

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081558] - [Xarxa de l'Observatori del Deute en la Globalització] ([ODG])
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Project name and acronym:	[Citizens'Observatory For Green Deal Financing] — [Citizens4EGDFunding]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	2 (D2.1 and D2.2)
Event name:	Two Green Deal events for activists, citizens and media in Spain, with focus on EP elections in second one
Type:	Seminars, conference, cineforum
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Spain, Barcelona and Olot
Date(s):	<p><u>First event:</u></p> <p><b>Public discussion:</b> 12 November 2022</p> <p><b>Seminar:</b> 10 June 2023</p> <p><u>Second event:</u> 19/09/2023; 12/12/2023; 16/12/2023; 05/02/2024; 20/02/2024</p>
Website(s) (if any):	<p><u>Activities of the first event:</u></p> <p><b>Public discussion   Collapse is not apocalypse (12/11/2022)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link to the webpage of the event: <a href="https://odg.cat/en/blog/collapse-is-not-apocalypse-with-carlos-taibo/">https://odg.cat/en/blog/collapse-is-not-apocalypse-with-carlos-taibo/</a></li> <li>- Link to the recorded talk with 2.732 views on YouTube: <a href="https://youtu.be/P-aR1Nh4ENM">https://youtu.be/P-aR1Nh4ENM</a></li> <li>- Article on the project landing page (Bankwatch website): <a href="https://bankwatch.org/event/public-discussion-collapse-is-not-apocalypse">https://bankwatch.org/event/public-discussion-collapse-is-not-apocalypse</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Seminar   Debt: Old wine in a new bottle (10/06/2023)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link to the webpage of the event: <a href="https://odg.cat/en/blog/seminar-debt-old-wine-in-a-new-bottle/">https://odg.cat/en/blog/seminar-debt-old-wine-in-a-new-bottle/</a></li> <li>- Link to an opinion article in Catalan related to the seminar contents: <a href="#">La nova austeritat (verda) que vindrà</a> – 07/06/2023</li> <li>- Link to the promoting video of the seminar in Catalan: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsqMOIALEIX/?igshid=ZmZiYTY5ZDNhOA">https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsqMOIALEIX/?igshid=ZmZiYTY5ZDNhOA</a></li> <li>- Link to a podcast related to the seminar contents: <a href="#">Everyday</a>.</li> </ul>

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- Article on the project landing page (Bankwatch website): <https://bankwatch.org/event/debt-let-s-organise-against-a-new-wave-of-green-colored-austerity>
- Links to the recorded talks on YouTube:
  - [Austerity 2.0: the green bailout of capitalism](#)
  - [Links between the climate emergency, debt and the green recovery](#)
  - [Invisible connections, ordinary, gender and colonial debts](#)
  - [Cooking dignity, connecting struggles. A talk with activists for climate, life and land](#)

**Activities of the second event:**

- 1. International conference on H2Med in Barcelona (19/09/2023)**
  - Link to the webpage of the event: <https://odg.cat/en/blog/conference-about-h2med-in-barcelona/>
  - Article on the project landing page: <https://bankwatch.org/event/conference-about-h2med-in-barcelona>
  - Link to a letter to Europe around the H2Med: [H2Med will not solve the energy crisis](#)
- 2. A conversation between the mine and the factory (12/12/2023)**
  - Link to the webpage of the event: <https://odg.cat/en/blog/seminar-debt-old-wine-in-a-new-bottle/>
  - Article on the project landing page: <https://bankwatch.org/event/a-conversation-between-the-mine-and-the-factory-alternatives-to-the-extractive-model-of-the-green-transition>
  - Link to the recorded talk on YouTube: [Diálogos entre la mina y la fábrica](#), 96 views
- 3. Cineforum I The hidden costs of the transition (16/12/2023)**
  - Link to the webpage of the event: <https://odg.cat/activitat/cineforum-el-cost-amagat-a-olot/>
  - Article on the project landing page: <https://bankwatch.org/event/cineforum-i-the-hidden-costs-of-the-transition>
- 4. #Debate ODG I Austerity, defense and green extractivism (05/02/2024)**
  - Link to the webpage of the event: <https://odg.cat/en/activitat/debates-odg-i-austerity-defence-and-green-extractivism/>
  - Article on the project landing page: <https://bankwatch.org/event/what-lies-behind-the-reform-of-the-european-union-s-fiscal-framework>
- 5. Talk | Ecofeminist degrowth or imposed austerity? (20/02/2024)**
  - Link to the webpage of the event: <https://odg.cat/en/blog/talk-ecofeminist-degrowth-or-imposed-austerity/>
  - Article on the project landing page: <https://bankwatch.org/event/ecofeminist-degrowth-or-imposed-austerity>

	<p>- Link to the recorded talk on YouTube:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=k0ps17QsOxhkC8Kk&amp;v=lwzfaxwZu-M&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=k0ps17QsOxhkC8Kk&amp;v=lwzfaxwZu-M&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>, 175 views</p> <p>Election compass on the ODG website: <a href="https://odg.cat/publicacio/que-hi-ha-en-joc-a-les-properes-eleccions-europees/">https://odg.cat/publicacio/que-hi-ha-en-joc-a-les-properes-eleccions-europees/</a></p> <p>Translated version of the manifesto on the future of EU public finances: <a href="https://bankwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024_03_Manifesto-on-the-future-of-EU-public-finances_Catalan.pdf">https://bankwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024_03_Manifesto-on-the-future-of-EU-public-finances_Catalan.pdf</a></p>		
<b>Participants</b>			
EU Female:	167		
EU Male:	137		
EU Non-binary:	6		
EU Prefer not to answer:	30		
From country 1 [Belgium]:	1		
From country 2 [Croatia]:	1		
From country 3 [France]:	2		
From country 4 [Germany]:	3		
From country 5 [Italy]:	1		
From country 6 [Portugal]:	1		
From country 7 [Spain]:	327		
From country 8 [Sweden]:	1		
From country 9 [The Netherlands]:	3		
From other non-EU countries [Chile, China, Peru, Puerto Rico, Tunis, United Kingdom]:	8		
Total number of participants from EU countries:	340	From total number of EU countries:	9
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<b><u>Activities of the first event:</u></b>			
<b>Public discussion ‘Collapse is not apocalypse’, 12 November 2022, Barcelona (Spain)</b>			
ODG organised a series of talks and sessions in connection with a reading group of the book ‘Collapse. Terminal capitalism, ecosocial transition and ecofascism’ by Carlos Taibo. In a context of intersecting crises in which transitions based on the energy, technology and digital and transport sectors are mostly being unfolded by institutions and corporations, the aim of the discussions was to address the different dimensions of collapse, from the analysis of the concept, to coping strategies and technical evidence, to a more emotional part of how we deal with its consequences. The specific			

aim of the talk was to open a dialogue to address the current evidence of the collapse we are already experiencing and the paths towards a just transition in a sufficiency scenario.

The participants expressed that the reading group was useful to carry out an exercise of collective reflection, listening and debate on desirable proposals in a context of intersecting crises. The event provided a good opportunity for members of the reading group to meet the author of the book 'Collapse. Terminal capitalism, ecosocial transition and ecofascism' and discuss its main arguments.

A total amount of 134 people participated in the event (77 male, 44 female and 13 people who didn't want to indicate their gender). The participants were mostly from the Catalonia region in Spain but also from other non-EU countries (who are not reported for this deliverable). The event was promoted on [Twitter](#).

The session took place on a day of international climate mobilisation and ended with a joint action uniting different entities and civil society activists.

The talk was [recorded](#) and uploaded to YouTube, where it has accumulated 2730 views since November.

### **Seminar 'Debt: Old wine in a new bottle: Let's organize against a new wave of green-tinged austerity', 10 June 2023, Barcelona (Spain)**

On 10 June, the Debt Observatory in Globalization held a meeting between international networks and activists from different fields to discuss the relationship between nodebt and the current moment, the different struggles and how it is present in our daily lives.

Specifically, the following issues were discussed: the global debt situation and how the new recovery funds set up after the pandemic could possibly generate a new austerity scenario; the relationship between climate emergency and the process of indebtedness; the main consequences of the European green and digital transition and recovery; debt in everyday life and gender and colonial debts; and how debt can be related to the struggles for the climate and for the defence of life and territories.

The audience showed interest in the subject matter and specifically on the links between global debt and everyday debt. At the end of each session there was the possibility of dialogue between the participants (who were active in asking questions and making comments) and the panelists.

Simultaneous interpretation into Spanish and English was provided. The interpreters did a good job. Despite being subject-specific, they provided detailed and faithful translations for the different speakers.

A total amount of 68 people participated in the event (23 were male, 42 female, 1 non-binary and 2 people that didn't want to answer about their gender). The participants were mostly from Spain but also from Germany, Belgium, France, the Netherlands. There were also participants from outside the EU from Chile, Peru, Puerto Rico and Tunis.

The graphic report of the contents of the different round tables (in Catalan) can be found here:

- [Austerity 2.0: the green bailout of capitalism](#)
- [Links between the climate emergency, debt and the green recovery](#)
- [Invisible connections, ordinary, gender and colonial debts](#)

The round tables were also recorded and uploaded to YouTube:

- [Austerity 2.0: the green bailout of capitalism](#)
- [Links between the climate emergency, debt and the green recovery](#)
- [Invisible connections, ordinary, gender and colonial debts](#)
- [Cooking dignity, connecting struggles. A talk with activists for climate, life and land](#)

Unfortunately, ODG did not manage to share the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values with the participants of the events, so we cannot provide a summary of their feedback on these events.

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### **Activities of the second event:**

As part of the second round of events, ODG organized 5 activities between September 2023 and February 2024:

### 1. Conference about H2Med in Barcelona, 19 September 2023, Barcelona (Spain)

The Debt Observatory in Globalization (ODG) held an international meeting together with the Gas No es Solución network in connection with the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

There were two round tables (with the participation of different organizations such as Zero or Ecologistas en Acción) and one strategic meeting around the role of large gas and hydrogen transport infrastructures, especially focusing on the H2Med project, at that time, a possible candidate for the European funding – PCI List.

The invited panellists were from different EU countries (Spain, France and Portugal) and had different backgrounds such as civil society organizations, activists, research groups as well as an MEP.

20 people participated in total (8 male, 10 female and 2 people who preferred not to indicate their gender). The participants were mostly from Spain but also from France, Portugal and the Netherlands. Participation was not very high, but it was a session aimed more at people from civil society organizations, during working hours, with the idea also of being able to discuss strategies. The event was promoted on [Twitter](#) and also through Instagram, Telegram and emails.

As a result of networking derived from the engagement in the event, some days after the event several civil society organizations worked together to write a [letter](#) to the European Union to express serious concerns regarding the Union's first List of Projects of Common and Mutual Interest (PCI/PMI List) and the inclusion of certain hydrogen-related projects such as the H2Med. The letter was signed by a total of 66 organizations and groups, 14 policymakers and 4 political parties.

### 2. A conversation between the mine and the factory: alternatives to the extractive model of the green transition, 12 December 2023, Barcelona (Spain)

On 12 December 2023, the Debt Observatory in Globalization (ODG) held an international meeting altogether with a frontline defender in Colombia and Argentina, and workers of Collectivo Di Fabrica, from Florence (Italy).

The aim was to discuss the impacts of the green and digital transition, in particular with regard to lithium mining in the high Andean salt flats by a political ecology researcher and a water advocate. From the extraction area we moved on to the other side, industry. Thus, another objective was to talk about alternatives to extractivism through a truly green re-industrialisation, through a case study of an industrial reconversion initiative that emerged from the same workers and trade unions of a car parts factory based in Italy. The group was bought by a financial hedge fund in 2018 which led to the closure of parts of the factory, bringing redundancies. Through workers' organization, they are pushing for a reconversion of the factory to manufacture cargo-bikes to boost sustainable mobility in cities, and in turn, research around solar panels that need less critical raw materials.

All these questions were addressed during a dialogue between “the mine”, “the factory” and the public in a rich discussion. The public liked to see the link between the mine and the factory and expressed that during the open space for debate and also via the comments received through the EU Survey. The event was attended by 27 people of which 13 were female and 14 male. The participants were mostly from Spain but also from Italy. The event was promoted on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

The event was inspired by an ODG publication called “The mine, the factory and the store” that can be consulted [here](#).

The dialogues were recorded and uploaded to YouTube, reaching 96 views: [https://youtu.be/L3nFcpTNDwA?si=OM\\_IFIO3yjhFdLrA](https://youtu.be/L3nFcpTNDwA?si=OM_IFIO3yjhFdLrA)

### 3. Cineforum | ‘The hidden costs of the transition’, 16 December 2023, Olot (Spain)

On 16 December 2023, the Debt Observatory in Globalisation held a cineforum altogether with Resilience Earth and a waters and human rights defender in Colombia and Argentina.

The aim was to discuss the impacts of the green and digital transition, in particular with regard to lithium mining in the high Andean salt flats, by watching the documentary "The Hidden Cost". After a little introduction, the 30-minute documentary was shown.

In the context of approaching European elections, another objective was to think about political proposals more aligned with a truly just transition, which takes into account people and the planet as a whole.

24 people (15 female, 8 male and 1 non-binary person) living in Spain participated in the event. In the

dialogue with the public, interesting proposals for moving towards a just ecological transition emerged. Among the participants there were also political representatives of the region's town councils. The event was promoted on [Twitter](#) and through Instagram stories.

#### 4. #ODG Debates I Austerity, defence and green extractivism, 5 February 2024, Barcelona (Spain)

Spain closed the EU presidency with an agreement of the Council of Economic and Finance Ministers: the reform of EU fiscal rules.

In the context of approaching European elections, the Debt Observatory in Globalisation held on 5 February a debate around the reform of the European Union's fiscal framework that could undermine the investments for climate action while security and defence spending is increased and favoured. The impacts of increased military spending by member states, analysed by the Delás Centre, were discussed, as well as what is needed to achieve a truly green and just transition.

14 people living in Spain participated in the event (of which 11 were female and 3 male). Following questions from the audience, connections were also sought between the numbers related to arms spending and the more human side of the consequences of wars, such as suffering. The event was promoted on [Twitter](#) and on [Instagram](#).

#### 5. Talk | Ecofeminist degrowth or imposed austerity?, 20 February 2024, Barcelona (Spain)

On 20 February the Debt Observatory in Globalisation held a talk in Pati Llimona (Barcelona). Militaristic and securitarian tendencies and the bailout of transnational corporations through green capitalism are diverting public funds that could make an ecofeminist future possible.

In addition, technological innovation is seen as the solution for the climate emergency, without taking into account basic questions asked by feminists such as "which are the jobs and sectors socially necessary to sustain life on Earth?". Any institution doing public investments in the name of the eco-social transition should consider this question.

In this context and with elections in the European Parliament approaching, the multiple crisis (ecological, care, debt, etc.) were analysed from an ecofeminist standpoint, in order to shed light on invisible debts, and also alternatives were discussed. Specifically, degrowth-ecofeminist proposals were tackled, which aimed at bringing together feminist contributions to transform the current care system and reassess essential jobs, the defence of degrowth as a fair and necessary way out to make the responsible for the crisis accountable and, at the same time, respect planetary boundaries.

61 people participated in the event (of which 57 were living in the EU, 35 being female, 5 male, 4 non-binary and 13 people who preferred not to answer about their gender). The dialogue fed interesting reflections and questions from the audience. The event was promoted on [Twitter](#) and on [Instagram](#).

The session was recorded and uploaded to YouTube, reaching 177 views: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwzfaxwZu-M>

#### Evaluation summary:

After each session of the second national event, the participants were asked through an email to fill in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. In total, 26 people filled in the EU Survey, representing an 18.30% of all the people who attended the 5 sessions. The overall assessment of all the 5 events was 4.27, with the *Conference about H2Med* receiving 4.26 out of 5, the *Conversation between the mine and the factory* 4.15, the *Cineforum "The hidden costs of the transition"* 4.7, the *ODG Debate "Austerity, defence and green extractivism"* 4.1 and the *Ecofeminist degrowth or imposed austerity talk* 4.13 out of 5.

When having a look at the quantitative questions of the EU Survey (with rating 1-5):

- the ones receiving less score in the *Conference about the H2Med* were related to the increased awareness, increased skills and the relevance of the topics to their practice (all of them rating 4). Although the score is rather high, we think that an important part of the public was coming from civil society organizations hence was an aware public. On the other hand, the quantitative question that received the highest score was the one on increased

knowledge with 4.66 out of 5.

- the ones receiving less score in the *Conversation between the mine and the factory* were related to the increased skills, rating 3.16. out of 5. That score makes sense given that the session was more of a lecture than a workshop and audience participation was mainly as listeners who could ask questions. On the other hand, the quantitative questions receiving the highest scores, a 5 for all of them, were the one on the overall assessment of the event, increased awareness and the adequacy of the length of the event and the preliminary information provided around the content of the event.
- the ones receiving less score in the *Cineforum "The hidden costs of the transition"* were related to the increased skills, rating 4.25 out of 5. As mentioned before, that score makes sense given that the session was more of a debate rather than a workshop and audience participation was mainly as spectators who could provide input through interventions and questions. On the other hand, the quantitative question receiving the highest score, a 5 was the one on the methodology. Therefore, we can assume that seeing the documentary and being able to directly listen the voices of the people that are being affected by the green and digital transition, and then having a space for discussion, was a good way to fuel reflections.
- the ones receiving less score in the *ODG Debate: Austerity, defence and green extractivism* were related to the increased skills, rating 3 out of 5 and increased cooperation, rating 3.75 out of 5. Although there was an open debate with the public, the format was not meant to promote cooperation or increase skills. On the other hand, the quantitative questions receiving the highest score, were the one on the length of the event, rating a 4.75 and the adequacy of the venue, receiving 4.5 points. This session was the one receiving the lowest rating and also the one that attracted less people. It was also the one with content that may seem heavier for the general public.
- the ones receiving less score in the *Ecofeminist degrowth or imposed austerity?* talk were related to the increased cooperation, rating 3.33 out of 5 and to the increased skills, rating 3.44 out of 5. In line with the above, the session had a talk format with an open space for questions and reflections from the audience. Therefore, the interaction was mainly between the speakers and the audience and not so much between the speakers, meaning that there was not much space dedicated to work on increasing cooperation or skills. On the other hand, the quantitative questions receiving the highest scores rating 4.78 were the ones on increased awareness and the adequacy of the venue. Therefore, we can assume that the contents were new and interesting for some participants.

In general, the evaluations have been good. Nevertheless, the increased skills have been rated the least well so maybe it would have been good to combine different formats including some workshops and also sessions that involved more interaction to increase cooperation and not only talks.

When it comes to the qualitative questions, the respondents generally considered that their perception of the topic did change to some extent in all the sessions, and that to some extent they would react differently when confronted to the topic. Moreover, in general the respondents affirmed that to some extent they would be using what they learned in their everyday life/work. Also, people answering the questions considered the organisers were taking into account gender perspective, taking into account differences in situations and needs of different genders, making sure the participant group was diverse, thinking about a time schedule that was flexible enough to allow access, using visual materials avoiding reinforcing gender stereotypes or making sure the trainers team was diverse and gender balanced.

#### Materials targeting EP elections:

Finally, throughout the different sessions ODG - either as part of the Citizens' Observatory for Green Deal Financing project or together with the other colleagues outside the scope of the project - has been working on proposals for transitions on an ongoing basis, which could be taken into consideration in the run-up to the European elections planned for June 2024. Some of the products related to advocacy for the European elections within the Citizens' Observatory for Green Deal Financing project are:

- The [election compass](#) *What is at stake in the European elections?*, which analyses some of the trends that have taken centre stage within the European Union and which, in our view, should be reviewed in order to make real progress towards peace and an eco-social transition with global and gender justice. In the framework of the two-day summit of the

European Council on 21-22 March 2024, the election compass was published on [ODG's](#) and the [project](#) websites, as well as disseminated via [Twitter](#).

- [Translation](#) of the [Coalition's manifesto on the future of EU public finances](#), which was added to the election compass ODG's [web entry](#) and also published on the project [website](#), apart from being disseminated via [Twitter](#).

ODG's efforts around EP elections outside the scope of the project:

- Support for the [campaign](#) launched by different civil society organisations in Spain during the Spanish presidency of the Council of the EU in favour of a Europe of social justice and peace, including:
  - writing an [article](#) on the reform of the European fiscal framework that was published in the daily newspaper Público,
  - in the framework of the Granada Social Summit, participating in the [round table](#) Resistances to the Europe of the S.A.: corporate power, ecological transition and colonialism,
  - sending a [letter](#) to Pedro Sánchez on EU Economic Governance in view of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) meeting on 28 November and 8 December 2023, that was [answered](#).
- The [letter](#) to the European Union coming out from the Internacional Conference around the H2Med some days after the event which took place on 19 September 2023, to express serious concerns regarding the Union's first List of Projects of Common and Mutual Interest (PCI/PMI List) and the inclusion of certain hydrogen-related projects such as the H2Med. The letter was signed by a total of 66 organizations and groups, 14 policymakers and 4 political parties. Despite the efforts, on 12 March, the 6th PCI list was officially adopted in the European Parliament, after the MEPs rejected an objection to the list. The list contains, amongst others, 68 large hydrogen projects designed to transport fossil-based hydrogen and 2 fossil gas pipelines like EastMed and Melita TransGas pipeline.

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