

## From the ground up - how citizens can transform Europe's recovery

*Did Europe build back better after the COVID-19 emergency? Did Member States really use EU money to recover from the pandemic?*

Almost three years ago, the EU announced an unprecedented public investment program to help countries recover from the pandemic, NextGenerationEU, worth 806 billion euros. [The Citizens Observatory for Green Deal Financing](#) brings together nine civil society organisations from across Europe to answer these questions. Together, we monitor the use of EU recovery funds and other investments like InvestEU used to finance the European Green Deal. We call for more public participation to achieve a just environmental transformation.

**Join us on Thursday 29 June to discover our latest findings!**

Testimonials from people in the EU will explain **how Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy and Poland are using the recovery money to finance projects and investments**. Local campaigners from the listed countries will present videos showing the impact of recovery projects on the ground. Our report 'No recovery without citizens' also shows how EU money is often not going where people and nature need it most. We will host a discussion on how we as citizens can organise to get more control over EU investment programs with euobserver's Wester Van Gaal, followed by refreshment for guests and participants.

The event will take place on **Thursday 29 June 2023 from 18:00 - 21:00 at Kamilou, Mundo-Matonge** (Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Ixelles). The event is open to the public.

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