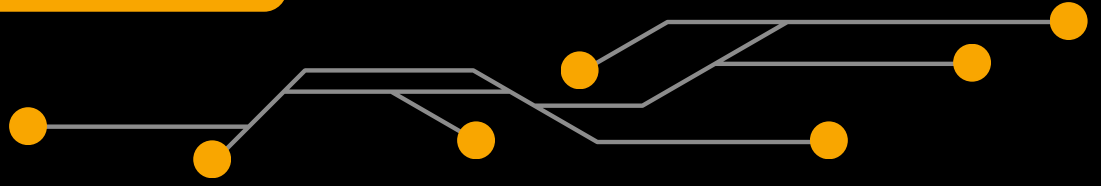


Knowledge session UvA Academy X REC Impact Citizen Participation



When: 27-06-2023

Who: 20 government employee participants who attended a knowledge session jointly organized by UvA Academy, REC Impact and Binnenlands Bestuur

What: A knowledge session for government employees about citizen participation with insights from both academics and a field expert.

About: Citizen participation plays a crucial role in governance in the Netherlands. However, developing effective strategies to engage citizens and achieve meaningful outcomes remains a challenge. To address this, Binnenlands Bestuur, in collaboration with the UvA Academy and REC Impact, organized a knowledge session aimed at government professionals, focusing on the latest academic insights and practical approaches to enhancing citizen participation

Take-out: Jeroen Ooijevaar, director of PANEL, illustrated how challenging the subject of citizen participation can be, using several examples from his experience as an alderman. He pointed out 10 pitfalls that well-meaning officials and civil servants can easily fall into. Christian Bröer (sociologist, UvA) provided insight into the PANEL method, which emphasizes collaborative working and offers an innovative and connecting approach, particularly for governments looking to involve citizens. The unique aspect is the interpretation of data by the participants. Gerben Moerman (methodologist, UvA) guided us through the methodology that forms the basis of the PANEL method. He shared with us the most recent scientific knowledge on citizen participation and how participants could apply this. He inspired the participants to rethink their own approaches to this in their every-day working environment.