

LiFT – Politics Partners



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Goals and objectives

1. LiFT hosts experiential stakeholder workshops on important socio-political challenges, inviting policy-makers, citizens, experts and practitioners to share views, concerns, experiences and expertise, and to co-create joint actionable visions based on their collective intelligence.
2. LiFT harvests, condenses and prototypes the experiences of innovative political pioneers and visionaries in collaborative deliberation, leadership and decision-making for others to use.
3. On this basis, it develops and implements a unique transnational training in collaborative politics, decision-making and leadership, offering reflective learning spaces for multipliers in transcultural contexts.
4. LiFT develops tangible intellectual and pedagogical outputs for multipliers, condensing its insights, methods and experience, in service of more inclusive democracy, deeper qualities of dialog and lasting sustainability in Europe and beyond (see inner side of this folder, overleaf).



Interested in going deeper?

We are looking for 20 participants who are committed to taking this work further out into the world. To support that, LiFT will host a summer school in Sweden during the summer of 2022.

Here you will get a deep dive into both the foundations and principles of integral politics and into next stage collaborative leadership methods. You will learn about how to use practical tools, facilitation and scaffolding techniques in different contexts in relation to specific challenges, target groups and topics involved.

As part of the training, there will be direct application of these skills in a subsequent public workshop on the future of Europe designed to co-create innovative hands-on political solutions that match the complexity of the challenges Europe is facing.

Your participation in this summer school will enable you to design and (co-)facilitate collaborative deliberation and decision-making processes for stakeholders independently and beyond the scope of the LiFT project.

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Leadership for Transition – Project Rationale

Europe is facing a legitimacy crisis and is confronted with severe problems of sustainable living and of peaceful co-existence within and between European nations and cultures. While public leadership must simultaneously respond to multiple and multidimensional challenges, it becomes increasingly clear that these cannot be solved through technological means alone. We see that they are manifestations of a deeper crisis in our worldview, cultural model and identity: Global economic progress has developed at the cost of social, ecological and spiritual values and of our sense of inter-connectedness with fellow humans and our natural environment.

Modern practices of political deliberation and decision-making, including parliamentary debates and partisan competition, are outdated and lack the necessary effectiveness, flexibility and depth to cope with the complexity of the tasks. No wonder that many citizens experience a gap between political decision-making and their everyday life.

Therefore, political leadership needs to empower individuals and society at large to take responsibility for working towards the common good.



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Europe needs Leadership for Transition

Political leaders, citizens and societies need to transcend narrow particularistic views and act on the basis of broader notions of responsibility and interconnectedness. Hence, we believe that the scope, degree and complexity of conscious awareness (of individuals and collectives) are crucial components - and indicators of adequate leadership behaviors for today's complex world.

LiFT therefore develops methods of dialog, conflict resolution and multiple stakeholder involvement focusing on interior (subjective and intersubjective/cultural) dimensions of both political leadership and transition.

LiFT combines several approaches to political innovation by:

- taking innovative trends in leadership thinking and practice into the political realm,
- harvesting the experience of professional facilitators, supporting municipalities and political decision-makers to conduct and root citizen involvement in their communities,
- learning from a broad range of pioneers of integral/collaborative policy-making and governance,
- combining creative visions from an interested public.

LiFT applies academic, hands-on and intuitive knowledge to developing more collaborative leadership as an essential skill for the 21st century.

Associate Partners



Activities and Workplan

Until 2022, LiFT – Politics will host the following public workshops:

1. **Gothenburg/Sweden, March 2020**
Dialog, group facilitation and citizen involvement processes for including socially and politically marginalized groups
2. **Oslo/Norway, August 2020**
Education for transformation”: developing collaborative capacities for civic and climate activists to impact political decision-making
3. **Arnoldstein/Austria, June 2021**
Days of the political Future: unconference for German-speaking political innovators, visionaries and pioneers, collaborative process around the urban-rural divide
4. **Malmö/Sweden, September 2021**
The Nordic experience: marketplace for political innovators and pioneers from the Nordic countries, collaborative stakeholder dialog around integration
5. **Berlin/Germany, Spring 2022**
Which capacities do policy-makers on local, national and EU-macro-regional levels need? Beta-testing LiFT's Collaborative Politics Training
6. **Stockholm/Sweden, Summer 2022**
The Future of Europe: Summer School, Collaborative Politics Training and final conference

LiFT will produce the following tangible intellectual outputs:

1. **Book: Foundations, principles and resources of integral/collaborative politics**
2. **Portraits of innovative political pioneers**
3. **Wiki database: Methods for collaborative decision-making in politics**
4. **Book: The Collaboratory for governments**
5. **Study paper: Best practices for using the SenseMaker® tool in political contexts**
6. **Course Curriculum: The LiFT Collaborative Politics Training**



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