



Real Deal Summit in Budapest, 19-21 June 2024

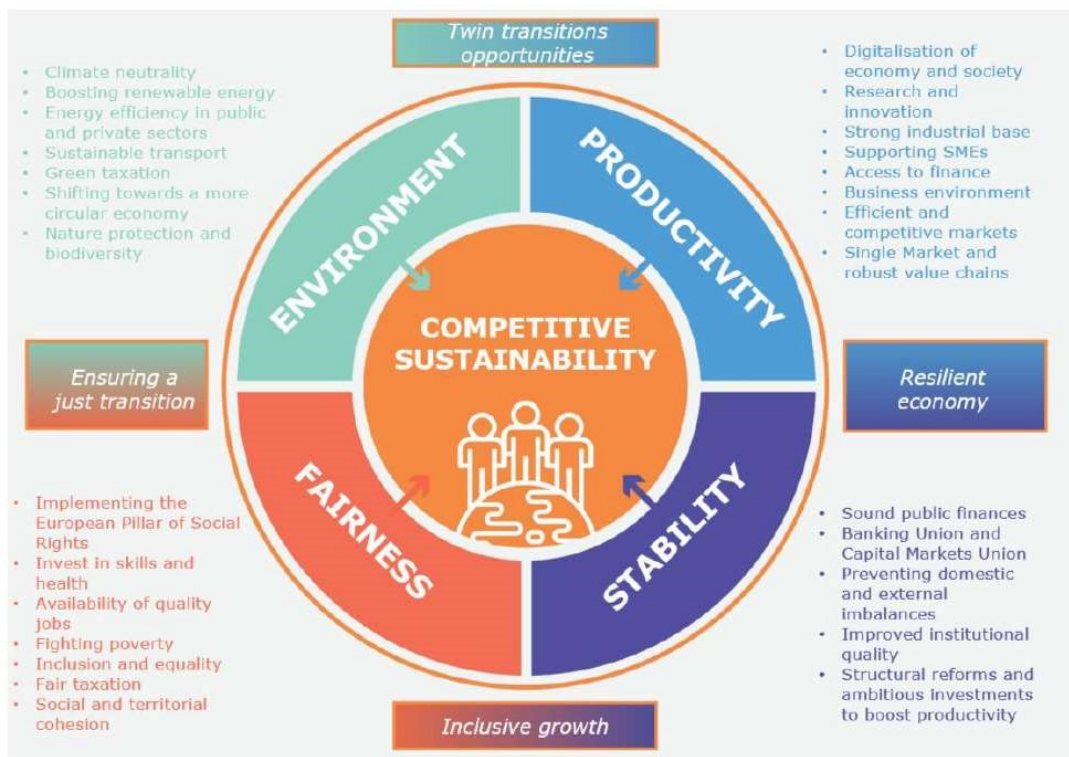
3.4.2 European Semester

Test cases in **Italy** and **Denmark** for
Citizens Assemblies on the **European Semester** process



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What is the European semester?

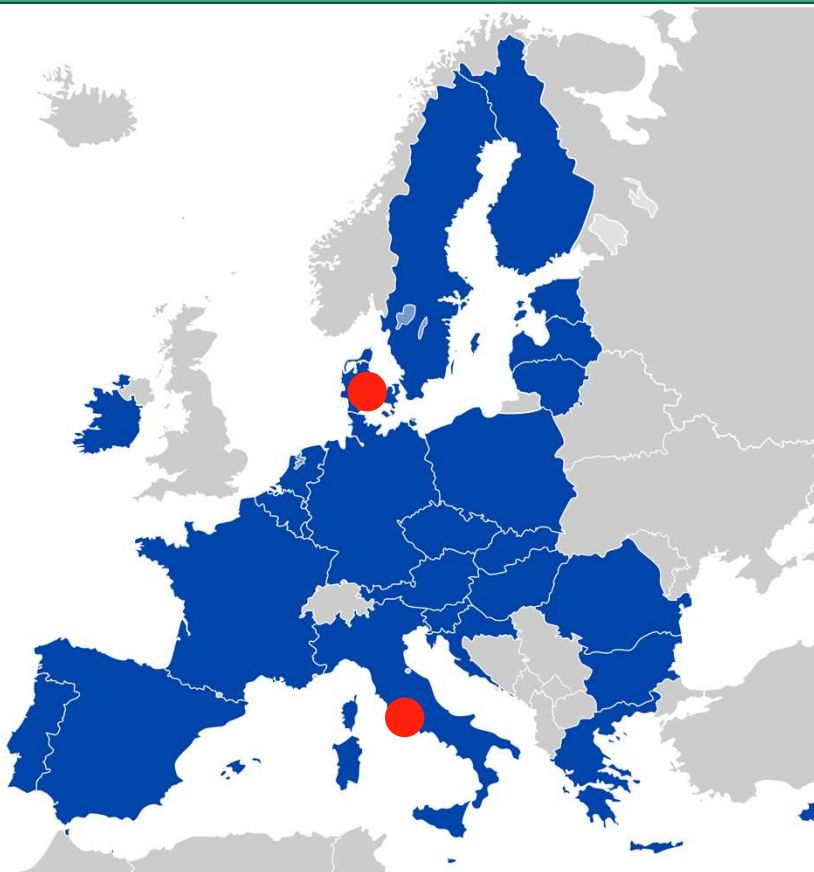


- The European Semester is a **framework for coordinating and monitoring** economic and employment policies across the EU. On a common annual cycle, it express general and country specific recommendations
- Since 2020 it includes national assessment on the implementation of the **UN 2030 agenda**, the **EU pillar of social rights** and the **European Green Deal**.
- In 2021 it has been extended to evaluate also the **Recovery and Resilience Facility**



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Citizens assemblies in Denmark and Italy



- December 14-15, 2023 - Copenhagen, Danish citizens assembly
- April 18, 2024 - Online, Italian citizens assembly
- May 7, 2024 - Rome, Joint Danish/Italian citizens assembly

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The process steps



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Recruitment process

Denmark

- The aim of the Policy Lab was to **recruit 50 participants**:
 - a) invitations extended to a **wide spectrum of CSOs to broaden the understanding of the Semester**
 - b) **citizen involvement: an open registration framework was adopted**

Italy

- **Italy opted for an online assembly** to allow people from different regions to participate on an equal footing, **aiming at the recruitment of 100 participants**,
- **A call to action open to all Italian citizens - diffused through social media was launched - 50 thousand people were reached, with 4.8 thousand clicks on the in-depth link - 125 respondent to the call**

Joint DK/IT

- **Two selected groups** of citizen from previous C.A. where selected (6 from DK, 5 from IT), for an in presence C.A. in Rome




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Italy - Assembly participation

Dati dei partecipanti

A fronte delle 125 candidature raccolte, i partecipanti **effettivamente presenti all'Assemblea Deliberativa del 18 aprile** sono stati **63**:

GENERE		<div>63 Partecipanti</div> <div></div>	ETÀ				
Uomo	Donna		18-29 anni	30-44 anni	45-64 anni	Over 65 anni	
25 (40%)	38 (60%)		6 (10%)	21 (33%)	30 (48%)	6 (10%)	
ISTRUZIONE							
Istruzione di primo grado	Istruzione di secondo grado	Laurea triennale	Laurea specialistica	Master	Dottorato di ricerca		
0 (0%)	7 (11%)	7 (11%)	26 (41%)	15 (24%)	8 (13%)		
PROFESSIONE							
Operaio	Impiegato	Manager/ Quadro	Dirigente	Libero professionista	Studente	Pensionato	Disoccupato
0 (0%)	24 (38%)	12 (19%)	1 (2%)	15 (24%)	5 (8%)	5 (8%)	1 (2%)

Distribuzione geografica dei partecipanti



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Knowledge input

Denmark

- **Online sessions previous to the assembly: three training sessions** was conducted for participants to ensure effective engagement and dialogue.

Italy

- A “welcome kit” was sent to all participants (a short summary, a video-course on SDGs, reports on SDGs in EU and Italy including statistics) - a webinar presenting the summary was held giving wide possibility of debate and sharing ideas

Joint DK/IT

- **Recommendation voted in the previous DK/IT assemblies** where presented at the beginning of the session as a basic knowledge input



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Assemblies process

Denmark

- An expert NGO was engaged,
- **Conference day 1, Development of the Shared Vision:** build relations between the participants and develop and agree on a shared vision. Development of themes and vision
- **Conference Day 2: Development of the policy recommendations** - citizens were **split in thematic groups** to formulate proposals than **voted for the majority in a plenary session.**

Italy

- An expert consultant was engaged,
- After a plenary session recalling the main topics and explaining the process, **citizens were split in thematic groups**, (each one assisted with an expert and a moderator) to formulate proposals than **voted for the majority in a plenary session.**

Joint DK/IT

- Built on previous experience, **the leading moderator task was assumed by Nyt**
- Citizens were **split in thematic groups** (mixed DK/IT) at first round discussing **common proposal on EU Semester** and at second round on **how to improve participation** and citizens deliberative process in the EU, at the end **voted for the majority in a plenary session.**



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Some key findings



- **Interested citizens can effectively contribute** with policy input to complex policy processes like the European Semester through deliberative methods
- Danish and Italian CSOs and citizens will require **resources and competency-building** for facilitating deliberation and to **become more confident** with the policy development.
- CSOs and citizens involvement in shaping policies related to the EU Semester process require **more knowledge** on economics and a **system thinking** approach on linking economics with environmental and social issues - this require also a **democratization of the economy**.
- **DK main reflection:** interest is there but not prioritized by NGO's (not seeing value?)
- **IT main reflection:** some citizens are genuinely interested in participating, but **they worry that their ideas will do naught to change or influence policy decision-making**



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Thank you for your attention!

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