

Exploring new frontiers of citizen participation: multi-level policy making for planet & people

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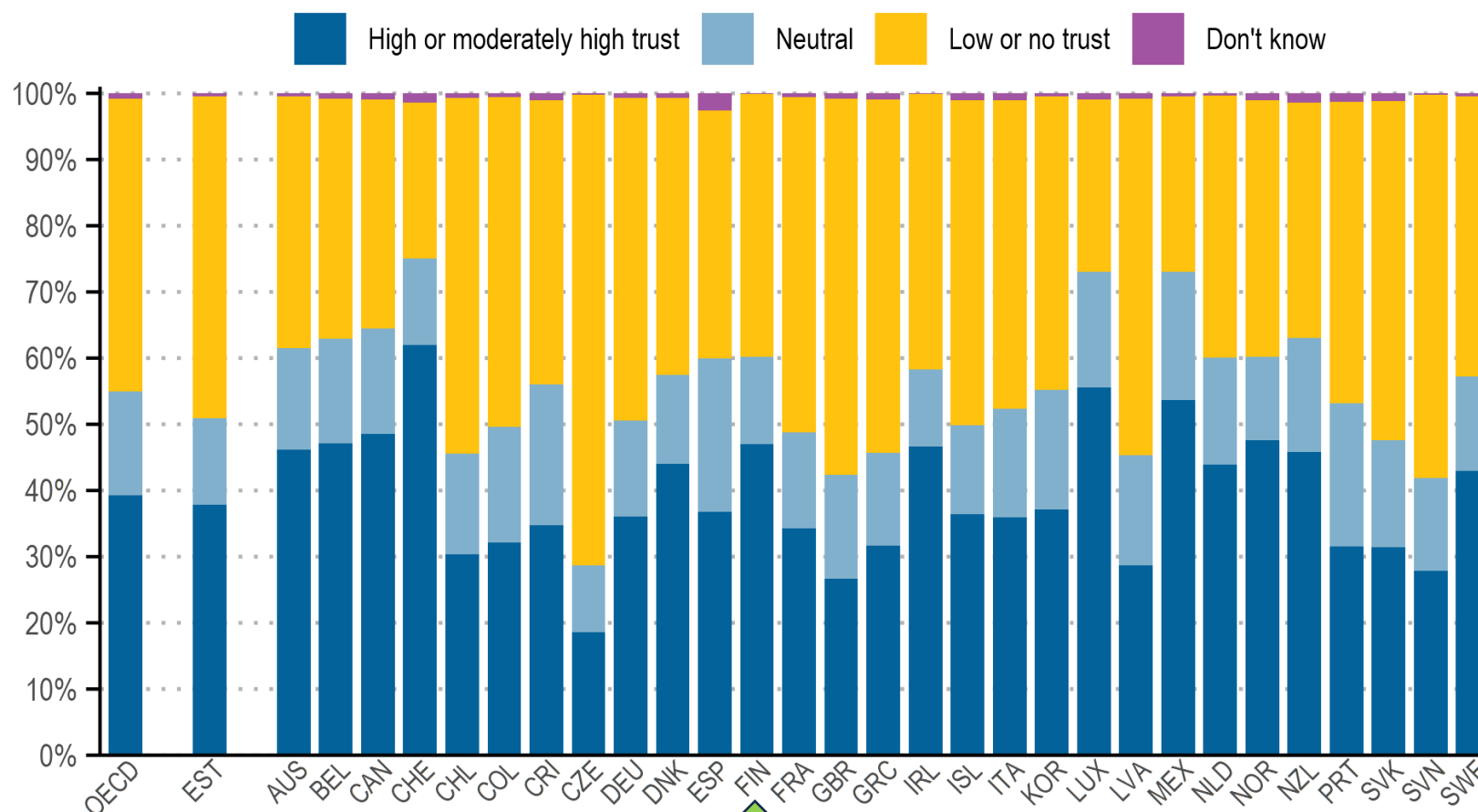
Good morning Finland! Hyvää huomenta!



OECD Survey of Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions

In 2023, the share of people with low or no trust in government (44%) outweighs those with high or moderately high trust (39%)

Share of respondents who indicate different levels of trust in their national government (on a 0-10 scale), 2023

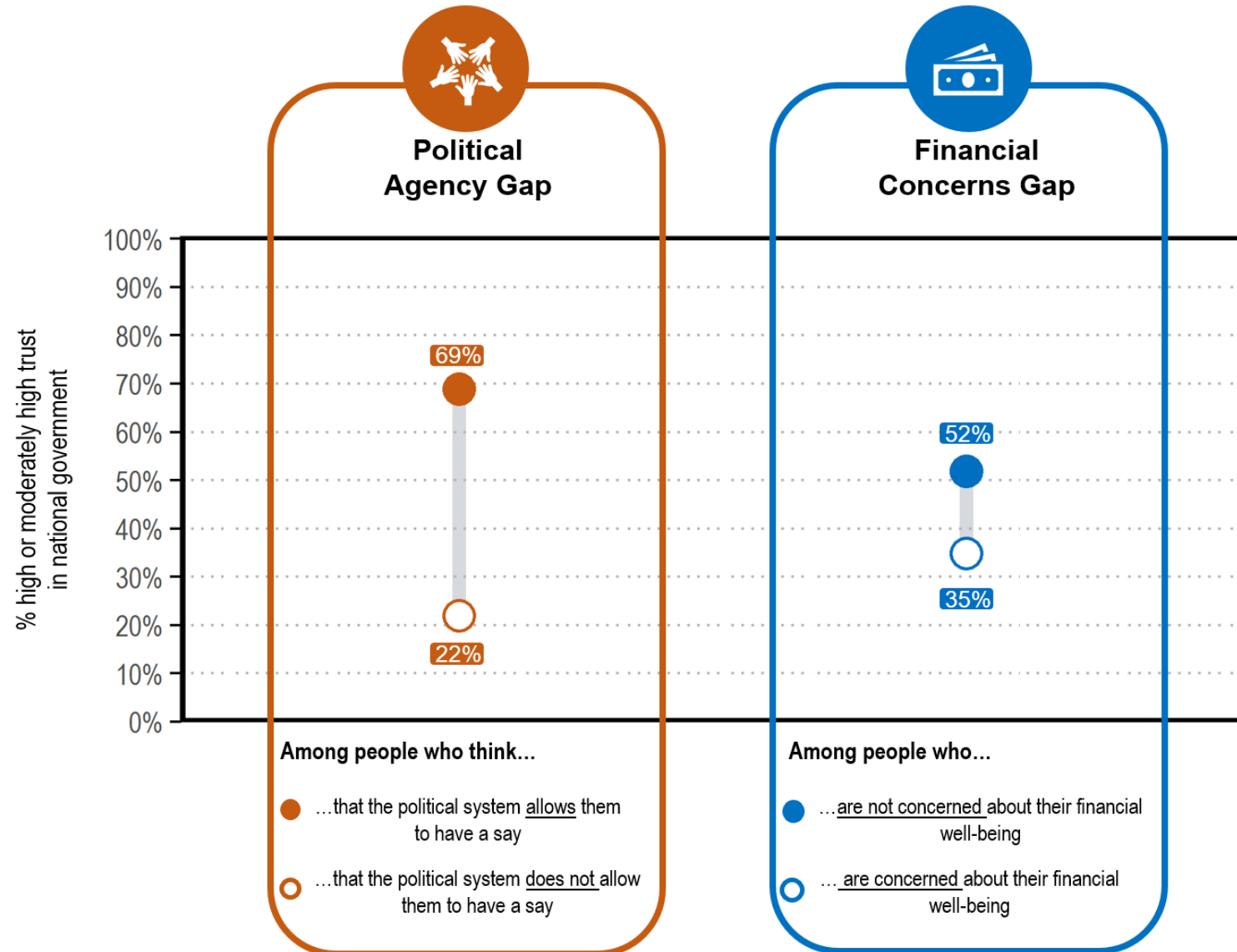


Source: 2023 OECD Trust Survey

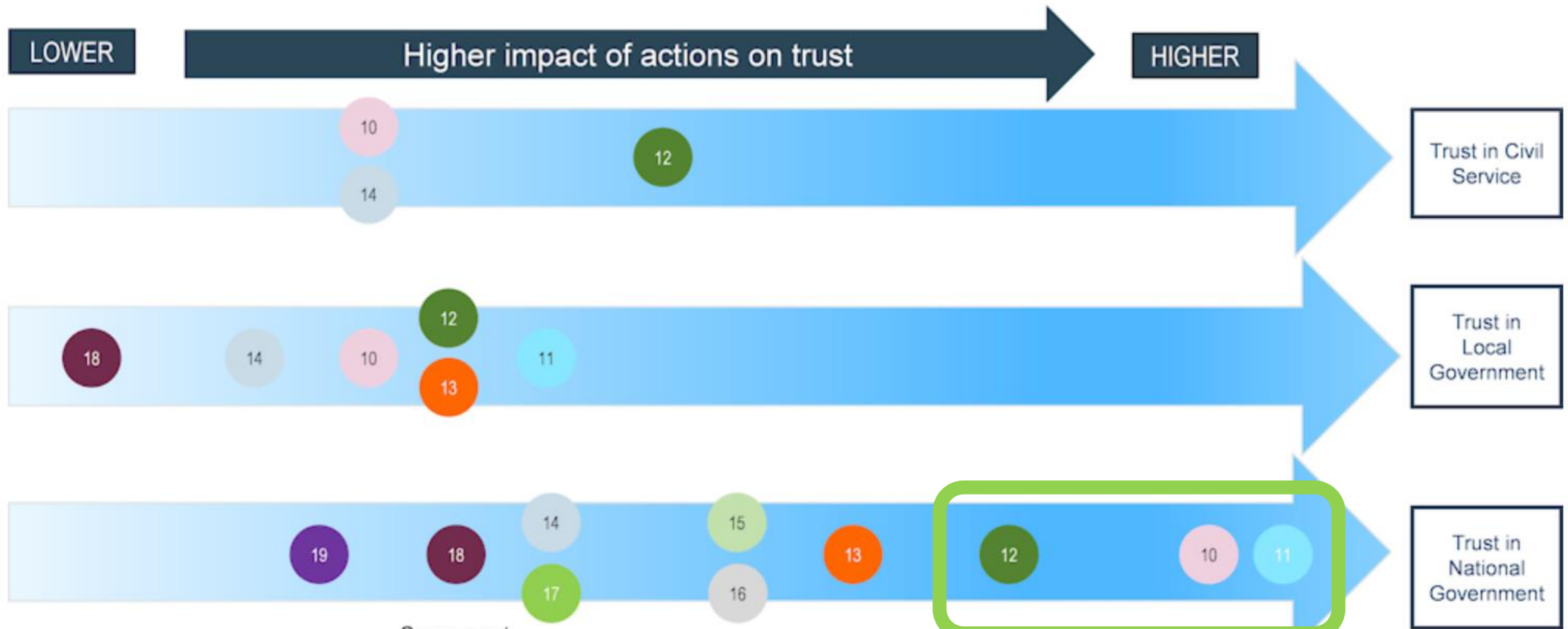
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Feeling that you have a say in government actions affect trust levels

Share of population with high or moderately high trust in the national government by population group, OECD, 2023



Key drivers of trust on complex policy issues



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- 10 Government decisions based on evidence
- 11 Government balances intergenerational interests
- 12 Political voice
- 13 Parliament holds government accountable
- 14 Government institutions prepared for emergency
- 15 Government explains reform impacts
- 16 Government withstands undue influence
- 17 Opinions from consultations are adopted
- 18 Parliament balances diverse interests
- 19 Confidence to participate in politics

Trust, voice and participation



“It is very difficult to trust something or someone that you cannot understand. If you cannot understand, it is difficult to have a voice.”

- Anna-Kaisa Ikonen, Minister of Local Government of Finland

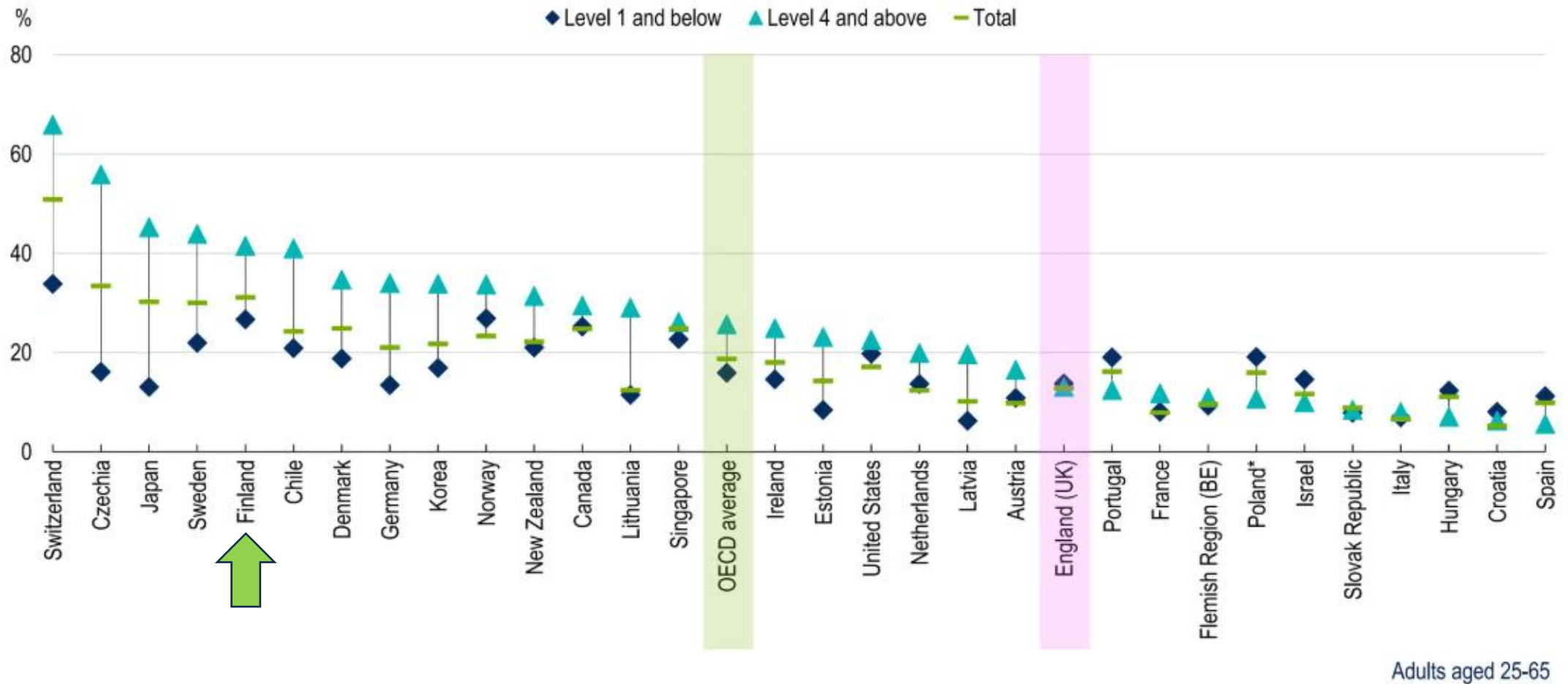
What is citizen participation in policymaking?

Citizen participation in policymaking can improve policy outcomes, build trust and contribute to democratic resilience. It can be defined as “all the ways in which stakeholders (including citizens) can be involved in the policy cycle and in service design and delivery”*. This can range from informing, to consulting, to engaging on equal standing with government, to shaping policy outcomes.

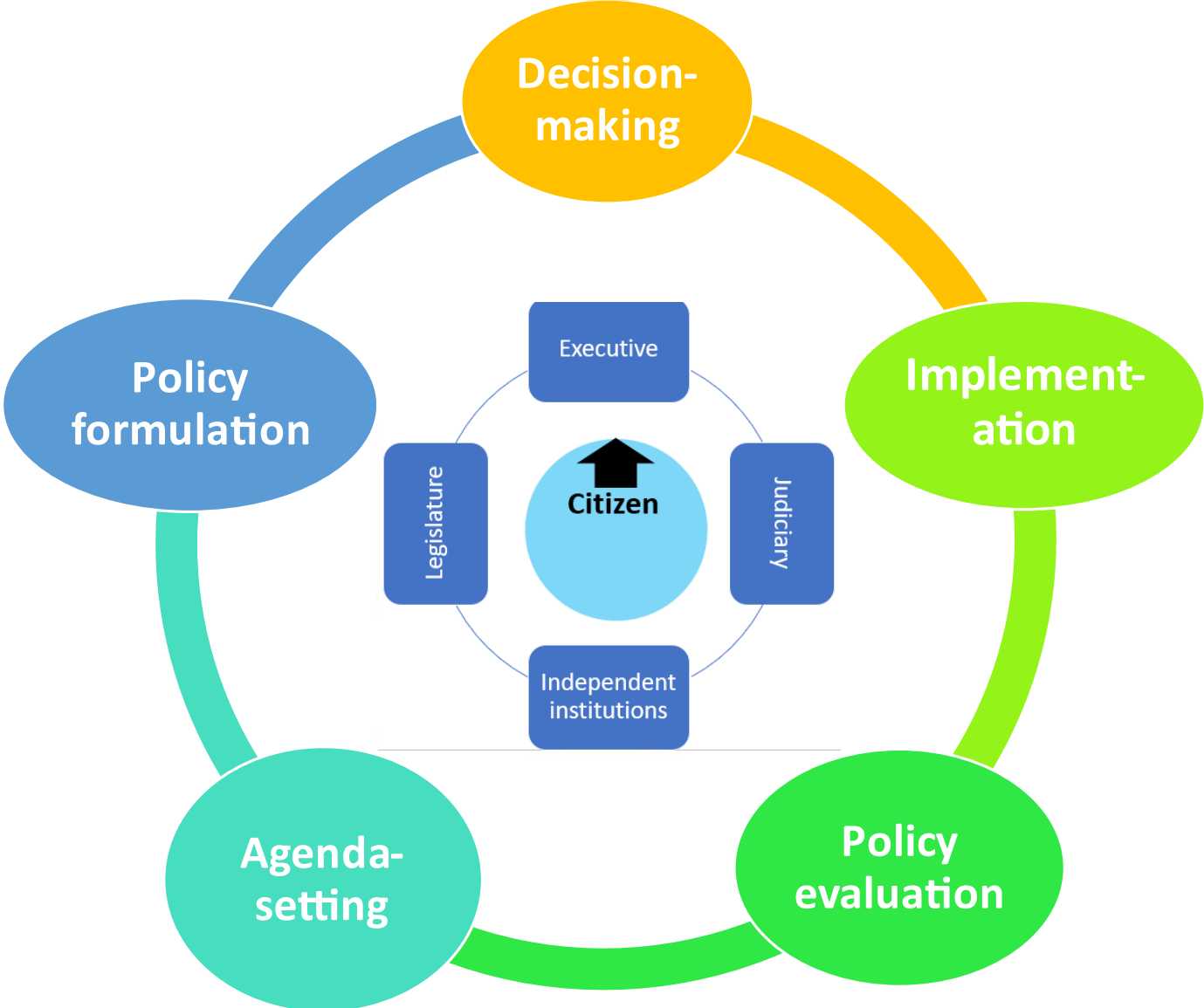
**The 2017 OECD Recommendation for Open Government*

OECD Survey of Adult Skills links skills and self-efficacy

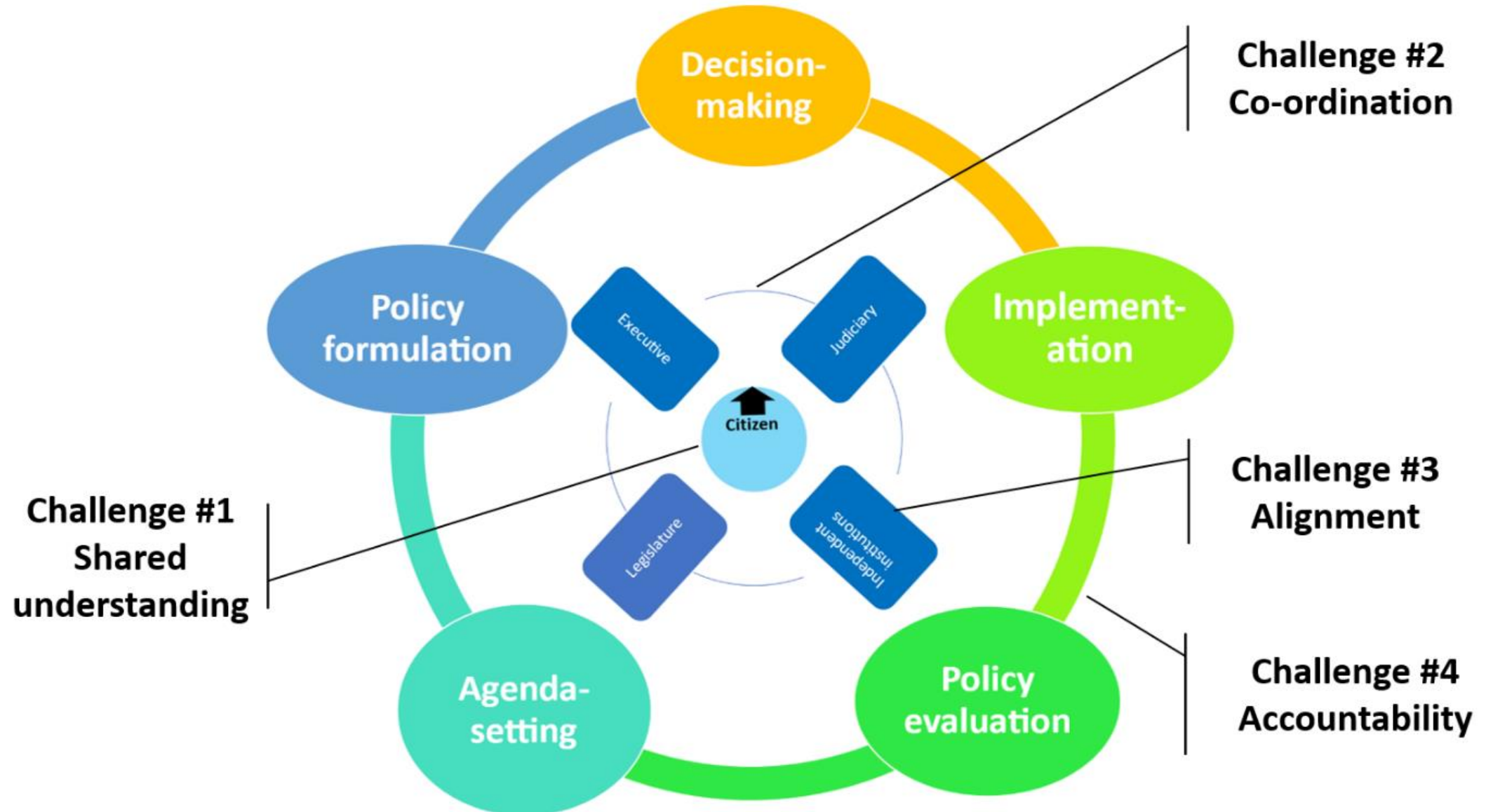
Share reporting high political efficacy, by numeracy proficiency level



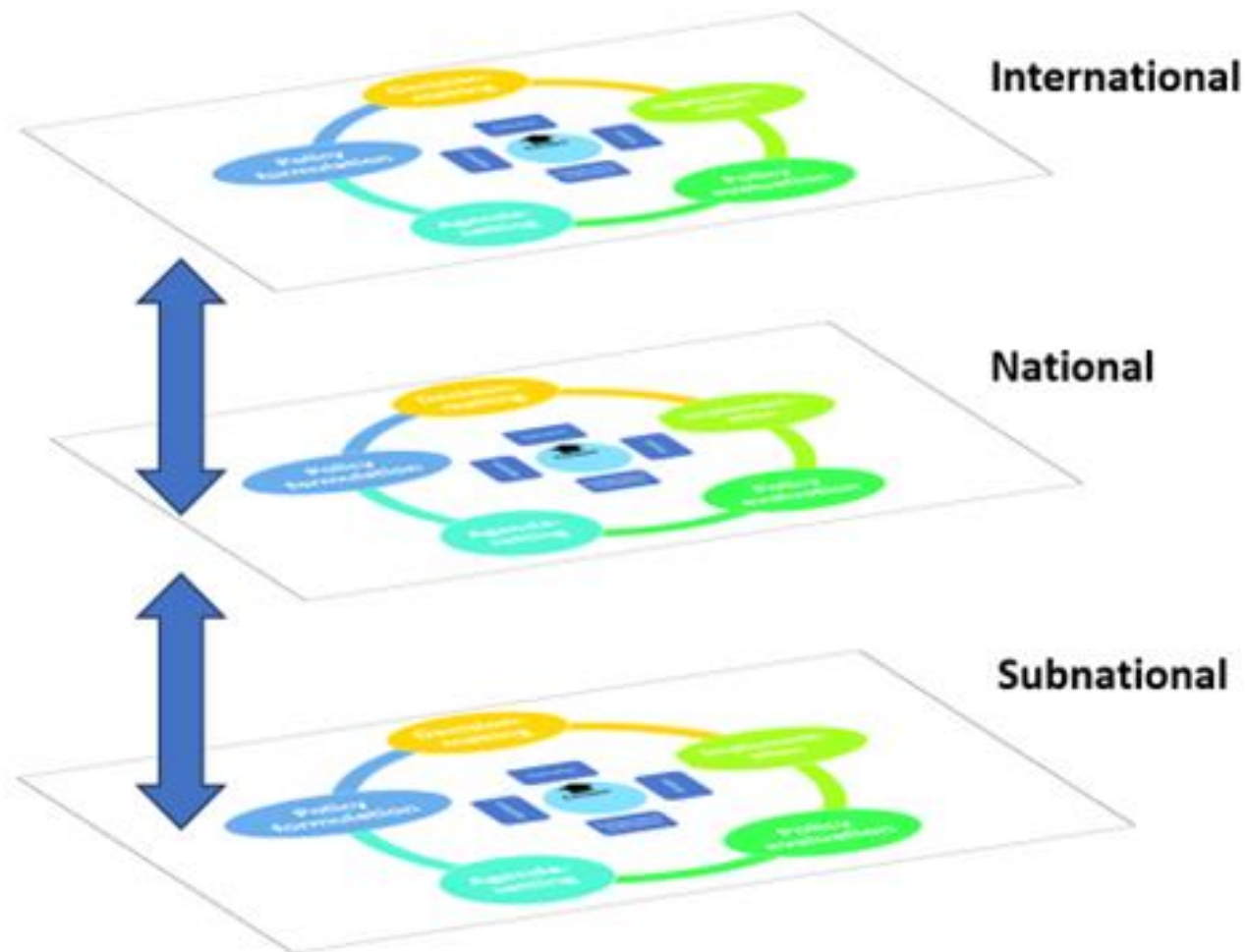
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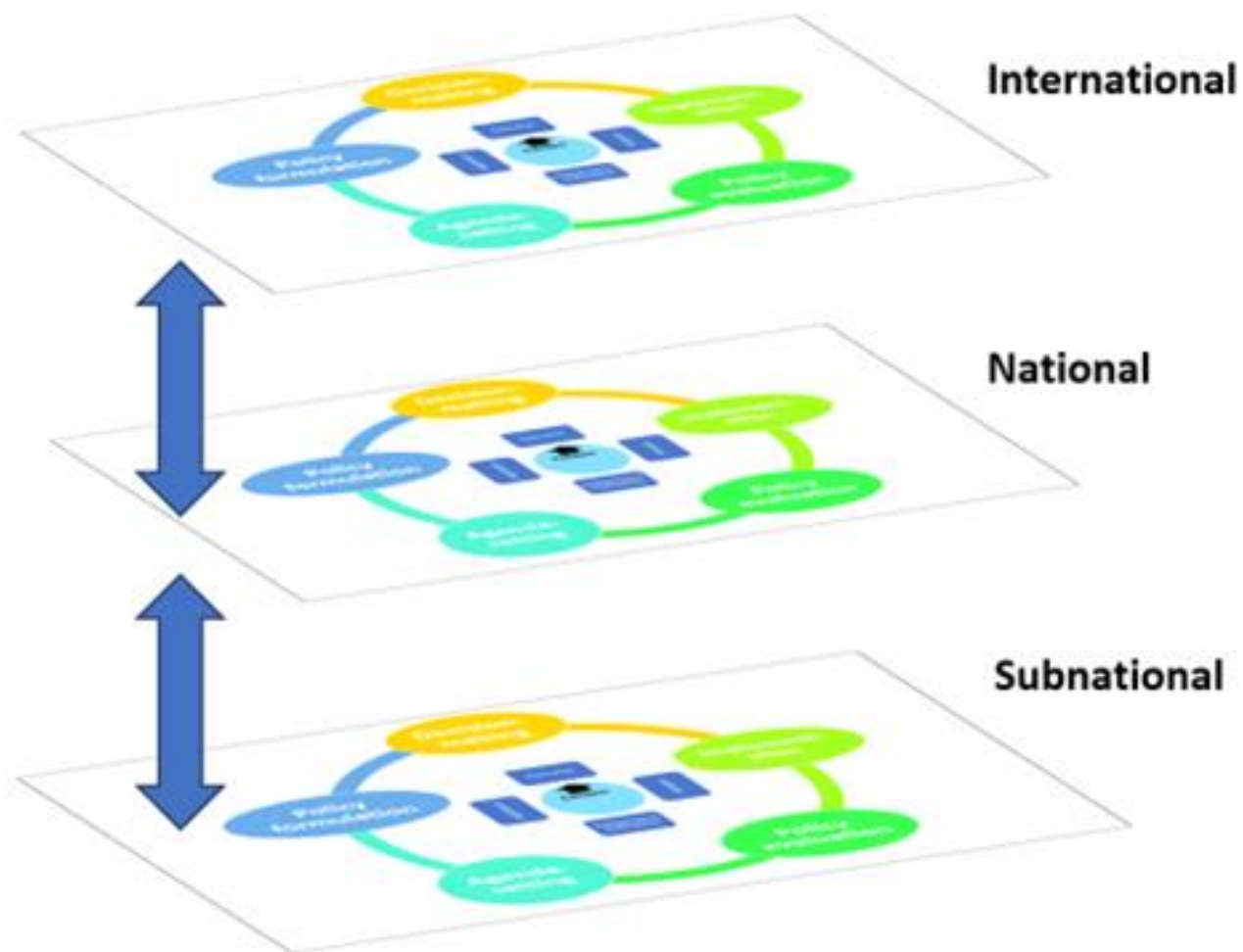
Exploring new frontiers of citizen participation: challenges



Exploring new frontiers of citizen participation: multilevel governance and the green transition



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New frontiers of citizen participation

What are the new frontiers for citizen participation?

Putting citizens at the heart of policymaking is now imperative. Achieving this in practice will mean:



Adopting a targeted approach to the design of participatory processes;



Lowering barriers and ensuring inclusion;



Raising the capacity of both public servants and citizens;



Measuring impact and ensuring accountability for citizens' inputs.

Please share your insights!



1. Do you think that citizen participation makes a difference to the quality of your **democracy**? How?
2. Could citizen participation help in tackling global challenges such as **climate change**? How?
3. What do you think are the core '**skills for participation**' that all citizens need? How can we help people build them?

Kiitos! Thank you!

2024 OECD Global Forum on Building Trust and Reinforcing Democracy

<https://www.oecd-events.org/global-forum-on-democracy/en>

**Exploring New Frontiers for Citizen Participation in the Policy Cycle:
Discussion Paper**

<https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/about/programmes/reinforcing-democracy-initiative/Exploring-New-Frontiers-of-Citizen-Participation-Discussion-Paper.pdf>

Innovative citizen engagement

<https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/sub-issues/open-government-and-citizen-participation/innovative-public-participation.html>

