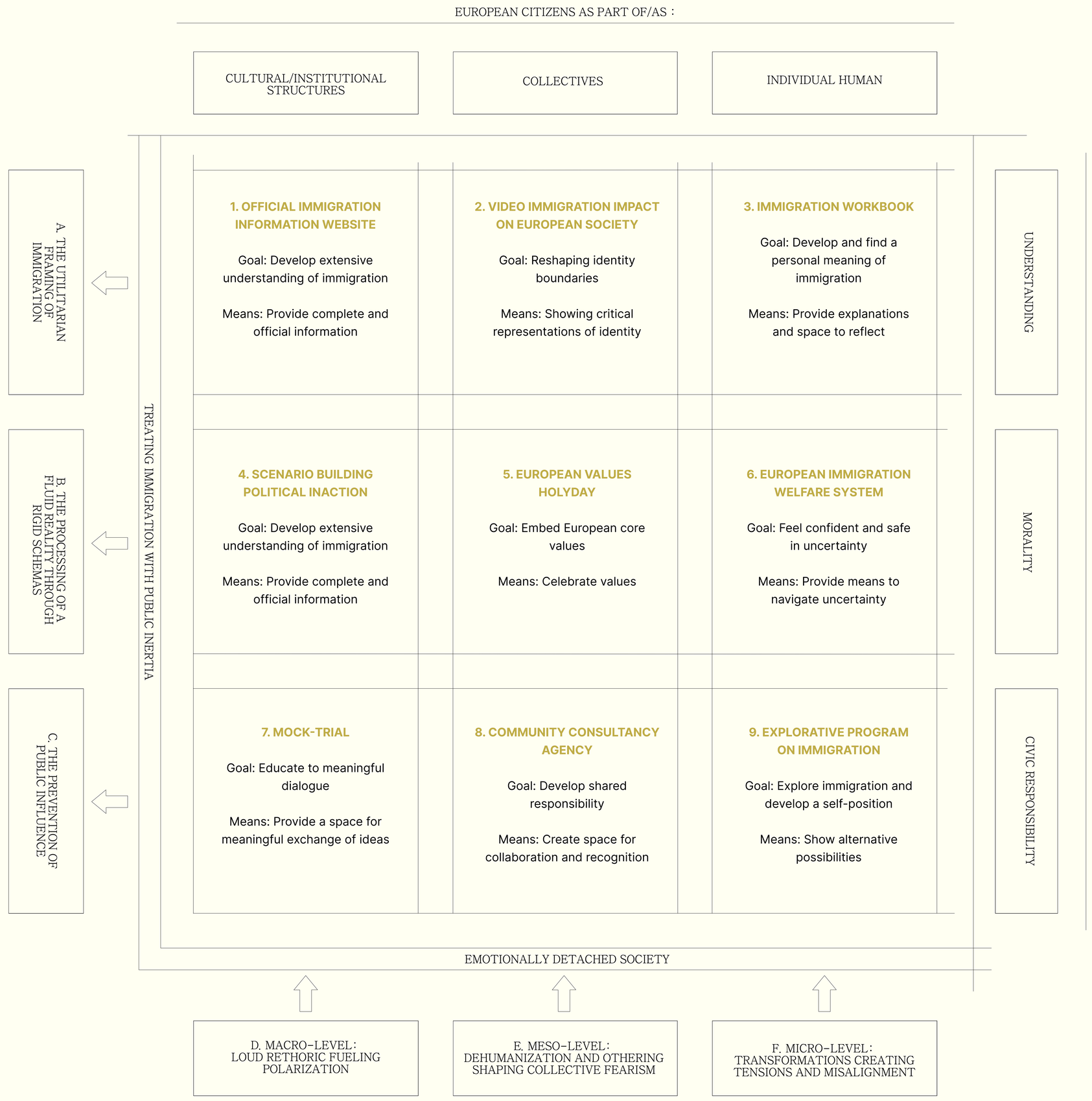
REFRAMING MIGRATION

where public inertia meets social detachment

The framework describes a future where the relationship between europen society and immigration is driven by public inertia and social detachment:

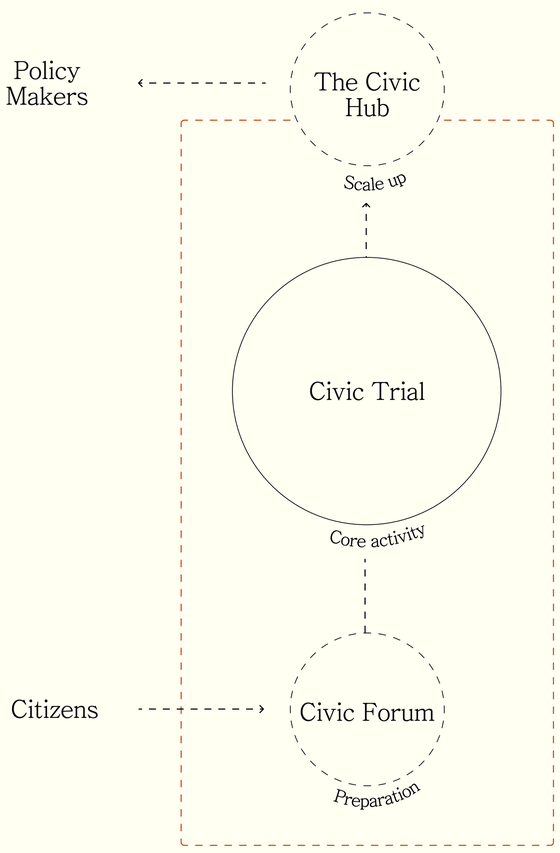
1. Blind acceptance of policy representations undermines civic responsibility
2. A utilitarian approach to immigration leads to interactions that are either avoidant or purely instrumental
3. The instrumental use of immigration lies outside the realm of citizenhood.
4. Surreal interpretations justify political inaction
5. Moralized politics fuel fearism between communities
6. Slippery morality fails to provide a sense of security
7. Political debate detached from polités' reasoning
8. Collective reorganization into pragmatic political communities
9. Loud and void politics distance citizens from ideologies



HOW CAN WE DESIGN FOR SUCH A FUTURE?

To foster a new relationship between European society and immigration, within a context where immigration is treated with public inertia and society remains detached and unable to dialogue, we need to act on European citizens first. We must design to make them critical and responsible, providing tools and support to help them find their own direction and feel confident enough to navigate the uncertainty and novelty that migration, like all societal changes, naturally brings.

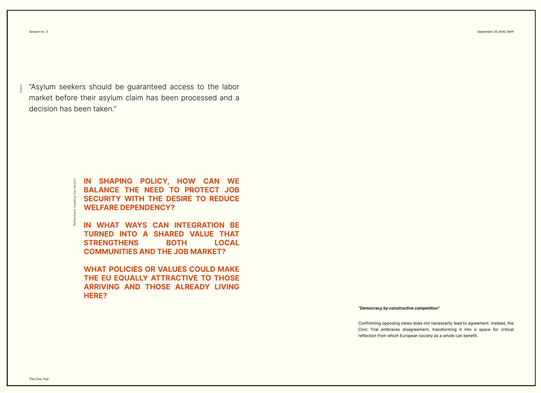
Concept development: an example of how to design for such a future



Valuing political participation through pluralistic and agonistic public dialogue.

The Civic Trial serves as a practical application of agonistic democracy. By defending and challenging opposing ideas through structured contestation in a formal setting, each side is given an equal opportunity to express its point of view, supported by critical thinking.

As the title suggests, the activity consists of simulating a legal trial, where prosecutors and defenders compete in front of a judge who ultimately delivers a verdict.
A topic of public interest is chosen, and citizens are selected to participate and assigned specific roles.
Each side prepares statements to advocate for their assigned position, gathers evidence, and plans questioning sessions for witnesses, as well as cross-examination.
The judge is impersonated by a group composed of both citizens and experts, who listen to the proceedings, engage in debate, and ultimately deliver a verdict.
Once the trial session concludes, the outcomes are translated into a policy prompt informing European policymakers.



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