

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A DELIBERATIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AND RANDOMLY SELECTED CITIZENS

Dear Citizen,

Along with 9999 other Brussels residents, **you have been selected at random** for the second **deliberative committee** of the Brussels French-speaking Parliament.

The deliberative committees were established by Parliament. They are composed of 36 randomly selected residents of Brussels, of at least 16 years of age, and 12 parliamentarians. They are tasked with **making recommendations** on a given subject.

The second deliberative committee of the Brussels French-speaking Parliament will answer the following question:

**How can work-study training be improved to make it a better tool for development, access to employment and vocational retraining in Brussels and how can private and public Brussels employers get involved?**<sup>1</sup>

This question involves making choices and **your voice counts**. You will receive documents, meet experts and can ask any questions you may have. In small groups, you will be able to listen to the others and express yourself, **in an atmosphere of equality and trust**, form an opinion and participate in the development of a collective response to the question asked.

**The Brussels French-speaking Parliament undertakes to follow up on the recommendations** adopted by the deliberative committee, by questioning ministers or by proposing, for example, a new decree. You will also be invited nine months later to a meeting within Parliament on the action taken based on the recommendations adopted by the deliberative committee in which you participated.

If you want to get an idea of what participation in a deliberative committee entails, go to the platform [www.democratie.brussels](http://www.democratie.brussels) to watch a video containing testimonials from citizens who participated in the deliberative committees of 2021.

The new deliberative committee will meet several times according to the timetable set out below. Your participation is therefore required at all these meetings:

<b>Friday 10 June</b> from 6 p.m.	Contact and presentation of the process to all participants
<b>Saturday 11 June</b> all day	Meeting with experts and initial discussions between participants
<b>Saturday 25 June</b> all day	Meeting with experts and review in small groups
<b>Sunday 26 June</b> all day	Drafting of recommendations

<sup>1</sup> Work-study programmes open the doors to nearly 200 professions by combining an internship in a company with practical and theoretical training courses. They are mainly aimed at young people, adults, job seekers or those who wish to retrain for a new career.

<b>Saturday 2 July</b> all day	Discussion of amendments and recommendations
<b>Thursday 7 July</b> from 6 p.m.	Vote on amendments and recommendations
<b>Wednesday 13 July</b> from 6 p.m.	Presentation and approval of the report on the work, closing drinks

Everything will be done to facilitate your participation, such as organising workshops for your children in Parliament or any other specific support. So please do not hesitate to inform us, when registering, of any specific requirements you may have with which we can help you.

You will also be paid for your participation (€70.82 per meeting) and your travel expenses to Brussels will be reimbursed.

**Do you want to participate in this deliberative committee? You can register until 18 May 2022 inclusive** on the platform <https://democratie.brussels> (available 24 hours a day). If you encounter any difficulties, you can call us on **0800 35 257** (freephone number available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.).

**A second random selection will be made among those who have registered, on the basis of the statistics of the Brussels-Capital Region. In this way, the deliberative committee will reflect the diversity of Brussels' population. If you are selected during this second random draw, you will receive a letter and a confirmation email as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions, **please do not hesitate to call us** on the number indicated above. This number can also be used by your carers or companions (for example, if you are disabled). You can also write to us at [contact@democratie.brussels](mailto:contact@democratie.brussels) and consult our FAQ at [www.democratie.brussels/pages/faq\\_platform](http://www.democratie.brussels/pages/faq_platform).

**This invitation is strictly personal.<sup>2</sup>**

Yours sincerely,



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**Mohamed OURIAGHLI,**  
President of the Commission for Education, Vocational Training, People with Disabilities, School Transport, Crèches, Culture and Tourism



**Bruno VANLEEMPUTTEN,**  
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<sup>2</sup> Regarding the processing of personal data, read the privacy statement available on the platform <https://democratie.brussels>.

