

Online Appendix 1. Background information participants based on an individually completed questionnaire by the participants

Focus group	Pseudonym	Sex	Age	Highest education	Employment status	Left-right self-placement	Political interest	Participation in protest during past 12 months ¹
Yellow Vests	Jordy	Male	25 - 34	Post-secondary vocational	Unemployed	Neither left nor right	Very interested	Yes
Yellow Vests	Daan	Male	65 - 74	Secondary	Independent	Neither left nor right	Very interested	Yes
Yellow Vests	Lara	Female	35 - 44	University (short)	Permanent contract	Very left	Very interested	Yes
Yellow Vests	Otto	Male	55 - 64	University (short)	Retired	Very left	Very interested	Yes
Youth for Climate	Valentin	Male	18 - 24	ongoing	Student	Centre	(not asked)	No
Youth for Climate	Loic	Male	18 - 24	ongoing	Student	Left	(not asked)	No
Youth for Climate	Sandrine	Female	18 - 24	ongoing	Student	Left	(not asked)	Yes
Youth for Climate	Arthur	Male	18 - 24	ongoing	Student	Centre	(not asked)	No
Youth for Climate	Melodie	Female	< 18	ongoing	Student	Neither left nor right	(not asked)	Yes
Youth for Climate	Maxime	Male	< 18	ongoing	Student	Centre	(not asked)	No
Molenbeek	Walid	Male	18 - 24	ongoing	Student	(not asked)	Not at all interested	No
Molenbeek	Tais	Male	25 - 34	Post-secondary vocational	Permanent contract	(not asked)	Very interested	No
Molenbeek	Mehmet	Male	25 - 34	University (short)	Unemployed	(not asked)	(no answer)	No
Molenbeek	Abbou	Male	25 - 34	Secondary	Permanent contract	(not asked)	Very interested	No
Molenbeek	Adil	Male	25 - 34	(no answer)	Permanent contract	(not asked)	(no answer)	(no answer)
European Parliament	Nathalie	Female	55 - 64	University (long)	Fixed-term contract	(not asked)	Interested	Yes
European Parliament	Cathie	Female	35 - 44	Secondary	Homemaker	(not asked)	(no answer)	No
European Parliament	Imad	Male	35 - 44	None or primary	Fixed-term contract	(not asked)	Interested	No
European Parliament	Bilal	Male	45 -54	Secondary	Fixed-term contract	(not asked)	(no answer)	No

Note: ¹ for Yellow Vests / Youth for Climate: excluding the Yellow Vests /Youth for Climate protests.