

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081558] - [Re:Common APS] ([Re:Common])
PIC number:	[939722906]
Project name and acronym:	[Citizens´Observatory For Green Deal Financing] — [Citizens4EGDFunding]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	14
Event name:	Citizen's research – Virtual tours to recovery projects in Italy and Spain targeting Mediterranean region
Type:	conferences
In situ/online:	online
Location:	online
Date(s):	14/09/2023; 28/09/2023; 24/10/2023
Website(s) (if any):	<p><b>Case based research available here:</b>  <a href="#">Case-based research virtual tours WP14 ReCommon-ODG.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Links to the virtual tour video on youtube:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Melita, il gasdotto ingiusto (Italian version)  <a href="https://youtu.be/cD3ln4NjUo?si=ZadtWVKIXRoRpd4">https://youtu.be/cD3ln4NjUo?si=ZadtWVKIXRoRpd4</a></li> <li>- Melita, the unjust pipeline, video (English subtitles)  <a href="https://youtu.be/FTMiOe4rBA4?si=nMzDy8GEDI33MThT">https://youtu.be/FTMiOe4rBA4?si=nMzDy8GEDI33MThT</a></li> <li>- Melita, el gasoducto injusto video (Spanish subtitles)  <a href="https://youtu.be/X7S9kKzGGiY?si=ybsrDnREKLz7MCYE">https://youtu.be/X7S9kKzGGiY?si=ybsrDnREKLz7MCYE</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Links to the video shared on ODG's webpage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://odg.cat/activitat/webinari-les-rutes-de-hidrogen/">https://odg.cat/activitat/webinari-les-rutes-de-hidrogen/</a> (Catalan)</li> <li>- <a href="https://odg.cat/es/activitat/webinario-las-rutas-del-hidrogeno/">https://odg.cat/es/activitat/webinario-las-rutas-del-hidrogeno/</a> (Spanish)</li> <li>- <a href="https://odg.cat/en/activitat/webinar-hydrogen-routes/">https://odg.cat/en/activitat/webinar-hydrogen-routes/</a> (English)</li> </ul> <p><b>Video shared on the project landing page:</b>  <a href="https://bankwatch.org/citizens-observatory#Italy-Malta">https://bankwatch.org/citizens-observatory#Italy-Malta</a></p> <p><b>Webinars:</b>  <b>Webinar   The green hydrogen illusion - 19 September</b></p>

**2023**

- News <https://www.recommon.org/en/webinar-the-green-hydrogen-illusion/>

**Recorded webinar:**

- Italian version: <https://youtu.be/AmDKbv4SZZQ?si=Qp6hdBCL-gp9rfQF>
- English version: <https://youtu.be/yiPnOkfCsTk?si=5axfNWTbkkME3kbG>
- Spanish version: [https://youtu.be/XikUVSLK6Q0?si=NBb1NDDRb\\_I\\_IJmU](https://youtu.be/XikUVSLK6Q0?si=NBb1NDDRb_I_IJmU)
- Article on project landing page (includes link to published EDS): <https://bankwatch.org/event/green-hydrogen-illusion>

**Webinar | Hydrogen routes - 28 September 2023**

- News <https://www.recommon.org/en/webinar-hydrogen-routes/>

**Recorded webinar:**

- Italian version: [https://youtu.be/VLYf7Gq3C28?si=GOBdpim2Z3KzY\\_xv](https://youtu.be/VLYf7Gq3C28?si=GOBdpim2Z3KzY_xv)
- English version: <https://youtu.be/WiaSDC3DQNI?si=cScnD2fUkiMiE8wL>
- Spanish version: <https://youtu.be/VH9Ba3mk5lw?si=Uk0UPPXBIJRjAwHb>
- Article on project landing page (includes link to published EDS): <https://bankwatch.org/event/webinar-hydrogen-routes>

**Webinar | HydrogenEU: how the EU finances hydrogen, 24 October 2023**

- News <https://www.recommon.org/en/webinar-hydrogeneu-how-the-eu-finances-hydrogen/>

**Recorded webinar:**

- Italian version: <https://youtu.be/zQ1Q7jnHx50?si=7psqollhxBWqS345>
- English version: <https://youtu.be/JL4cb661ADE?si=i3Gx76mTXneimNWs>
- Spanish version: [https://youtu.be/DknJrFD9gS8?si=uG9\\_Mhx4qMGIZYHp](https://youtu.be/DknJrFD9gS8?si=uG9_Mhx4qMGIZYHp)
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Participants			
Female:	87		
Male:	144		
Non-binary:	13		
From country 1 [Austria]:	1		
From country 2 [Belgium]:	8		
From country 3 [Bulgaria]:	1		
From country 4 [Estonia]:	1		
From country 5 [Finland]:	1		
From country 6 [France]:	4		
From country 7 [Germany]:	9		
From country 8 [Hungary]:	1		
From country 9 [Italy]:	173		
From country 10 [Latvia]:	1		
From country 11 [Malta]:	3		
From country 12 [Netherlands]:	3		
From country 13 [Norway]:	1		
From country 14 [Poland]:	4		
From country 15 Portugal]:	2		
From country 16 [Slovenia]:	1		
From country 17 [Spain]:	29		
From country 18 [Sweden]	1		
Total number of participants:	244	From total number of countries:	18
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Thanks to an in-depth analysis and the study of official documents, ReCommon and ODG were able to identify the case of the construction of the Melita TransGas pipeline, stretching 159 kilometres and slated to connect Malta with Sicily. The Maltese government argues that the project is needed to end the island's energy isolation and prepare for the transport of blends of natural gas, biomethane and hydrogen. At the moment it is expected to transport two billion cubic metres of methane gas per year to Malta; no trace of hydrogen. But the project is hugely controversial. First, there is no further need for gas infrastructure in Europe. Second, there is no guarantee that hydrogen will ever flow through Melita once it is built. Third, the pipeline is linked to Electrogas, a company embroiled in a number of ongoing corruption and bribery cases. Finally, a recent environmental impact assessment found that</p>			

the seabed of Sicily's Gela harbour, a section of the planned pipeline, is heavily polluted with radioactive materials.

There is a risk that the pipeline will further lock Malta and Europe into climate-wrecking fossil fuels for many years to come: at least 35 years, according to the developers.

Through field investigations, meetings with associations and interviews with the citizens and CSOs of Sicily and Malta, ReCommon collected the necessary information to develop the material for the trailer and the full video "Melita, the unjust pipeline", which were launched on the occasion of the second webinar of the series.

In fact, in order to debate with citizens, activists and CSOs the narrative of hydrogen as a new technology proposed for energy transition, ReCommon and ODG decided to promote the virtual tour through a webinar series "Hydrogen: Green Deal or greenwashing?", firstly with the publication of a save the date, in Italian, English and Spanish.

The Save the date Italian card was published on Instagram (26 likes) and Twitter (1393 visualizations, 12 reposts, 16 likes), the English card was published on the Citizens' Observatory website. ODG published the Spanish card on its website and on ODG's Twitter account, adding the description in English (1016 visualizations, 5 reposts, 8 likes), Spanish (708 visualizations, 10 reposts, 19 likes) and Catalan (467 visualizations, 4 reposts, 1 like). Counter Balance, project partner, posted the save the date card on its Twitter account collecting 5 reposts, 4 likes and 433 visualizations.

The 2-minutes trailer was posted on ReCommon's Instagram, Facebook and X accounts, reaching a total of 2043 people (respectively, the Instagram post promoting Melita's trailer and the upcoming webinar collected 52 likes and reached 1198 people; Melita's trailer on Facebook reached 180 people and the post on X collected 665 visualizations, 7 reposts and 6 likes). Moreover, on the same day, ODG published a reminder on X, collecting 415 visualizations, 2 reposts, 5 likes and Za Zemiata, Bulgarian project partner, reached 96 visualizations with a post on X. The full 10-minute video in three versions, with Italian, Spanish and English subtitles, was published on ReCommon's YouTube channel and collected a total of 220 visualizations (respectively, 142, 22, and 56). The English and Spanish versions of the video were also published on ODG's website.

The 3 online webinars were promoted through social media, newsletters, targeted e-mailing to the contact lists of ReCommon and ODG. In addition, the webinars were also promoted at institutional and networking meetings with other Italian, Spanish and European CSOs.

ReCommon and ODG prepared social media covers and images, also showing the logos of European Commission, ReCommon, ODG and project logo, in Italian, Spanish and English, to be shared with ODG and CEE Bankwatch Network and with the other partners for dissemination purposes.

The invitation to the webinars, both in Italian and English, was published on ReCommon's website, counting 3700 users (September 2023) and ODG's website (in Spanish and Catalan), counting 381 users. The same invitation was sent to 4600 contacts through ReCommon's newsletter.

For the first two webinars, a Facebook event was created by ReCommon, reaching a total of 1050 people. For the third webinar, a Facebook post reached 252 people.

The webinars were also promoted through:

- ReCommon's Instagram page (7376 contacts) via post and stories, reaching a total of 2465 visualizations.
- ReCommon's X profile (5611 followers) reaching a total of 4146 visualizations
- ODG's Instagram profile (1398 followers), reaching a total of 1090 visualizations.
- ODG's X profile (8865 followers), reaching a total of 3800 visualizations.
- Counter Balance's X profile (3216 followers), reaching a total of 2221 visualizations
- Za Zemiata's X profile (612 followers), reaching a total of 96 visualizations

The first webinar "**The green hydrogen illusion**" was held on 14 September 2023 via zoom and an Italian-Spanish-English simultaneous translation was provided. The main purpose of the webinar was to stimulate a debate around the technical limits of hydrogen as a new technology proposed for energy transition somehow functional to an environmentally, climatically and socially unsustainable economic model. Also, an overview of the public funding sources that are flowing directly to fossil companies to feed the hydrogen bubble has been presented. During the webinar, an Italian researcher from the University of Bologna

presented the study “The illusion of green hydrogen”, showing the reasons why large-scale green hydrogen production is not sustainable and researchers from ReCommon and ODG showed the presence of green hydrogen investments in the Italian Resilience and Recovery plan and in the Spanish Recovery, Transformation and Resilience plan. The second part of the webinar was dedicated to answering and debating 20 questions/observations presented by the participants. Due to the multiple requests of more information from the audience, ReCommon will translate the report in Spanish.

The first webinar was attended by 148 participants (45 women, 98 men, 5 rather not to say) from 6 EU countries (Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Spain). Few days after the webinar, the recording was published on ReCommon's YouTube channel in 3 versions (Italian, English and Spanish), collecting a total of 238 visualizations by 27/10/2023.

The second webinar “**Hydrogen routes**” was held on 28 September 2023 via zoom and an Italian-Spanish-English simultaneous translation was provided. The objective of the webinar was to stimulate a debate around the successful attempts of fossil fuel companies of lobbying the EU and Member States to access public fundings for revitalizing the existing pipelines and to show how unsustainable these infrastructural projects are. During the webinar the speakers looked at the hydrogen routes running through the Mediterranean area (deepening the SouthH2 Corridor, the H2Med and Celza project in Portugal, Melita case between Malta and Sicily), discovering why these projects are not green at all as they exemplify a model that perpetuates the promotion of mega-infrastructures built through public-private partnerships that lead to serious environmental and social impacts, even outside European borders - with ODG presenting what does it mean for Chile, in terms of social, economic and environmental impacts, to have been appointed as a priority country for hydrogen export to Europe. The panellists came from ReCommon, ODG and Zero NGO. The second part of the webinar was dedicated to answering and debating 15 questions/observations presented by the participants.

The second webinar was attended by 38 participants (14 women, 24 men) from 10 EU countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Spain). The webinar recording was published on ReCommon's youtube channel in 3 versions collecting a total of 80 visualizations by 27/10/2023.

The third webinar “**HydrogenEU: how the EU finances hydrogen**” was held on 24 October 2023, via zoom and an Italian-Spanish-English simultaneous translation was provided. The aim of the webinar was to look at the financial mechanisms and instruments the EU and its bodies (such as the European Investment Bank) are ensuring regulatory and financial support to hydrogen projects, inside and outside Europe. During the webinar, Counter Balance described the role of hydrogen in the Global Gateway initiative and in the new EIB energy investment policy; a political ecologist and researcher from the University of Amburgh presented a study on South Africa's hydrogen transition, showing the existence of competing strategies between green extractivism and energy justice. Last, a member of the Chilean NGO Sustentarse presented the role of EU financial instruments in Chile's hydrogen promotion, showing the impacts of these policies. The second part of the webinar was dedicated to answering and debating 14, between questions and observations, presented by the participants.

The third webinar was attended by 58 participants (28 women, 22 men, 8 rather not say) from 14 EU countries (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden).

The webinar series saw the participation of people from outside EU countries (27 participants from Andorra, Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, United Kingdom, Namibia, Serbia, South Africa, Togo) that have not been counted in the total of participants and countries reported.

In total, 1 female moderator, 4 female and 6 male speakers were present at the three webinars.

During the webinars, the participants actively participated in the discussion, presenting reflections and questions to the speakers. After each webinar, the speakers' presentations were sent to the participants ([14.09.2023 I webinar presentations](#), [28.09.2023 II webinar presentations](#), [24.10.2023 III webinar presentations](#)) along with the recorded webinars (also available on ReCommon's YouTube channel).

Following the webinars, the participants were asked to fill the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. 19 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 4.47), increased awareness (with average rating of 4.47) and increased knowledge (with average rating of 4.26). The format and content of the event was also rated high with the average of 4.21.

The lowest rating was at the question of increased skills (3.32) and increased cooperation (3.32). Regarding the question of gender equality, 94% of the participants gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that the organisers took action to promote gender equality and ensure equal opportunities. 94% of the participants also marked that their perception of the topic changed and 100% declared that they will be likely to react differently from now on when confronted to the topic.

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