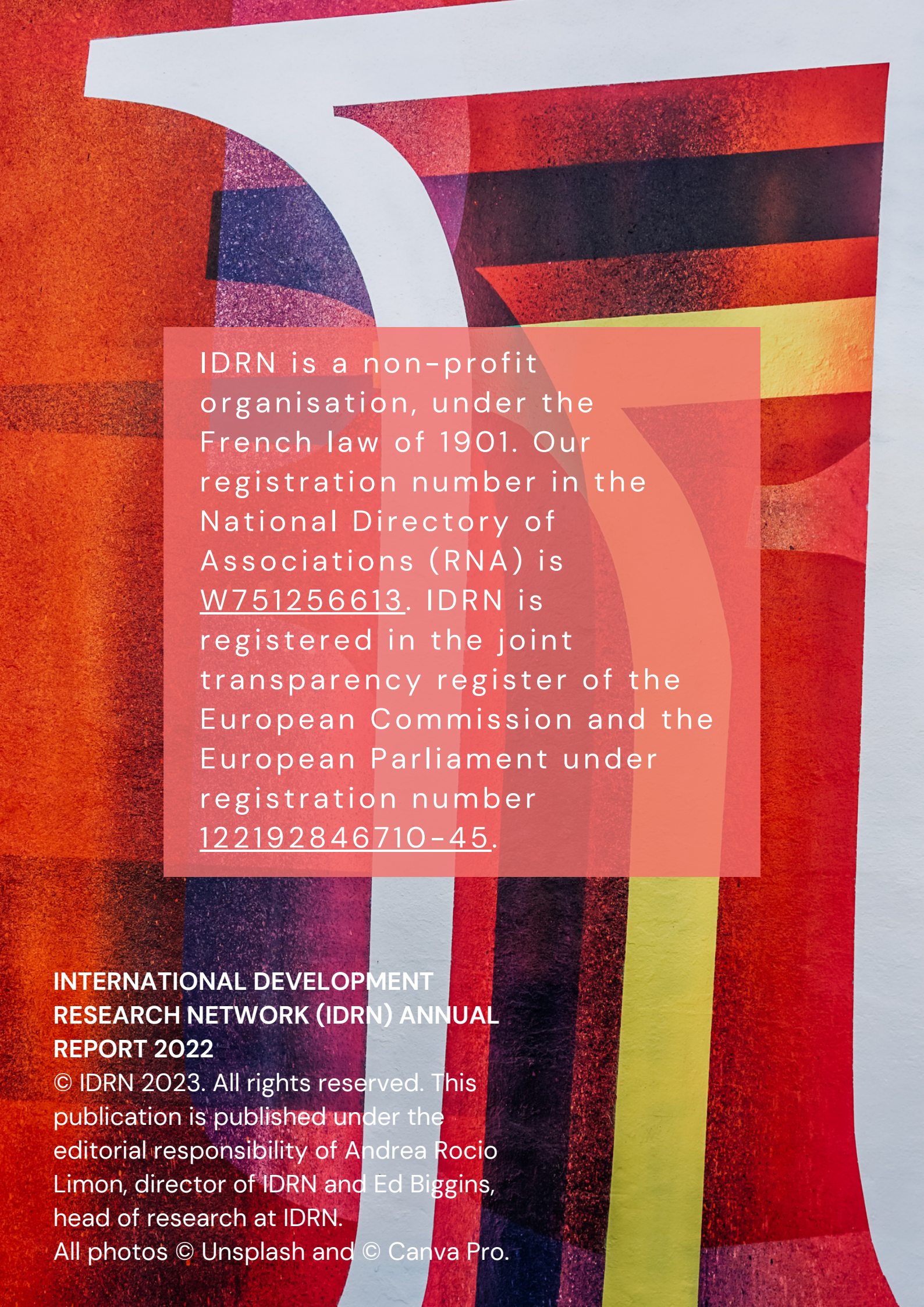




Annual Report 2022





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REPORT 2022**

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The Director's Perspective



2022 was a rollercoaster of a year for both the world of politics and IDRN. In February, the world watched as Russia invaded Ukraine, setting off a series of economic and diplomatic events. The outcomes of war on the European continent shifted the think tank's research agenda where topics such as strategic autonomy, energy efficiency and disinformation were at the forefront of our researcher's minds. Our researchers analysed events such as the EU's quick allocation of funds to aid the influx of Ukrainian refugees to overwhelmed bordering neighbours such as Poland; the much-anticipated abandonment of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and the suspected sabotage of Nord Stream 1 leading to its inoperability; the questioning of the EU's ability to protect its citizens and borders by propelling itself forward as a global security actor and prioritising a joint agenda; and reevaluating its energy security protocol and calling on solidarity from Member States.

IDRN was catapulted into action in 2022, where one single event set off a domino effect. In June, IDRN established its presence by participating and winning Foraus' Geneva Global Games under the green economy track. This accelerated our growth as a think tank as it enabled us to put a project that existed on paper into the workshops we have created today for local French youth.

The 'Mon Quartier, Mon Futur' project was inspired by the need to implement the shift from a linear economy to a circular one. To aid this transition, it is paramount that we empower the next generation. This must be a collaborative effort between citizens and businesses, an inclusive strategy where everyone can contribute to making the necessary changes to alter behaviors put in place by our destructive take-make-waste economic model of the past. We can and must inspire even the youngest citizen to secure a sustainable future. We kick off phase two of the workshops in February 2023 and we are excited to brainstorm and approach our local merchants and propose ways in which they can adopt circularity to their business models.

Today, I thank the IDRN team, without their hard work and dedication and the continued support of our readers, we would not be where we are today. I look forward to another year alongside this incredible group of researchers.




ANDREA ROCIO LIMON
DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT





Foreword from the Head of Research



The past twelve months have seen a great many changes, in national leaders, ways of working, the price of everyday goods, and political norms that many had taken to be givens on the European continent. We as a think tank have also seen changes and advancements too to mirror the evolving world surrounding us. Operationally, we honed and specialised our research agenda, by reducing from five to four themes to more accurately encapsulate the interests of our readers and writers. Research papers also saw a face-lift, with new graphics, design elements and glossaries, all with the goal of increasing our accessibility and inclusivity, and to broaden the appeal of all of our work and lower the barriers to entry. The website and think tank received new branding and colours, and our new palettes have helped to energise the work that we continue to do as major political events happen all around us.

We also saw a broadening of IDRN's output, with 2022 bearing witness to our first webinar of expert panellists run to a public audience, and a range of interesting and engaging workshops designed for and delivered to young adolescents in our local neighbourhood. These exciting developments, alongside new series starting and continuing in 2023 have shown what our non-profit is capable of, and the force for positive change that it can be and will continue to grow into.

None of what we do could be possible without our dedicated and passionate network of researchers, who continue to explore new ways to analyse the world and politics in Europe; who bring fresh, individual and unique perspectives to debates and articles; and who have continued to produce excellent content throughout a turbulent year. This report is a celebration of everything that we have achieved over the past 12 months, and so all that is left to say is thank you, to our readers and our fantastic IDRN team who work tirelessly to make this project a success.



ED BIGGINS
HEAD OF RESEARCH
& VICE PRESIDENT



An abstract painting with a textured surface. A large, bright yellow, irregular shape dominates the center. To its right is a vertical band of orange and red. Further right is a large area of blue and white, with some red and yellow accents. The bottom left corner features a dark red and black area. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing the text "THIS YEAR AT A GLANCE" in white, uppercase letters.

THIS YEAR AT
A GLANCE



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insights



eight
research
papers

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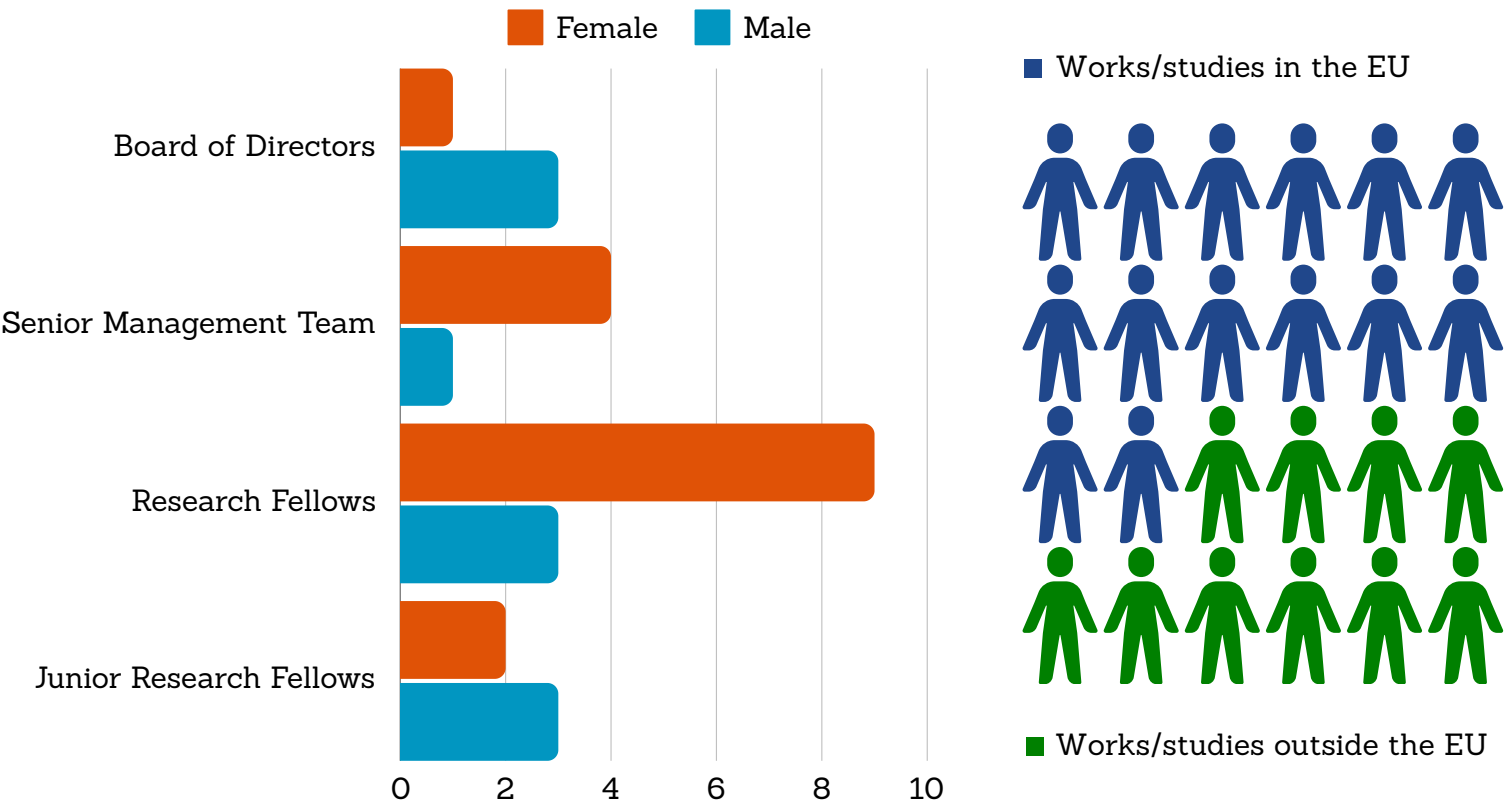
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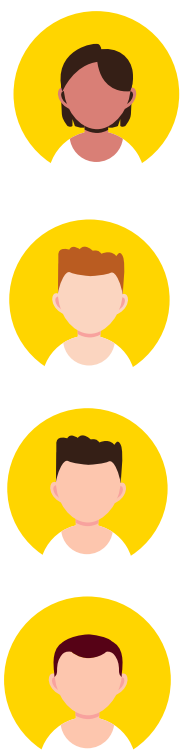
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MEET THE TEAM

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HEAD OF RESEARCH

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**JUNIOR RESEARCH
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JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW





An abstract painting with a dark, textured background. It features bold, expressive brushstrokes in shades of blue, red, and orange. The composition is dynamic, with a central figure that appears to be a person or a face, rendered in a stylized, almost sculptural manner. The colors are layered and blended, creating a sense of depth and movement.

MON QUARTIER, MON FUTUR

LA CIRCULITÉ AU NIVEAU LOCALE

My Neighbourhood, My Future
Circularity on a Local Level



Implementing the shift from a linear to a circular economy is imperative as the Circularity Gap Report revealed that between 2015, when the Paris Agreement was signed, and 2021, the amount of virgin material extracted from the Earth has exceeded more than 70% of the replenishable amount. A green economy aims to avoid exposing future generations to environmental risks and damage to the ecology by placing people and the environment at the center of its objectives. The transition to a circular economy requires research and development of sustainable technologies, innovations and solutions in the field of energy and consumption patterns. The green transition not only needs financial support from companies and governments, but also the support of citizens to inspire the ideas of the future and integrate these changes into everyday life.

The "Mon Quartier, Mon Futur: La Circularité au Niveau Locale" (My Neighbourhood, My Future: Circularity on a Local Level) project is a series of three workshops aimed at educating local youth in the 18th district of Northern Paris on the importance of a circular economy and how to adapt it to everyday life.



MON QUARTIER, MON FUTUR

REFUSER, RÉDUIRE, RÉUTILISER
(RÉPARER), RECYCLER ET RENDRE À LA
TERRE



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WORKSHOP 1 29 October 2022

5 R'S: REPAIRING, RECYCLING
REDUCING REUSING, AND
REFURBISHING

MAIN CONCEPTS:

- What is a circular economy?
- The linear economy vs. the circular economy
- Examples of ways to implement in every day life

MON QUARTIER, MON FUTUR

RÉDUIRE LE GASPILLAGE ALIMENTAIRE :
MANGER LOCALEMENT ET DE FAÇON
SAISONNIÈRE



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WORKSHOP 2 19 NOVEMBER 2022

DECREASING FOOD WASTE: EATING
LOCALLY AND SEASONALLY

MAIN CONCEPTS:

- The circular economy and food
- Circularity for food in cities
- What are short food supply chains?
- Community gardening in Paris

MON QUARTIER, MON FUTUR

PRIVILÉGIER LES TRANSPORTS EN
COMMUN ET LE RECONDITIONNEMENT
DES VÉLOS



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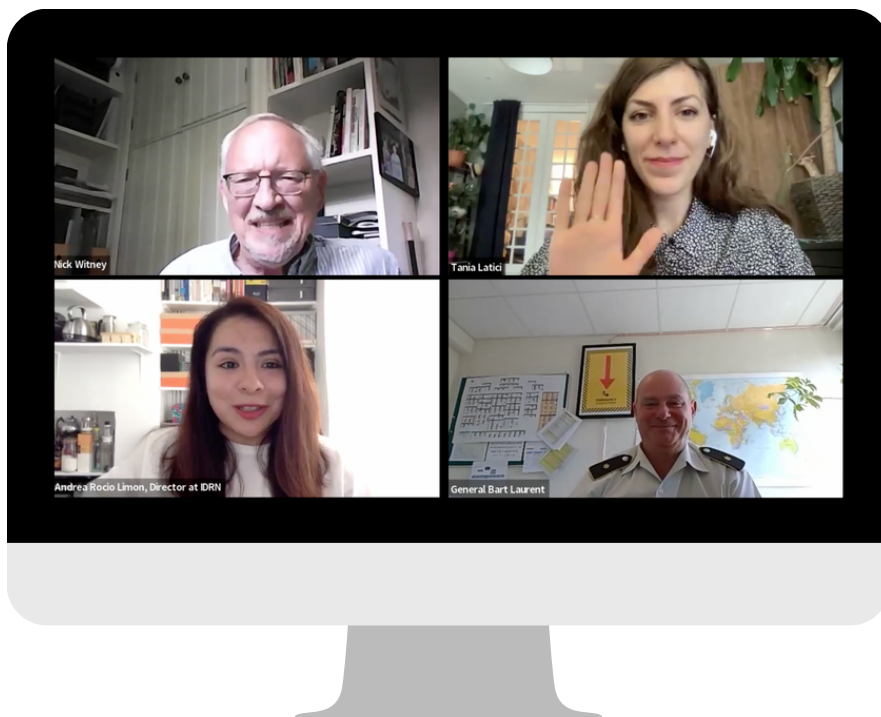
PRIORITISING PUBLIC TRANSPORT
AND RECONDITIONING BIKES


MAIN CONCEPTS:

- Importance of public transportation in reducing greenhouse gases
- Materials used in vehicle production (steel, aluminium, rubber, etc.) is carbon intensive
- Rethinking urban design – highlight changes already made in the neighbourhood

An abstract painting with a complex composition of bold, expressive brushstrokes. The color palette is dominated by deep blues, vibrant yellows, and rich reds, with some white and orange tones. The strokes are thick and layered, creating a sense of depth and movement. In the upper right, there's a horizontal band of yellow and white, possibly representing a sky or a distant horizon. Below this, a dark blue area suggests a body of water. The lower half of the image is a mix of red, orange, and yellow, with some darker blue and black lines intersecting. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and emotional intensity.

WEBINAR: RETHINKING THE EU AS A GLOBAL SECURITY ACTOR



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Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and ultimately the return of power politics, has demonstrated the need for a stronger and more capable European Union in the field of security and defence. The new EU Strategic Compass sets out an action plan for such an endeavour until 2030. Josep Borrell, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, has called it the "EU's geopolitical awakening".

However, integration in this domain is a theme that is both broad and complex. You can think about the EU as a global security actor in terms of its necessity: Why does the EU need to adopt a stronger security role? What are the possible responses on the global stage? Fostering EU integration in matters of security and defence has been omnipresent throughout the last decades, but is now the time to follow through with it?



Tania Latici



General Bart Laurent



Nick Witney

An abstract painting with a complex composition of bold colors and thick, expressive brushstrokes. The palette includes deep blues, vibrant yellows, fiery oranges, and rich reds, all layered together to create a sense of depth and movement. The texture of the paint is visible, adding to the visual richness. In the upper portion, there are hints of a landscape with a horizon line and some indistinct shapes that could be interpreted as buildings or trees. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and emotional intensity.

PARTNERS



Maison de la Vie Associative et Citoyenne* (MVAC) 18eme

The House of Associative and Citizen Life* are resource centers dedicated to the support and development of associative life and citizen participation in Paris.

The MVAC provides us with conference rooms where we host our circular economy workshops. They give us access to dissemination tools allowing us to reach our local community.



Scale360° Programme for Circular Innovation

Scale360° is a global partnership between key stakeholders in government, business and civil society to assess specific marketplace challenges in local economies and design relevant interventions that stimulate the circular economy innovation within cities, countries, and regions.

As leaders of the Paris Hub we work to build and scale solutions together with activities tailored to local needs. Advisory board members include government leaders, business executives, impact investors, and local experts who shape and scale the programme.



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RESEARCH PAPERS

THE ACCESSIBILITY OF CHILDCARE: A PUBLIC CONCERN

10 FEBURARY 2022



Sarah Hunter

- The EU is currently following a quality framework in regards to childcare, which was adopted in 2019. This framework aims to support member states in their efforts to improve access to and quality of their early childhood education and care systems.
- Nevertheless, many European countries have been able to treat childcare as a market commodity due to the failure to implement fee caps on care services for children.
- However, when the institution of care is seen as a public responsibility (state owned or subsidised to some extent, or paid through taxes) as opposed to a private matter (care provision is down to the individual and structures are privatised), European nation states are more economically stable and children are granted high levels of education or care.

WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN UNION TRYING TO ACHIEVE WITH STRATEGIC AUTONOMY AND IS IT FEASIBLE?

24 FEBRUARY 2022



Lena Raballand

- With tensions and risk of armed conflict growing day by day between Russia and the West, it's well time for the European Union to establish how it would defend its territory and citizens in an eventual armed conflict.
- At the core, strategic autonomy is a common security and defence policy to ensure the security of European citizens and contribute to the stability of the European neighbourhood and the world in general. The EU wants to achieve this through little reliance on its, mostly trans-Atlantic, partners.
- Ultimately, the project is feasible but will be difficult. There has been a successful start to European cooperation in the military, cyber, and raw material sector through different projects, but the EU will have to contend with six EU Member States identifying as neutral or non-aligned.

THE KREMLIN, 'KERNENERGIE', AND THE INVASION OF KYIV

10 MARCH 2022



Andrea Rocio Limon

- This is a revisit of Gazprom, Eastern Europe and the Energy Security Crisis research paper written in November 2020 analysing the political uncertainty and warning of a potential security crisis, seen today in light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, due to the progression of Nord Stream Pipeline 2 and the involvement of Russian state-owned company, Gazprom.
- An analysis of German environmental policy and the historical underpinnings that made them dependent on Russian fossil fuels. Contrary to France's quest for energy independence via nuclear energy and support for its research and development.
- On 8 March, the European Commission outlined its proposed action plan to make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels. REPowerEU aims to reduce the demand for Russian imports and calls for a swift energy transition towards other energy sources and energy efficiency.

THE DETRIMENTS OF DISINFORMATION: IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

01 APRIL 2022



Alani Sweezy

- Amid the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine war, Western countries have become increasingly concerned with the spread of disinformation by Russian intelligence agents to citizens in the West.
- Researchers describe disinformation as the dissemination of intentionally false or deceptive communication used to advance the aims of its creators at the expense of others.
- International political elites in the last decade have investigated and recognised that disinformation can have serious negative consequences for democracies and democratic processes and should therefore be combatted.
- In order to address disinformation and its effects, the European Commission has recently developed and began to implement the Action Plan Against Disinformation.

TOWARDS A GREEN EUROPE: TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND THE POWER OF CITIES

02 JUNE 2022



Esther Brito Ruiz

- Urban mobility in Europe remains hindered by severe structural problems – from environmental pollution to public health costs, insecurity, accidents, and limitations in transport accessibility, among others.
- The disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic may actually present an unprecedented opportunity for Europe's cities to push their strategic mobility plans forward.
- Policies ultimately seek to change the mobility mix of cities – that is, the distribution of trips made by each means of transport – to alter long-term mobility patterns.
- While higher-level governments may have more extensive resources, it is cities that are best positioned to ensure that the mobility ecosystem maximises value for its citizens – emphasising principles like sustainability, equity, and accessibility.

THE EU AND GLOBAL BRITAIN

30 JUNE 2022



Joey Gurney

- After Brexit, there appears to be a more deliberate attempt from the British Government to sidestep the EU and work directly with European partners, including EU member states, through other diplomatic arrangements.
- The UK has often opted to cooperate with European countries on foreign policy issues on a bilateral or trilateral basis. This British approach to diplomacy with its European counterparts has been increasingly evident since the publication of the Integrated Review.
- Both the UK and the EU have since encountered three main foreign policy challenges: the continued rise of China; the allied withdrawal from Afghanistan; and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, to which strong cooperation can only benefit both,

THE DOMAIN OF WORK: CLOSING THE INEQUALITY GAP

08 DECEMBER 2022



Sarah Hunter

- Currently across Europe there are still gender disparities surrounding the domain of work, specifically in relation to participation, access and industry segregation between men and women.
- This is due to a number of reasons such as stereotypical gender roles, work-family life balances and more, despite the rising number of women in higher education. These disparities seem to be more present in nations such as Italy and Slovakia.
- However, recent studies have concluded that if European Nation states were to work towards closing these inequality gaps, it would create greater European economic prosperity and GDP per capita across Europe would improve by over a trillion euros.

ITALIAN POLITICAL FINANCING: HOW MELONI PAID HER WAY

16 DECEMBER 2022



Lena Raballand

- Giorgia Meloni's election could not have happened without the political financing backing her campaign. Politics is expensive, and whose money a party will accept has consequences. Italy is only one of two European Union Member States in which no public funding is available to any party. In consequence, this forces Italian parties to scrap for funds wherever they can. Digging deeper into the public records of the Chamber of Deputies, it is evident Fratelli d'Italia relied on donations from private individuals, parliamentarians, and companies.
- Nonetheless, a degree of state capture is never far on the horizon for Italy. It's too early to tell what impacts some donations will have on the future course of the Italian government, however some unidentifiable sources of funding on the public records signal that we need to be on the lookout in the months to come.






INSIGHTS

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THE EU'S SYSTEMIC RIVALRY CHINA DOCTRINE IS BEING TESTED – AND APPEARS TO BE FALTERING

The EU needs to move away from the 'systemic rivalry' outlook and towards a more strategic, comprehensive approach. While the technocratic nature of the Commission may suggest that it is possible to deal with China on separated and isolated fronts, reality means this cannot happen when facing Beijing.

Niccolò Fantini
27 January 2022

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY



THE DATA ACT AND THE PITFALLS OF DATA SHARING REGULATION

Data sharing is becoming a crucial element of the data economy, which involves possibly all actors, with governments and businesses being increasingly called to implement efficient and smart usage of such a resource.

Federico Dante De Falco
28 April 2022

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE GREEN ECONOMY: BARRIERS TO ENTRY

Since the OECD formally launched its Green Growth initiative in 2011, policy makers and business leaders alike have demonstrated significant interest in what has been presented as a new growth paradigm. Rather than placing emphasis on economic growth for its own sake, the Green Growth model prioritises purposeful, sustainable, and inclusive growth.

Rachel Mitchell
05 May 2022



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



CHANGING ALLIANCES IN MALI: THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN INTERVENTIONS IN THE SAHEL

The future of European interventions in the Sahel is uncertain, but the French withdrawal offers a gateway to restructure current efforts in the region, especially with new opportunities to redefine the EU as a security actor through stronger commitment for Task Force Takuba.

Selina Daugalies
19 May 2021

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY



WEANING EUROPE OFF FOSSIL FUELS: DECARBONISATION AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

The European Union has emerged and asserted itself as a global leader within the climate discourse. It is essential that its current plans for actions at the transnational level avoid retracing history and instead provide a model of stewardship that will set a precedent for other nations to follow.

Fatimata Atty Djibrine
26 May 2022

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



CAUTION OF INNOVATION: THE DRIVERS OF EU AND UK AI POLICY

As artificial intelligence technologies advance, the EU and UK have diverged on their legal, business, and social approaches to regulating AI. With many AI companies conducting business in both markets, they must be meticulous to abide by the stringent laws of the EU while taking advantage of the UK's innovation-first approach.

Jessica Sumner
16 June 2022

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT




THE SOIL CRISIS: THE EU SOIL STRATEGY EXPLAINED

Around 60–70% of current European soils are not healthy, and so the European Commission acknowledging the severity of the soil crisis has certainly been a positive development.

Jelle Posthuma
05 August 2022

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



A TALE OF TWO CONFLICTS: EUROPEAN RESPONSES TO MASS-MIGRATION

The Ukrainian exodus has demonstrated the ability of Member States to respond to a crisis, by opening their doors and implementing welcoming policies, and should be studied as a good example of what can be achieved.

Karla Elizabeth Rueda Vergara
22 September 2022

CITIZENS' RIGHTS & INDIVIDUALS



BEYOND A COLD WINTER: ASSESSING TRANSPORT'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The transportation sector accounts for a third of Europe's energy use. With an energy crisis looming ahead, a re-evaluation of the systems that flow through our urban environments is central to transforming energy efficiency.

Jess Sumner
07 October 2022

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



THE LIMITS OF MY WORLD: THE POLITICS OF LANGUAGE

After the inclusion of ten Eastern European countries into the EU between 2004 and 2007, English replaced French as the lingua franca of the institutions in Brussels, with its importance to modern communication transcending the socio-economic levels of European society.

Ed Biggins
10 November 2022

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ILLUMINATING THE CLIMATE- CONFLICT NEXUS

As the interlinkages between climate change and conflict are highly contextual, the pursuits for generalisations and one-size-fits-all approaches to climate security are doomed to fail.

Selina Daugalies
25 November 2022

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



METaverse: THE NEXT EUROPEAN POLICY CHALLENGE?

Contrary to widespread narrative, the metaverse is not a non-regulated technological environment. In the EU, the recently enhanced digital regulatory framework will provide a comprehensive set of rules to address possible challenges arising from the uptake of metaverses, spanning from competition and antitrust, to content moderation and cybersecurity.

Federico Dante De Falco
22 December 2022

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An abstract painting with a dark, textured background. The composition is dominated by deep blue and teal tones, with vibrant red and orange accents. The brushstrokes are thick and expressive, creating a sense of movement and depth. A semi-transparent dark blue horizontal band runs across the middle of the image, serving as a backdrop for the text.

OUR SERIES



THE EU AT A CROSSROADS: WHERE FROM AND WHERE NEXT?



Niccolò Fantini

"Crises seem to pile up one after the other in Europe recently. As tensions were already on the rise globally after the financial crisis of 2008, the Covid-19 pandemic tested the very foundations of the European Union...Putin's invasion of Ukraine represents a game-changer for the European Union, with a war that has broken out at its borders and a direct moral involvement into the conflict. With a constant escalation since that fateful day on 24 February, Europe is increasingly being pushed by various factors into difficult situations and existential questions about its past, present and future."

The background is a vibrant, abstract painting. It features a central horizontal band of semi-transparent grey where the text is located. The painting itself is composed of bold, expressive brushstrokes in a variety of colors including deep blues, bright yellows, fiery oranges, and rich reds. In the upper portion, there's a depiction of a horizon with a small, dark silhouette of a ship or structure against a pale, yellowish sky. The overall style is reminiscent of modern abstract art, possibly influenced by expressionism or cubism.

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Cameroonian pregnancy app and circular economy workshops in Paris win Geneva Global Games

By [Megha Kaveri](#)

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The two winning pitches belonged to the International Development Research Network (IDRN), France, in the green economy track and Nkafu Policy Institute, Cameroon, in the digital health track.

IDRN's pitch envisioned educating youth on green transition and shifting their lifestyle to a circular economy through workshops for adolescents which will focus on three aspects – eating green, local and seasonal produce; encouraging use of biking and public transport; and recycling. Andrea Limon, the director of IDRN, said that the target of the project is to help adolescents identify and change their own behaviour.

Speaking about the selection of this project as the winner, Helen Burdett, from the WEF, said: "We [the jury] felt that the idea pitches varied in their level of development and how the programme support will most benefit them. We ultimately selected the pitch with the clearest path forward—a great idea with potential to scale to youth around the world."



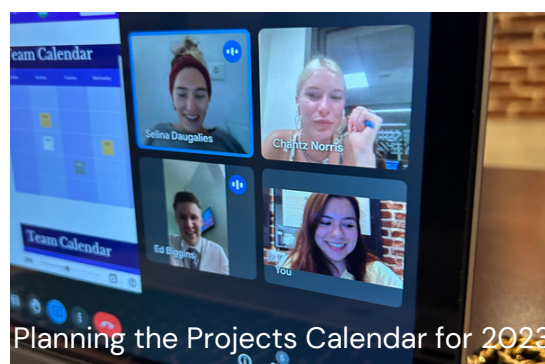
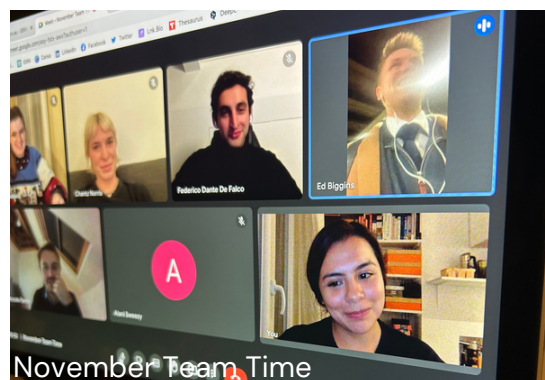
Andrea L., Director and Anastasiia O., Development Officer recruiting adolescents for the workshops.



Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili speaking at Les Entretiens du Royaumont in December 2022.



Coworking with Antrusha L. our summer intern in June 2022.



Recording the first 'Thursday Tape' for our podcast series coming in 2023 with Chantz N., our autumn intern.

The background is a complex abstract composition. It features large, overlapping yellow and black circular and semi-circular shapes. The yellow areas have a distressed, textured appearance, resembling weathered metal or old paint, with visible scratches and scuffs. The black areas are solid but also show some texture. The overall effect is one of industrial or artistic decay.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Profit & Loss IDRN

FY 2022

Category (all amounts are in EURO)

2022

70 – Revenue from sale of products, services, goods 0 €

Sale of products 0 €

Sales from charity events 0 €

Sale of services 0 €

Users' contributions (excluding fees) 0 €

74- Subsidies/grants 0 €

State subsidies 0 €

'ASP - emplois aidés' 0 €

European subsidies 0 €

Region subsidies 0 €

Department subsidies 0 €

City subsidies 0 €

Semi-public bodies subsidies 0 €

Private financing (entreprise, foundations) 0 €

Other subsidies 0 €

75- Other revenues 1 611 €

Donations 1 610 €

Member fees 0 €

Reimbursements 1 €

76- Financial revenue 0 €

77- Exceptional revenue 0 €

TOTAL Revenues (excl. In-kind contributions) 1 611 €

87 - In-kind contributions 0 €

In-kind donations 0 €

Provision of goods and services 0 €

Volunteering 0 €

TOTAL Revenues (incl. In-kind contributions) 1 611 €

60 – Purchases 0 €

Water gas electricity 0 €

Purchase of material 0 €

Office furnitures 0 €

Activity furnitures 0 €

Small equipments	0 €
61 - External services	60 €
Rental	0 €
Maintenance and repair work	0 €
Insurance	60 €
Other external services	0 €
62 - Other external services	587 €
Intermediary remuneration and fees	0 €
Advertising	33 €
Travels	0 €
Missions and receptions	0 €
Postal expenses, phone and internet	477 €
Bank fees	77 €
63 - Tax	0 €
64- Personal expenses	0 €
Wages	0 €
Tax on wages	0 €
Other personal expenses	0 €
65- Other current charges	0 €
66- Other financial charges	0 €
67- Exceptional charges	0 €
68- Depreciation and amortization	0 €
TOTAL des charges d'exploitation (hors contributions)	647 €
86- Emplois des contributions volontaires en nature	0 €
Dons en nature	0 €
Mise à disposition de biens & services	0 €
Bénévolat	0 €
TOTAL des charges d'exploitation (avec contributions)	647 €
Résultat de l'exercice (produits - charges)	964 €

Balance sheet IDRN

FY 2022

Category (all amounts are in EURO)	2022	Category (all amounts are in EURO)	2022
Bank and equivalents	1 206 €	Equity	947 €
Bank account	1 206 €	Share capital	0 €
Others	0 €	Result for the period	964 €
		Retained earnings	-17 €
Current assets	0 €	Current liabilities	4 €
Trade and other receivables	0 €	Trade and other payables	4 €
Inventories	0 €	Bank debt (less than 1 year)	0 €
Non-current assets	0 €	Non-current liabilities	256 €
Property	0 €	Founders accounts/investments	256 €
Financial assets	0 €	Bank debt (more than 1 year)	0 €
Equipments	0 €		
Other assets	0 €	Other liabilities	0 €
TOTAL ASSETS	1 206 €	TOTAL LIABILITIES	1 206 €

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IDRN is a European think tank based in France established in 2020. Our aim is to regenerate Europe for future generations. To achieve this, we strive to ensure that young people are involved in the mechanisms of political decision-making and are consulted about potential policy changes. IDRN supports, encourages and promotes participation, dialogue and debate to engage the public interest and stimulate new ideas. We believe that the future of Europe should be made by and for future generations.

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