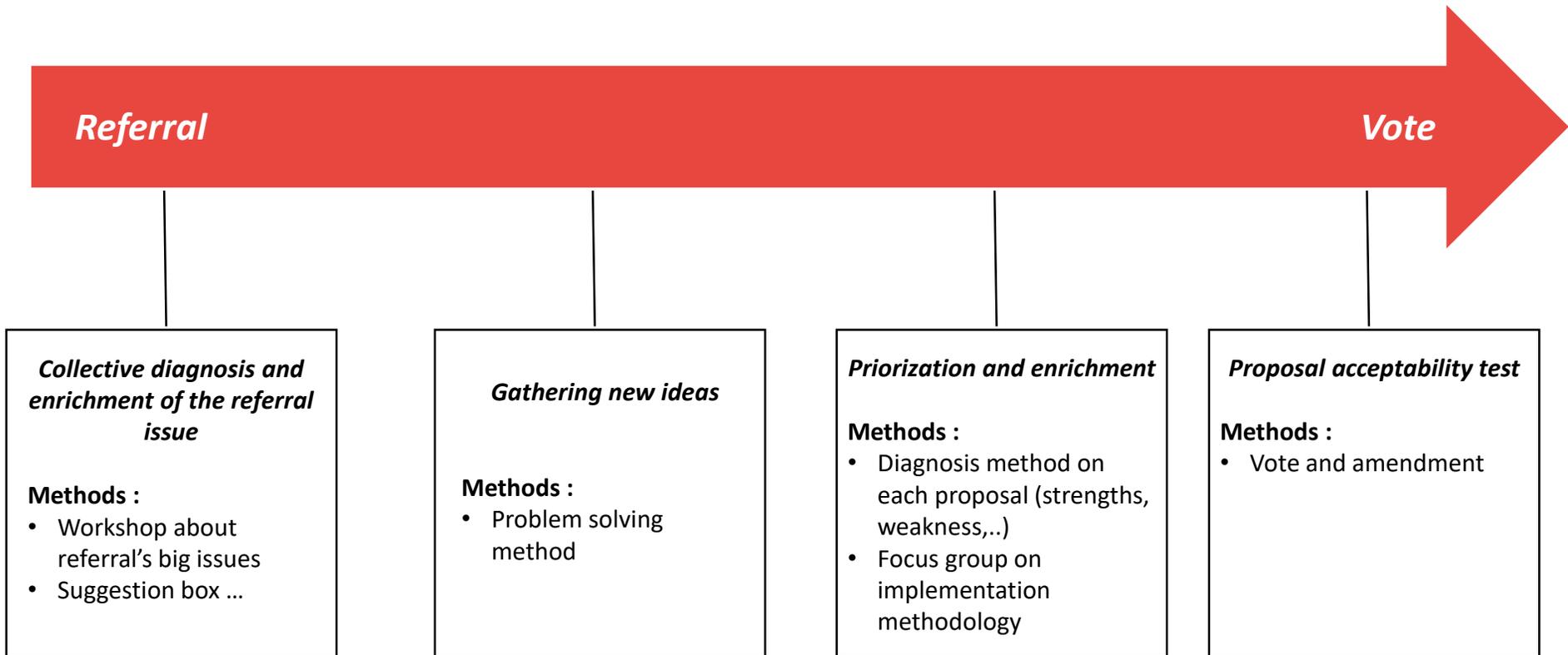
The various mechanisms for citizen participation

Le CESE is a key forum for citizen participation through a number of mechanisms:

- Inclusion of **randomly selected citizens** in its working groups
- **Online consultations**
- Citizens aged 16 and over can petition **with 150,000 signatures.**
- Organisation of **Citizens' Conventions**



Referrals : Feeding le CESE's work with input from citizens

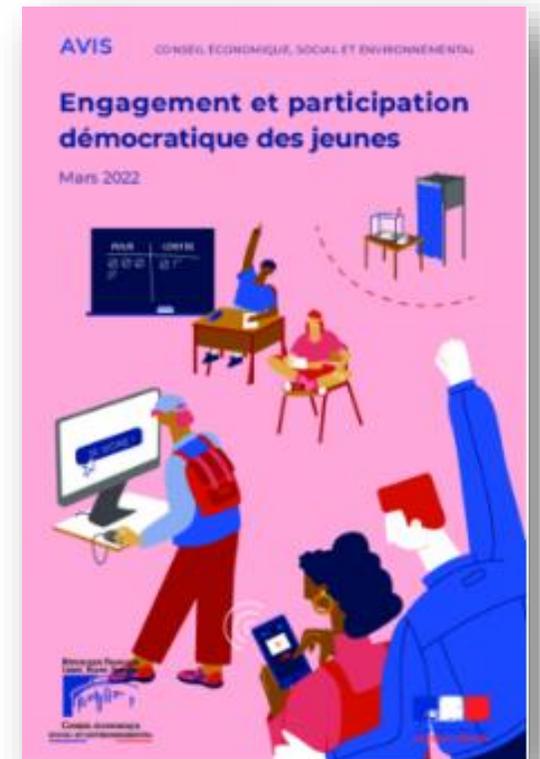


Referrals : Feeding le CESE's work with input from citizens

Depending on the objectives and timetable, there are many different ways of involving citizens :

→ Inclusion of **randomly selected citizens** in its working groups : citizens and counsellors take part – with the same role – in all stages of the referral :

- Integration and acculturation day's
- Commission work (auditions, amendments,..)
- Carrying out the referral,...



Referrals : Feeding le CESE's work with input from citizens

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→ **Online consultations** : Gathering citizens' views in the form of questionnaires, open consultations and suggestion boxes (building a shared diagnosis, concrete proposals, etc,..)

The online features are enriched with :

- **Go-to devices** (ex : La Poste)
- **Local workshops**
- **Deliberative days**



Petitions : actively listening to society's concerns

Since 2008 : possibility of petitioning (500,000 signatures in paper format)

Since 2017 : implementation of the **petitions watch**, enabling observation of society's expectations converging with CESE's field of competence

From 2021 : lowering of the conditions for referral to the CESE (150,000 signatures, from age 16)

2023 : CESE's platform goes **online**

The Citizens' Convention on the End of Life



**Convention
Citoyenne
Cese**

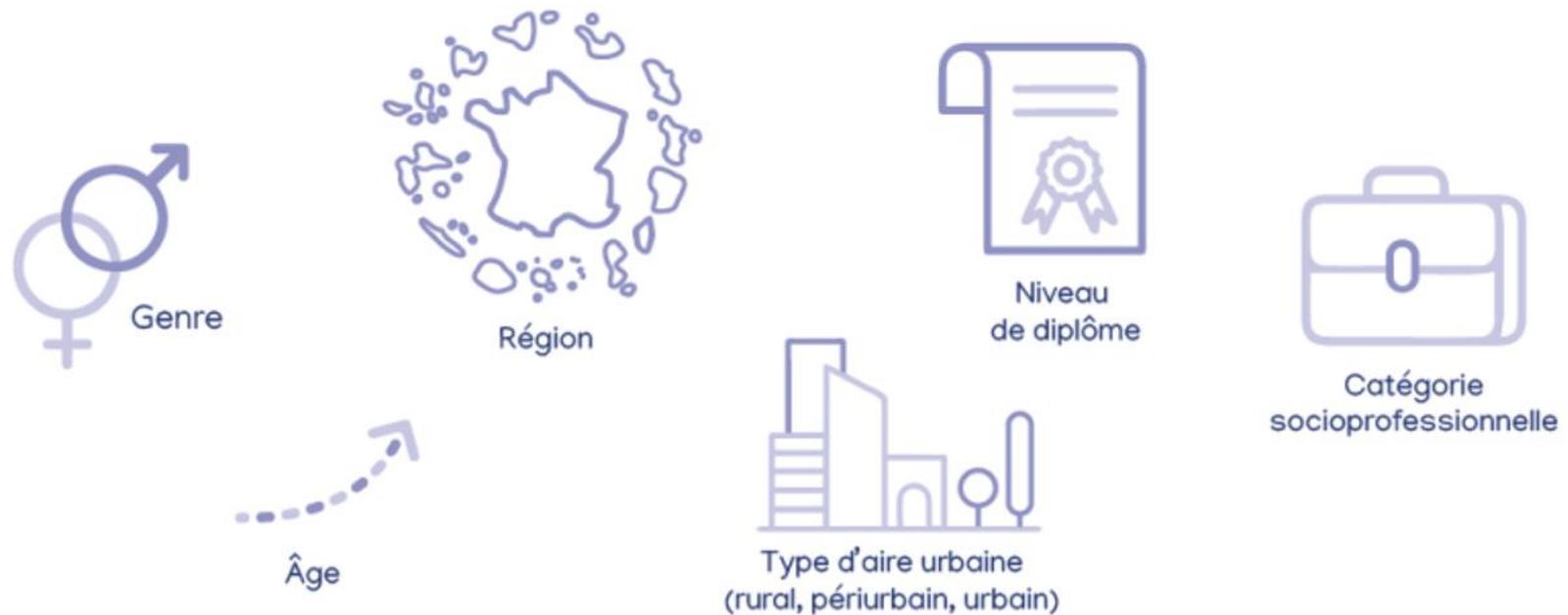
Citizens' Conventions: debating major social issues

Citizens' Conventions are organised around major social issues. They are based on :

- Setting up a **citizens' panel**, representative of the diversity of the French population, drawn by lot
- A **mandate given to citizens** to respond to a social issue with informed information
- The organisation of **several working sessions**, alternating between hearings, group work and plenary sessions...

Sortition of citizens

→ The **criteria** for drawing lots for the 184 citizens : gender, age, region, type of urban area (rural, suburban, urban), level of qualification, socio-professional category



Citizens' Convention on the end of life

Preparation: *sortition, preparation of the methodology and installation of the key players*



Phase 1: Introduction and meetings

2 sessions

Phase 2: Deliberation

4 sessions

Phase 3: Harmonisation and feedback

3 sessions

Accountability: *Involvement of citizens in carrying out the work, organisation of a "feedback" session*

The key players involved in the Convention

ORGANISATION STRATÉGIQUE ET OPÉRATIONNELLE

Comité de gouvernance

Il a pour mission centrale d'arbitrer les aspects méthodologiques structurants, à toutes les étapes du processus. Il s'assure autant que possible, par ses décisions, que les débats sont sereins et apaisés.



Comité de pilotage

Il est en charge des aspects opérationnels, administratifs et budgétaires de la Convention.

185
membres
de la Convention
Citoyennes et citoyens tirés au sort

APPUI AUX TRAVAUX

Experts et personnes auditionnées

Ils sont reçus par les citoyennes et citoyens afin d'éclairer des aspects de la question posée et de répondre aux questions des membres.



Vérificateurs de faits (fact-checkers)

Ils sont à la disposition des citoyennes et citoyens afin de répondre aux questions factuelles et de vérification de faits. Ils permettent ainsi de faire progresser la réflexion pendant les travaux.

MISE EN OEUVRE OPÉRATIONNELLE

Tirage au sort

Prestataire chargé du recrutement des citoyennes et citoyens membres de la Convention, sur la base de critères arbitrés par le Comité de gouvernance.



Animation

Prestataires chargés de l'animation et de la facilitation des séquences de travail, grâce à des méthodes d'intelligence collective et de délibération.

GARANT DU DISPOSITIF

Collège des garants

Il est constitué de 4 garants internationaux, les garants ont la charge de veiller au respect des principes essentiels de la Convention (sincérité, égalité, transparence, respect de la parole citoyenne) et de conseiller la Gouvernance. Leurs observations sont rendues publiques.



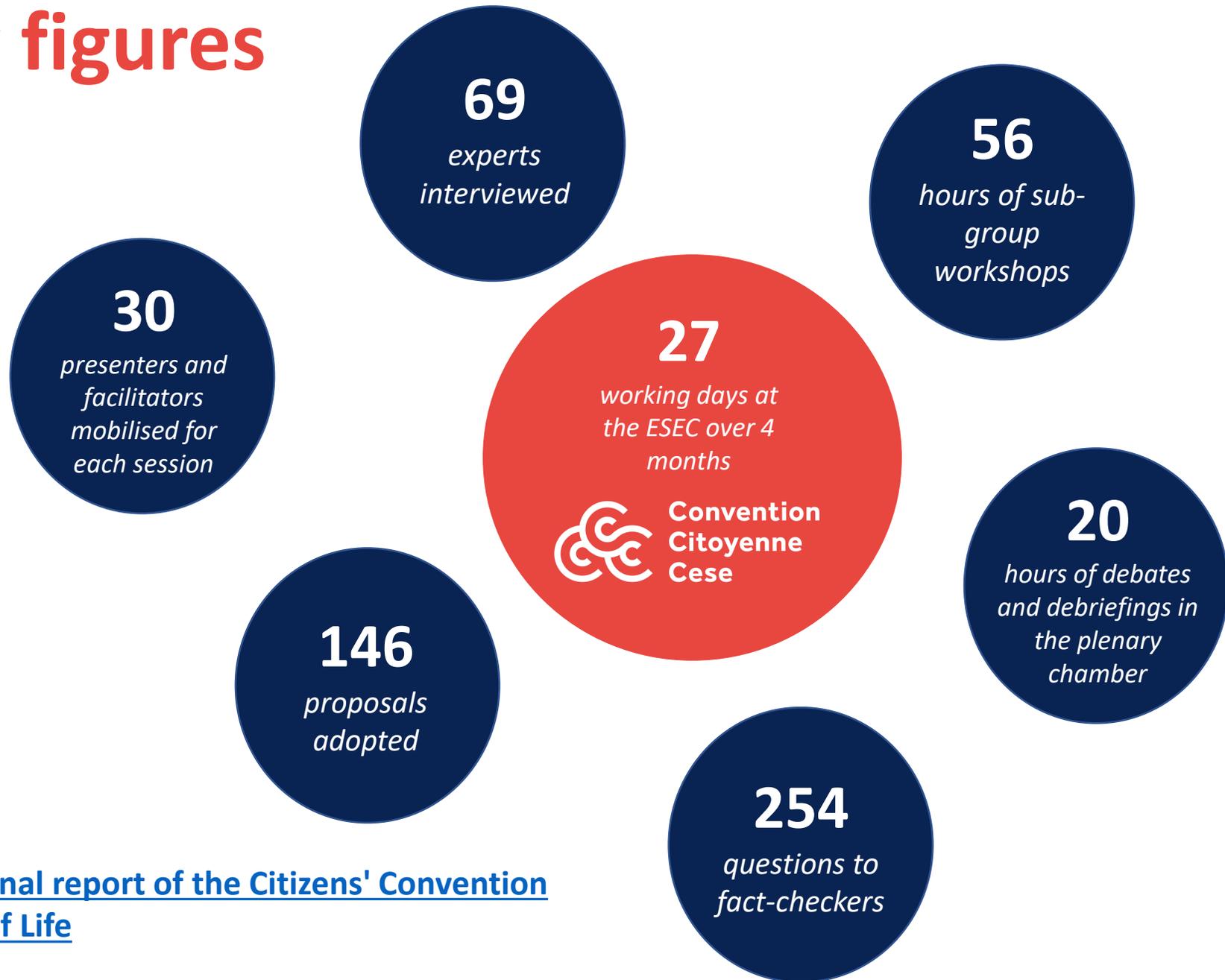
OBSERVATEUR NEUTRES

Chercheurs, observateurs et évaluateurs

Ils sont présents afin d'observer les travaux, dans le cadre de projets de recherches universitaires. Ils observent les travaux, dans une posture de retrait et de neutralité, afin de tirer des enseignements utiles.



Key figures



[Link to the final report of the Citizens' Convention on the End of Life](#)



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