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## Well-Intentioned but Difficult to Implement: Bridging the Gap Between Researchers and Participants





#### 1. The Idea

\_ peripheral area, North-Eastern-Germany: 3 municipalities, approx. 6,000 inhabitants

- \_ professional Inventory of existing and potential climate protection measures in the region
- Implementation of a citizens' council
  - Objective: Development of a climate protection concept based on reliable knowledge

LINK to the planning-tool: <a href="https://reenact.apps2.rl-institut.de/">https://reenact.apps2.rl-institut.de/</a>













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### 2. Field experiences

#### nobody was waiting for us

- \_ low interest on the part of residents
- \_ non-resilient gatekeeper networks
- Lack of trust in us as researchers and implementers
- Lack of belief that there is anything to decide on

- Low self-efficacy but high self-sufficiency
- weak civil society structures
- Generalized trust is low beyond one's own neighborhood



#### 3. Learnings



#### the NOT to do-list

Please don't...

- \_ ...come from the outside,
- \_\_\_\_...bring along a final concept
- \_ ...and simply go through with it.

Please don't...

\_ start the process before you know how the results can be implemented.



#### 3. Learnings

# Don't start with the concept – start with the relations!



#### Vielen Dank für die Aufmerksamkeit!

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