



One year and a half after the Recovery and Resilience Facility entered into force it is good to take a moment to assess **the impact that National Recovery and Resilience Plans are having and can have on inequalities and welfare policies** across Europe.

- Did EU member states take advantage of this opportunity to **steer the socio-economic development** in their country towards **more equality** and opportunities for all?
- Has the **care sector**, largely affected by the pandemic, been restructured and refinanced?
- Is the **digital investment** used to expand access to health and education?
- To what extent are the NRRPs investing in future generations by promoting **early childhood education and care**?

These are some of the questions that this Recovery Watch conference will be addressing.

The **Recovery Watch** is a research project led by FEPS, the *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* (FES) and the *Institut Emile Vandervelde* (IEV), in collaboration with several research organisations.

The event consists of two moments:

Thursday, September 29, from 16:00 to 18:30 – A public conference with, among others, **Mariana Vieira da Silva**, Minister of the Presidency, in charge of the Portuguese NRRP; **Thomas Dermine**, Belgian State Secretary for Economic Recovery & Strategic Investment; **Mario Nava**, Director-General of the DG for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) at the European Commission, and **Fabrizio Barca**, Coordinator of Forum Disuguaglianze e Diversità and former Italian Minister for Territorial Cohesion.

You can register here to [attend remotely](#), or [in person at FEPS Office](#).

Friday, September 30, from 9:30 to 13:00 – A closed-door exchange among national experts from the network of organisations providing knowledge and expertise to the Recovery Watch. It includes OFCE Sciences Po, CEPS, the EUI, Wiiw, Forum Disuguaglianze e Diversità, ELIAMEP, the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies, Colabor, IstroAnalytica, TASC, Vision and the Zoe Institute for future-fit economies. It will be the occasion to provide feedback on the ongoing research.

Should you wish to take part in the roundtables, please email euleane.omez@feeps-europe.eu.

The full program is available at: www.feeps-europe.eu/event/recovery-watch/

RECOVERY WATCH

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Public Conference

Thursday 29th September 2022

16:00 - 18:30

FEPS Office
Avenue des Arts, 46 – 5th floor
Brussels, 1000

Agenda

15:45 – 16:00

Welcome coffee

16:00 – 16:15

Introductory Remarks

Anne Lambelin, IEV Political Advisor & Vice President of the Belgian Socialist Party

Maria João Rodrigues, FEPS President

16:15 – 17:15

Implementing a Progressive Recovery Strategy: Sustainability & Equality

- **Mariana Vieira da Silva**, Minister of the Presidency, Portugal
- **Thomas Dermine**, State Secretary for Economic Recovery & Strategic Investment, Belgium
- **Mario Nava**, Director-General, DG REFORM, European Commission

Moderation: **Shona Murray**, Europe Correspondent, EuroNews

Questions from the audience

17:15 – 18:15

Responding to the Care Crisis – Welfare Measures in the NRRPs

Presentations by:

- **CARE POLICY / Laetitia Thissen**, FEPS Policy Analyst for Gender Equality
- **CHILD POLICY / Francesco Corti**, CEPS Associate Researcher & Member of Cabinet for the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister Vandenbroucke
- **DIGITAL POLICY / Francesco Grillo**, Associate Professor, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa & Managing Director, VISION & VALUE

Moderation: **Stephan Thalhofer**, Policy officer, FES Brussels

Questions from the audience

18:15 – 18:30

Pills of Hope - Concluding Remarks & Priorities for Political Action

Fabrizio Barca, Coordinator, Forum Disuguaglianze e Diversità and former Minister of Territorial Cohesion, Italy

18:30 – 19:00

Networking Drinks

Expert Meeting

Friday 30th September 2022

09:30 - 12:45

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Participants and researchers are expected to benefit from discussing their research projects' overlaps and sharing insights on different national measures. The event offers the occasion to discuss the upcoming policy studies that are part of the project; this should enable the authors better to identify data sources, methods, and recommendations thanks to the collective intelligence of experts.

Remote participation will be possible but physical presence is encouraged. FEPS will cover the participation of up to 2 participants per knowledge partner. Logistical information is available on page 3.
The meeting will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

09:15 – 09:30 **Welcome coffee**

09:30 – 09:40 **Introductory Remarks**
David Rinaldi, FEPS Director of Studies & Policy

09:40– 10:50 **Breakout Session 1 by Focus Area**
Participants can select which discussion to join.

Climate Action – Green Structural Change	Feminist Recovery – Equality as Smart Economy
Presentation by Christiny Miller , Junior Policy Consultant Zoe Institute for Future-fit Economy Inputs by Sotiria Theodoropoulou (author of ETUI Working Paper “ Balancing objectives? Just transition in national recovery and resilience plans ”) Moderation: Andreas Dimmelmeier , FEPS	Presentation by Azzurra Rinaldi , Senior Researcher, Sapienza University of Rome and Hélène Périvier Economist, OFCE and Maxime Forest , Research Associate, OFCE Tbc Moderation: Laetitia Thissen , FEPS

10:50 – 11:0 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:10 **Focus Area Breakout Session 2**
Participants can select which discussion to join

Digital Investment – Skills for the transition	EU Governance – Place-based Approach
Presentation by Manos Matsaganis , Head of the Greek and European Economy Observatory, ELIAMEP and Professor, Politecnico di Milano Tbc Moderation: Justin Nogarede , FEPS	Presentation by Forum Disuguaglianze e Diversità Inputs on draft by Alessandra Faggian , Director of Social Sciences, Gran Sasso Science Institute Inputs by Nicolas Brookes , Member of the Cabinet of the President of the European Committee of the Regions Moderation: Jonathan Zeitlin , ACES Univ. of Amsterdam

12:10 – 12:45 **Next Steps and Co-Decision on Joint Actions**
Led by: **David Rinaldi**, FEPS Director of Studies and Policy
Open exchange with all the contributors to the Recovery Watch

12:45 – 13:30 **Networking Lunch**