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We need your opinion!

Dear fellow citizen,

The Parliament of the German Speaking Community of Belgium has drawn you by lot: you can become a member of the Citizens' Assembly!

Register and meet around 30 other citizens drawn by lot. Together you will have the opportunity to give your opinion to politicians on what is more important to you: new homes or playgrounds, nature, or industry? How should land in East Belgium be used?

In **around five meetings**, you and the other members will gather information, discuss and then formulate recommendations to politicians. You will be paid an expense allowance and travel expenses for attending the meetings.

Anyone can take part: No special knowledge is required! You will receive information material and can listen to experts to familiarize yourself with the topic. The idea is that ordinary citizens express their opinions. The discussion is accompanied by a professional facilitator to ensure that everyone has their say.

Some of the participants then present the recommendations drawn up by the citizens' assembly to the politicians. The politicians then explain in a public meeting how they will implement the recommendations. A year later, a check is made to see whether the politicians have kept their promises. **The Citizens' Dialogue can therefore have a direct influence on East Belgian politics!**

If you would like to take part, please complete the attached yellow form and return it to me by post or email by May 15, 2026. We will then draw lots for the final 30 participants from all the confirmations received. If you have any questions or concerns of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Let our politicians know what you think about the topic of "spatial planning" and help ensure that the living environment in East Belgium is shaped in a sustainable way.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Anna Stuers
*Permanent Secretary of the permanent Citizens' Dialogue in East Belgium
Parliament of the German Speaking Community in Belgium*

The sessions will last from 9am to 4pm and are expected to **take place as follows:**
Saturdays 12/9/26 and 26/9/26 at the Parliament in Eupen; 10/10/26 and 24/10/26 at the "Wisonbrona" in Sankt Vith, and 7/11/26 at the Parliament in Eupen. Catering will be provided.

Why should
you
participate?

