

# Vienna Climate Team Together for a good climate!

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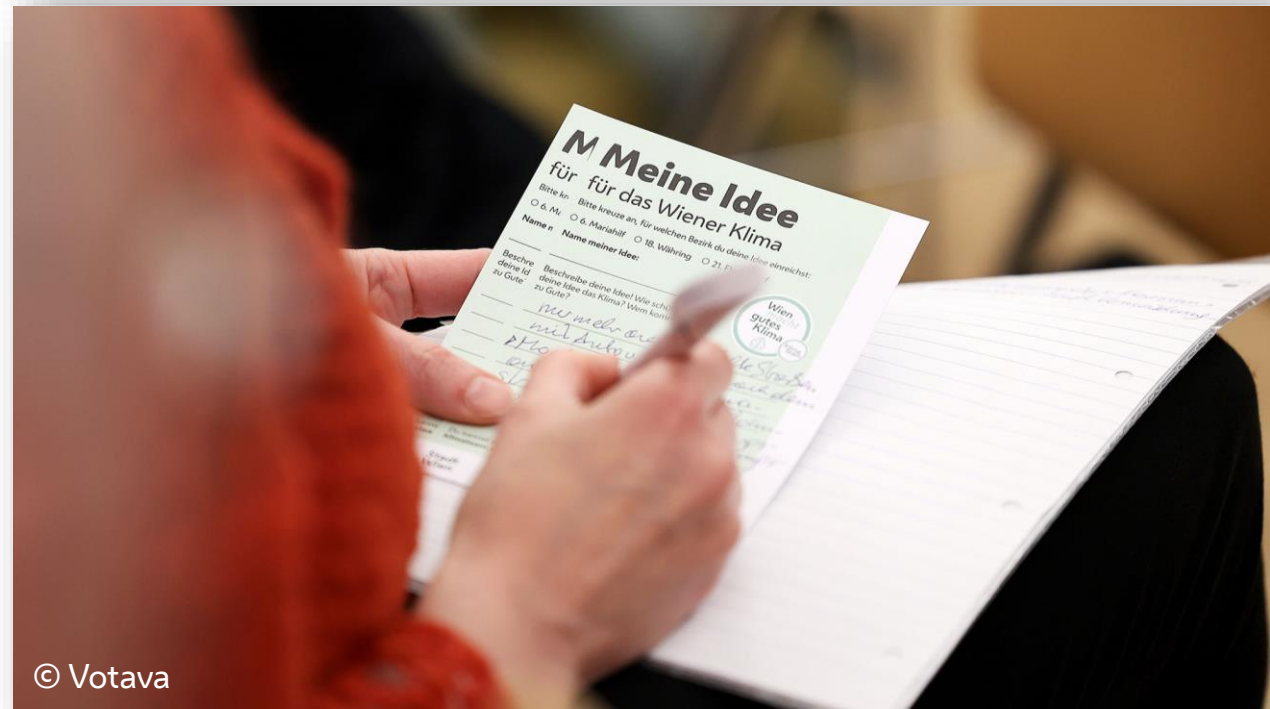
## About the project

The climate crisis affects all Viennese residents. To combat it, it therefore requires everyone's involvement. In 2022, the city of Vienna launched the **Vienna Climate Team** as a pilot project in the districts Margareten, Simmering, and Ottakring. In 2023, it continues in the districts Mariahilf, Währing, and Floridsdorf for the second round.

All citizens were called upon to contribute their ideas for **climate protection** and **adaptation** in the participating districts.

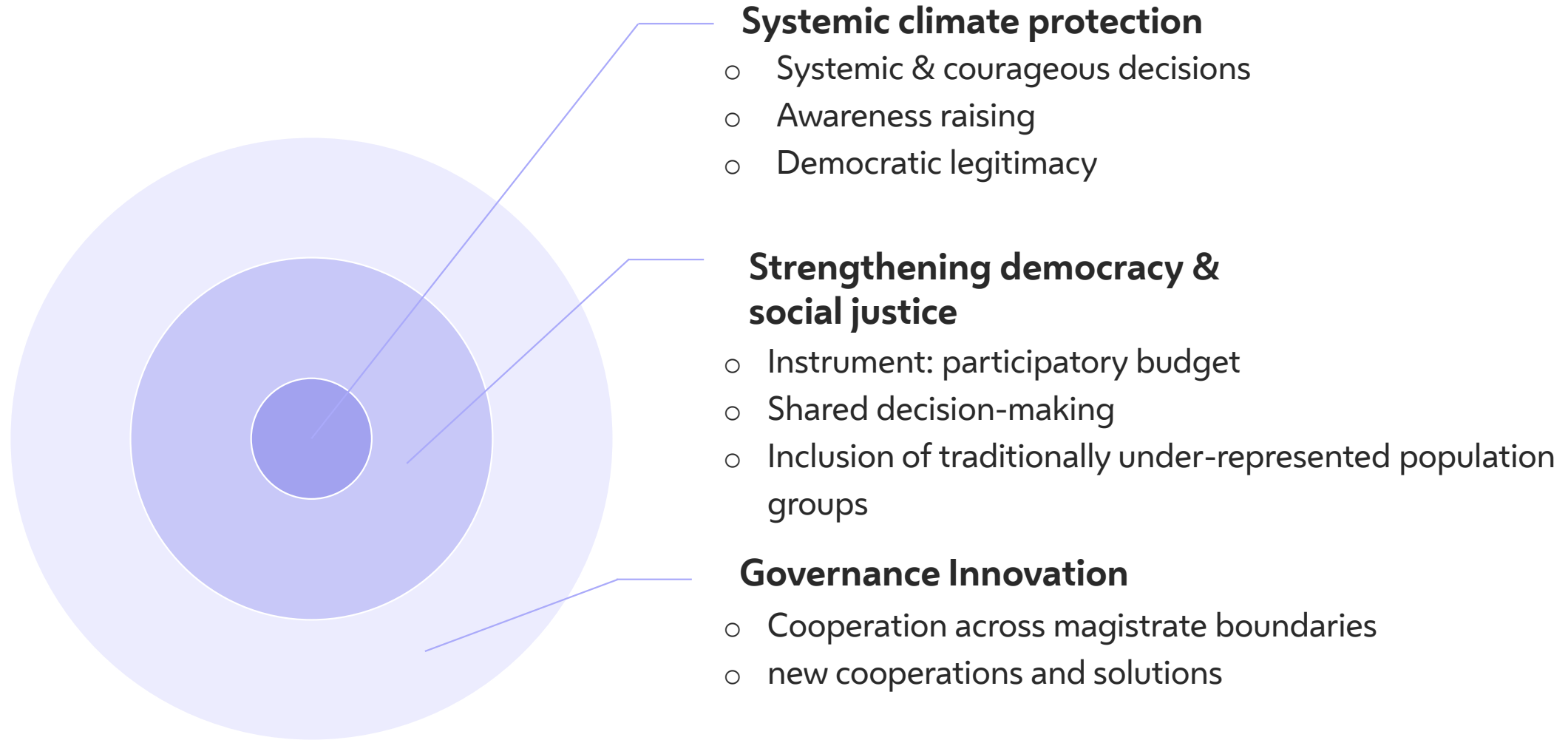


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# What are the goals of the Vienna Climate Team?



# Vienna Climate Team

## General overview

- Preparatory work since 2020 in a broad stakeholder process.
- Two pilot years (2022 & 2023) including evaluation/reflection
- Implementation budget of at least **€20 per district resident**. In 2023:
  - **Mariahilf: approx. €633,000**
  - **Währing: approx. €1.03 million**
  - **Floridsdorf: approx. €3.36 million**
- Projects within the city/district responsibility can be implemented.



# The 1-year cycle Vienna Climate Team

In 5 phases

## Submit ideas



**1**

**IDEEN  
EINREICHEN**

Alle Menschen, die in Wien leben, können Ideen für die klimafitte Zukunft in Margareten, Simmering oder Ottakring einreichen.

APRIL BIS MAI



April/May

## Idea evaluation



**2**

**IDEEN  
PRÜFEN**

Expert\*innen der Stadt Wien prüfen, ob die Ideen wirksam und umsetzbar sind.

JUNI & JULI



June/July

## Developing project drafts

**PROJEKTENTWÜRFE  
ENTWICKELN**

Die Ideengeber\*innen entwickeln gemeinsam mit Expert\*innen in Projektwerkstätten die Ideen zu konkreten Klimaprojekten mit breitem Nutzen.

**3**



AUGUST BIS OKTOBER



August - October

## Citizens' jury

**4**



**BÜRGER\*INNEN-  
JURY**

Eine repräsentativ geloste Gruppe an Bewohner\*innen entscheidet je Bezirk, welche Ideen mit den vorhandenen finanziellen Mitteln umgesetzt werden sollen.

NOVEMBER



November

## Project implementation

**5**



**PROJEKTE  
UMSETZEN**

Die Stadt Wien setzt die von der Jury ausgewählten innovativen Projekte um.

AB DEZEMBER



from December



## Phase 4: Citizens' jury

- A randomly selected representative jury for each district to make decisions on socially just climate protection projects.
- Selection taking into account socio-demographic factors.
- Common kick-off for all jury members and one decision weekend per jury.
- Learning complex connections of the climate crisis and preparation for decisions with the Climate Mosaic.
- Decision
- Participation made possible for as many as possible.
  - Time & location (central in the district, weekend)
  - Childcare
  - Compensation for expenses



## Phase 4: Citizens' juries

Two-stage selection procedure + Goal

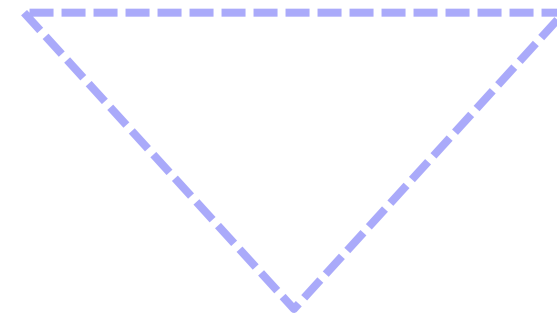
Representatively selected jury for each district:

- ✓ Main residence in the district
- ✓ Aged 16 or above

Representative cross-section in terms of:

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Educational attainment
- ✓ Employment status
- ✓ Migration background
- ✓ Income

Goal: Selection of socially just winning projects with the highest possible climate impact



<b>Mariahilf:</b>	<b>20 + 5 jury-members</b>
<b>Währing:</b>	<b>20 + 5 jury-members</b>
<b>Floridsdorf:</b>	<b>25 + 5 jury-members</b>

# Vienna Climate Mosaic

## Preparation of the Citizens' Jury

- Understanding complex cause-and-effect relationships of climate change in the city of Vienna
- Comprehending the impacts on daily life realities (social justice, health, changes in the city)
- Enabling a game for people with different backgrounds and levels of knowledge
- Playful and systemic learning of the goals of the Vienna Climate Guide.







# Decision-making

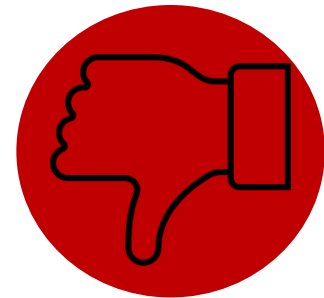
according to the consent principle



I agree!



I agree, even if it's not my 1st choice



I do NOT agree. I have an objection!



## Mood and dynamics

- A clear "we-feeling"
- High level of commitment and sense of responsibility
- Decision-making process (consent) is unfamiliar or difficult to understand for some
- Discussing and exchanging arguments together makes participants rethink their own behavior



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## Quotes from jury members

"I'm glad I came, I was unsure at the beginning whether I wanted to come. I learned a lot"

"It is an uplifting feeling to see how a very diverse group can achieve a common result."

"This is a very important topic for me. I am delighted to have the opportunity to play an active role in the decision-making process."

"I didn't expect so many experts to be available and take the time to help us. I am impressed."

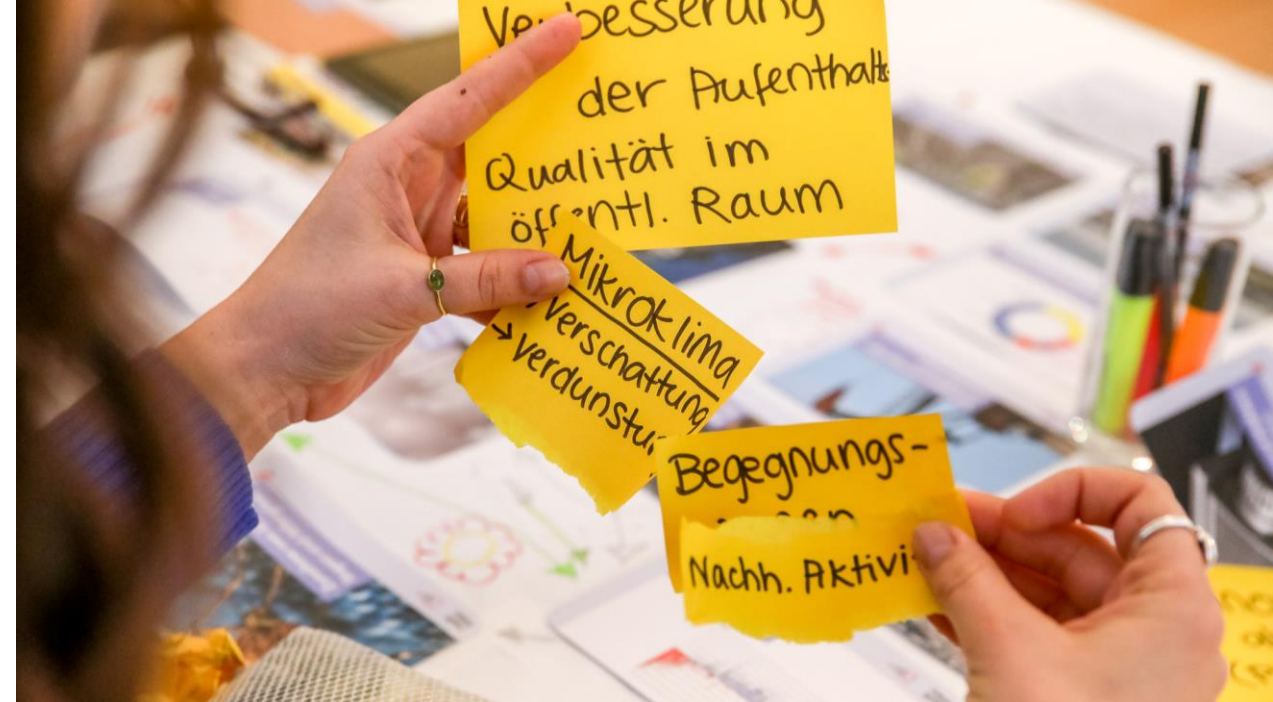
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"Finding a decision with so many advantages and disadvantages and different opinions. That is democracy for me."

"I was pleasantly surprised that I was able to rethink a preconceived opinion."

"The weekend was very instructive, especially the approach to decision-making."

"I now have a completely different awareness when I walk through the neighborhood."





# Thank you!

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