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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Citizens' Assembly on Work-Based Immigration
Future of Work-Based Immigration project

Invitation to participate in research

You are invited to take part in a research study that examines the effects of a deliberative Citizens' Assembly and the sequencing of different participation methods on participants and on political decision-making. This information sheet describes the study and what participating in it involves.

You are invited to participate in this study because you were selected in the Finnish Digital and Population Data Services Agency's random sampling of 20,000 adults living in Finland.

Voluntary participation

Participation in the study is voluntary. You can take part in the Citizens' Assembly without giving your consent for the collection of research data about you. You may refuse to participate in the study, discontinue your participation, or withdraw your consent to participate at any time. This will not have any negative consequences for you.

You can discontinue your participation in the study or withdraw your consent by contacting the research team:

Research Group on the Reformation of Democracy, University of Turku

Email: demokratia@utu.fi

If you interrupt your participation in the study or withdraw your consent, the responses collected from you up to that point and the recordings of the Zoom discussions may be used as part of the research material. If you do not want your survey responses that have already been collected to be processed as part of the study, you can request that they be deleted. In this case, they will be removed from the data. You can also request the removal of your survey responses after participating in the study. However, you cannot request the removal of conversation recordings and transcripts involving you after participating in the study.

Responsible persons and funder of the research

The study is conducted by researchers from the Research Group on the Reformation of Democracy at the University of Turku. The members of the research group are listed on the website utu.fi/demokratia under "Tutkimusryhmä" (Research Group).

The study is funded by Sitra, the Finnish Innovation Fund, and the European Research Council as part of the project Advancing Digital Democratic Innovations (ADDI).

Research process



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As a participant, you will take part in the meetings of the Citizens' Assembly on work-based immigration, which will be held on two weekends in Helsinki and on four weekday evenings online. In addition, you will be asked to respond to up to four online questionnaires over the course of the data collection period.

Possible benefits and risks

Participation in the study has a financial benefit to you in the form of the participation fee paid for taking part in the Citizens' Assembly. No significant harms to participants are expected from the study itself.

The study is expected to be beneficial to society both nationally and internationally, by improving understanding of citizens' views on work-based immigration and on new forms of democratic participation.

Incentives for participation

A financial participation fee of EUR 400 (taxable income) will be paid if you take part in all the meetings of the Citizens' Assembly. It is not possible to participate in the study by only completing the online questionnaires; to be part of the study, you must also participate in the work of the Citizens' Assembly.

Processing personal data

All information obtained in the study is treated as confidential. Personal data collected in the study will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (see the Privacy Notice for the study).

Storage of research data and reporting the research results

The data collected in the study will be stored on a secure Seafire server provided by the University of Turku and will be accessible only to designated members of the research group.

The results of the study will be reported in an impact assessment report to be published at the end of the project in September 2027, and in scientific publications.

Contact person for further enquiries

If you have any questions about the study, you can contact the Research Group on the Reformation of Democracy:

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