

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081558] - [CEE BANKWATCH NETWORK] ([Bankwatch])
PIC number:	[893274553]
Project name and acronym:	[Citizens' Observatory For Green Deal Financing] — [Citizens4EGDFunding]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Citizens' Observatory on Green Deal Financing Kick-off event
Type:	Seminar
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Belgium, Brussels
Date(s):	23-26 January 2023
Website(s) (if any):	<p>Article about the event: https://bankwatch.org/event/citizens-observatory-on-green-deal-financing-kick-off-event</p> <p>Detailed report from the event (copy is also attached)</p> <p>Work Plan of the Observatory (copy is also attached)</p> <p>Gender Mainstreaming Guidelines (copy is also attached)</p>
Participants	
Female:	20
Male:	15
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Hungary]:	1
From country 2 [Belgium]:	9
From country 3 [Spain]:	2
From country 3 [Italy]:	4
From country 3 [Latvia]:	2

From country 3 [Croatia]:	1		
From country 3 [Bulgaria]:	2		
From country 3 [Greece]:	1		
From country 3 [Slovakia]:	1		
From country 3 [Germany]:	1		
From country 3 [Romania]:	1		
From country 3 [Czech Republic]:	1		
From country 3 [Estonia]:	2		
From country 3 [Poland]:	3		
From country 3 [France]:	1		
From country 3 [Netherlands]:	2		
From country 3 [Sweden]:	1		
Total number of participants:	35	From total number of countries:	17

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The Citizens' Observatory on Green Deal Financing kick-off event took place on 23-26 January 2023 in Belgium, Brussels. The event was organised to bring together project partners and other organisations that would be interested in working together on monitoring EU funds and advocating together for more transparency and public participation in Member States. 35 participants from 16 countries attended the event. There were 8 male speakers and 6 female speakers at the event.

The first day of the meeting (23 January) included team-building activities for the project partners, discussions of upcoming activities (virtual tours, national level outreach events, report on the recovery funds). The first day also included session on gender mainstreaming and further planning of the project timeline.

For the second and third day the team was joined by the representatives of other organisations invited to form the wider Citizens' Observatory. The invited organisations gave useful input for the project work and indicated their interest in supporting and participating in the project. One session included discussions on the current state of the European Green Deal and the Recovery and Resilience Facility on the political level and the challenges and opportunities for the project in this rapidly changing landscape.

The invited speakers also gave presentations on several perspectives on the European Green Deal and the Recovery and Resilience Facility, both from within countries where the partners are active and other Member States. The partners discussed the broader overlapping concerns on the shortcomings as well as positive elements of the recovery and resilience plans in different countries. There were two external speakers on Wednesday. One of them presented the recovery process in countries of the Global South. The second presentation by the external speaker presented the overview of the Just Transition in the EU. This laid the foundations for partners to discuss the common vision on these broader issues to see which topics are the most important to raise when reaching out to citizens on the recovery plans and European Green Deal financing.

On the third day the participants of the meeting discussed the next steps and future work of the Observatory.

The participants of the event were asked to fill in two forms: EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. 13 people filled in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. Overall, the assessment of the event was high. With quantitative questions (with rating 1-5), the highest rating went to the questions about overall assessment of the event (with average rating of 4.62), increased awareness (with average rating of 4.62), increased cooperation (with average rating of 4.69). The participants also assessed

highly the chosen methodology (with average rating of 4.54), length of the event (4.62) and the choice of topics (4.31). The lowest rating was at the question of increased skills (3.62) which is explained by the focus on discussions of various topics, rather than practical exercises. The content of the event was also rated high with the average of 4.69. Regarding the question of gender equality, all participants gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that gender mainstreaming activities were implemented. All participants also marked that their perception of the topic changed and they will use the new knowledge in the future.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).