

3. National Recovery plans (NRRP)

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Participation, transparency and democratic inclusion

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covid situation - less actions/protests and more difficult to organise events; focus is more on the pandemic / people's health - from participatory point of view ● Relatively short time frame (less time to analyse plans etc) ● Good reforms in short timeframe; reforms instead of investments - huge difference ● Expectation were more ambitious than implementation (in some countries e.g. Bulgaria, it's BAU), public participation is lacking ● Not enough or no ideas for reforms, lack of strategic thinking (e.g. in Poland) - could be also opportunity ● concerns about the NRRP development and level of ambition with it from policy makers. In Bulgaria our policy landscape is quite marred with a lack of continuity, transparency and a lack of best practices examples. ● there is a lack of transparency and really a lack of awareness on ways to overcome barriers such as the financing opportunities for the RW which is very split and not too clear, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Official consultations; ● SEA process; ● Drafting shadow components of the RRP - template of a component; ● CSOs have many ideas for reforms, know how, and this could be used (practical tip: look at the template shared by Juraj) ● CSOs feeding information and ideas directly to DGs ● There are a lot of people and organisation out there at the municipal and local levels who are wanting to get actively involved ● high motivation at the local level, in terms of a green recovery improving peoples lives, but at the national level it starts to get very vague and seemingly unmotivated, and so awareness is hindered by this. Thus political will is quite complicated.

Sustainable reforms and solutions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exclusion of fossil gas, waste incineration;● Fast transition from coal to fossil gas and biomass in big not energy efficient systems;● SMEs and community projects have fewer resources to apply for support under RR plans, less lobbying power etc, compared to large industry projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Energy efficiency (EE) first principle – (Deep)Renovation wave; EE first in RES spending;● Transport – connected with other modalities● Alternative heat sources e.g. geothermal, district heating,

Useful resources:

- Bankwatch: <https://bankwatch.org/publication/see-no-evil>