

Annex for the “No democracy without participation” Workshop by Y Vote.

Printables - please print them out, and cut them, before giving to participants. Each participant has just one role plus one article (it is the same for everyone)

Parties

1. Green party (4-5 participants)

Your aim is to ban diesel cars out of the centre as soon as possible, in fact it was your idea. You consider this as a first step, to ban cars out of the centre in general. Thanks to your researches on the topic, according to Brussels-based organisation lobbying for sustainable transport, has found that a typical diesel car emits 42.65 tonnes of carbon dioxide over its lifecycle, or 3.65 tonnes more than a petrol car. You are also aware that diesel engines produce higher levels of particulates, microscopic bits of soot left over from the combustion process.

2. Traditionalist party (4-5 participants)

Elections are coming in the next year, one of your biggest supporter is the multinational car factory, which sells diesel cars on the EMEA (Europe - Middle East - Africa). You have read the bad press about diesel cars, but according to you, the reality is not as bad, as the articles says. Both petrol and diesel engines convert chemical energy into mechanical power by burning fuel, they do so in different ways. A diesel engine should, in principle, use less fuel and produce less carbon dioxide than a petrol engine with the same power output. Also you believe that the newer generation of diesels are a very effective mean to achieve the climate goals in the near future, because they emit 15-20% less CO₂ than equivalent petrol vehicles. The local car manufacture even has data and tests to prove this statement.

Citizen roles

1. Green activist (1-2 participants)
 - a. You love everything that is bio and sustainable. You do not even understand, how it is possible for cars to still enter to the city centre and why the government does not support to make transportation more environmentally friendly, like giving financial support for people to use more public transportation and / or buy green cars. You strongly the idea of a sharing economy, since you believe that with these tools, pollution can be reduced. You usually not just go, but take a lead on organizing marches and protests. You are interviewed by local newspapers on a regular basis and also the Green Party asks for your opinion.
2. Car mechanics (1-2 participants)
 - a. You personally own a diesel car, but you are working for the local car factory that is specialized in diesel cars. Banning the diesel cars from the city centre might be a stepping stone that could lead to other cities banning diesel cars as well, which would have a substantial impact on the business of the car factory in the near future and your job would be at risk. The factory is outside of the city and you live relatively close to it. However, your daughter lives in the city centre, and you visit her every second weekend with your diesel car.
3. Businessmen (1-2 participants)
 - a. Parking in the cities is always a bit of a nightmare. You have seen the problem as a niche market 10 years ago and created your first parking lot close to one of the busiest bars in the city centre. Ever since, you have installed several cooperation with the local taxi companies and bought more parking lots in the city centre. Banning diesel cars from the center would reduce the amount of cars and therefore the amount of customers that make use of your overpriced parking lots.
4. Taxi company owner (1-2 participants)
 - a. You have a fleet of 50 cars. $\frac{1}{3}$ of them has diesel engines. The majority of your customers call the taxi to an address in the city or they wish to arrive to the centre. At some point you can understand why certain groups would like to ban diesels out of the centre, and you are working on innovative ideas of how to replace $\frac{1}{3}$ of your fleet on the most cost-effective way that is possible. You are thinking to apply for local grants for SMEs, which is awarded by the city council. Nevertheless, a quick ban of diesel engines might lead your company into bankruptcy, as you couldn't use half of your fleet and a ban would lead to huge drops in value.

5. The Mayor (1 participant)
 - a. You are caught in a difficult situation. On the one hand, your city has gained nationwide attention, as the development in your city will be seen as a role-model for the rest of the country. On the one hand, you are financially depending on the business of the local car factory. A ban on diesel car would lead to the loss of thousands of jobs. Additionally, in the past you have worked closely with the management of the company and they have been the main donors for your campaign, helping you to win against the candidate of the green party. On the other hand you care about the well-being of your citizens. You know that a ban of diesel engines would have a very positive impact on the quality of the air and on the atmosphere in the city center.
6. Conservative diesel owner (1-2 participants)
 - a. For your whole life you have always favoured diesel cars, as they are more efficient and more powerful than regular engines. For a long time the media and politicians have pointed out the environmental-friendly aspects of driving a diesel. The new political issues makes you angry. You suspect a conspiracy against car owners behind the new study. If a ban would be agreed upon, your car, which is your most valuable possession, would lose 70% of its value, what you consider an expropriation by the state.
7. Mother from the countryside (1 participant)
 - a. You are a busy single mother and highly depending on your diesel car. You live outside the city center, but you drive there at least twice a day. You have a part-time job as a waitress in the city center and your kids have most of their spare-time activities in the center. As you care about health and environmental issues, you are not opposing a ban, but you could never afford a different car, so you are stuck in a difficult situation.
8. Manager of the local car production (1 participant)
 - a. Over the last twenty years you have helped the region to develop economically. There are 8000 people working for you and you pay them comparatively high salaries. Five years ago you were advised to move production to a different country, where wages are lower. As you feel bound to the region, you insisted on staying in your home region and even expanded the production. The latest developments are scaring you. You have focused on the research and development of diesel engines, banning them would lead to the closure of your company.