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About PERITIA

In a world increasingly relying on knowledge and scientific evidence, trust in trustworthy expertise is essential to achieve progress and well-being. We need experts to help policymakers and citizens take the correct decisions in important matters such as health or climate change.

PERITIA is an EU-funded project **investigating public trust in expertise**. Our multi-disciplinary team seeks to help citizens and policymakers learn to trust trustworthy expertise. By doing so, we aim to enhance trust in a better democratic governance for the future of Europe.

The key hypothesis explored conceptually and tested empirically is that emotional aspects, as well as the social and political context, play a central role in decisions of trust.



1 Theoretical Phase

How can we understand trust in expertise from social, philosophical, psychological and ethical perspectives? In phase 1, different theoretical approaches are developed to define the **Foundations of Trust**.



Goal: Enhance the knowledge base to understand trust and trustworthiness in today's democratic governance.

Outputs: Conceptual analysis, literature reviews, discussions and debates at workshops, webinars and conferences.



2 Empirical Phase

Following the theoretical foundations developed in phase 1, the second stage will develop **3 strategies of empirical research** to understand the role of emotions and values in decisions of trust.



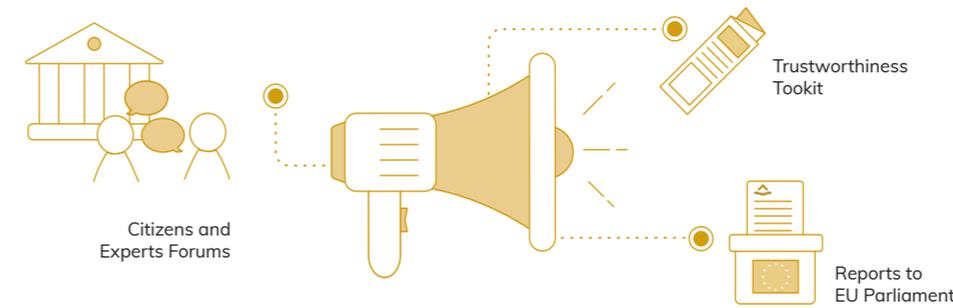
Goal: Test empirically the key hypothesis of the project to formulate sound policy recommendations on what works in fostering trust and trustworthiness in governance.

Output: IData review analysis, new survey data, cross-national survey repository, online & in-lab experiments, discussions and debates at workshops, webinars and conferences.



3 Recommendations and outreach

Phase 3 is the action stage of the project. PERITIA puts **societal engagements** at the centre of its work to bring its outputs to key stakeholders in the policy and research communities, as well as to the general public, including younger generations.



Goal: Develop behavioural tools for building trust and apply them to expert-citizens scenarios. These results will be enriched through these interactions and be presented to policymakers at the European Parliament.

Output: Behavioural tools for building trust, reports to policymakers, youth essay collection, discussions and debates at workshops, webinars and conferences.

Public Engagement

Throughout all its phases, PERITIA facilitates opportunities for engagement between **citizens, experts, and policymakers**. With innovative formats, an essay competition, citizen forums, conferences and workshops, we offer to key stakeholders a platform to participate and shape current debates on trust in expertise.

PERITIA's aim is to integrate our findings and thinking into practical engagement tools, narratives and practices.

Climate Science & Covid-19

The project uses real-life scenarios to test its results, particularly on the topics of climate science and Covid-19. This focus includes investigating whether (and how) different types of narratives promote trust and help to implement more efficient policies.

