

Voices From Citizens of Europe 2018:  
**CITIZEN'S EVENING / SOIREE CITOYENNE**  
Thursday, Aug 1st / Jeudi 1er Août

**TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED / PROPOSITIONS DE SUJETS**

The subjects will be the following, and some might be approached as facilitators :  
Nous avons retenus les thèmes suivants et imaginé quelques animateurs:

Topic 5 / Sujet 5

Environment : Ecological politics and practices : circular economy ; waste management, pesticides, agriculture...

Politiques environnementales, leurs mises en pratique : consignes, plastiques, pesticides, pratiques agricoles...

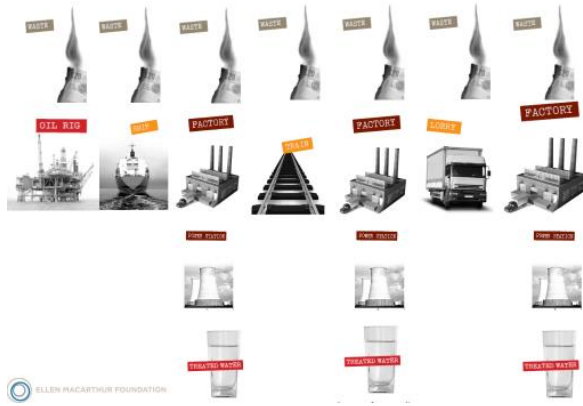
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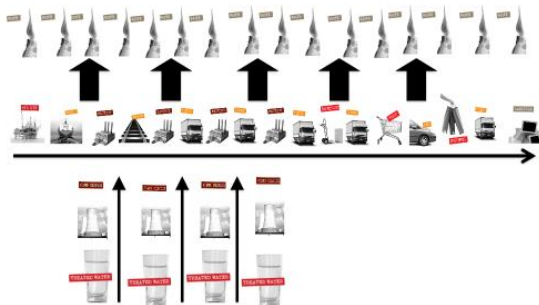
Present : Brigitte, Christiane ?, Konrad, Zsuzsi Kastona (Hungary), Theresa, Danuta (Poland) Magda (interpreter)

Hilary proposed a game (the author is Ellen Macarthur) with a question : What are the steps to make a plastic bottle ? We used these cards which can be found in the Ellen Macarthur foundation website

<https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/programmes/education/schools-colleges/teaching-learning-resources> (lesson 2 exploring the circular economy)



The group organized them with a lot of discussion to finally show how we have a linear system. With a lot of energy and a lot of waste at every stage.



We then went on to discuss how we could improve on this system. We talked about the process of production, industry, energy, transport, customers

**The alternative** : circular economy

How could we create a circular system (economy) to drink water ?

Several proposals were put forward:

- drinking tap water everywhere (as they encourage in Hungary, but young people mostly take care about

that, not the others).

- only 4 forms of bottle made in glass and their caps, that could be used and re-used again and again throughout Europe.
- trying to use less goods to produce less waste

In other countries (I don't remember Poland ? Hungary ?), European laws about environment are stronger than national laws. => Europe is good for the environment

Bottle deposits exist in Germany, and elsewhere ? not in France

Discussion on the compromise between recycling and the reduction of energy consumption.