

ENCODE workshop on Democratic Innovations: program

Date: May 21st, 2026

Location: Erasmus University Rotterdam, Campus Woudestijn, Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, Rotterdam

Morning Session @Polak Building, Room 2-18 (2nd floor)

9h30 – 9h45 Welcome and introduction

9h45 – 10h45 [Jan Maly](#) (Vienna University of Economics and Business): *Is Cheaper Always Better? The Cost-Sensitivity of Participatory Budgeting Rules*

10h45 – 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 - 12h00 [Shannon Spruit](#) (Populytics): *How hybridity strengthens participation: Opportunities and challenges in combining online and offline participation methods*

Lunch Break

Afternoon session @Mandeville Building, T3-29 (3rd floor)

13h00 – 14h00 [Ulrike Schmidt-Kraepelin](#) (TU Eindhoven): *City Sampling for Citizen Assemblies*

14h00 – 14h15 coffee break

14h15 – 15h15 [Pierre-Etienne Vandamme](#) (UCLouvain): *Reconciling Electoral Choice and Accountability*

15h15 – 15h30 coffee break

15h30 – 16h30 Open Q&A and discussion

The workshop is followed by drinks on campus @Erasmus Paviljoen and dinner @Cate Dak, Oostplein 115. Please get in touch with the organizers (vandeputte@esphil.eur.nl) in case you want to join for dinner (dinner is only covered for the speakers).

The ENCODE workshops are organized bi-annually at the Erasmus Institute for Philosophy of Economics (Erasmus School for Philosophy, Erasmus University of Rotterdam), as part of the NWO-funded [ENCODE](#) project (VI.Vidi.191.105).