

# **Online discussion: Where does the economy currently stand in Europe?**

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**On 27 June, there will be an online discussion on the topic "Next Generation EU: Where does the economy currently stand in Europe? All interested citizens can participate.**

## **Next Generation EU: Where does the European economy currently stand?**

### **Interactive online discussion event on 27 June 2023, 7 p.m. via Zoom**

A cooperation event of EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt, EUROPE DIRECT Duisburg-Niederrhein, EUROPE-DIRECT Steinfurt and Europa-Union NRW

With Jürgen Matthes, economist at the IW Cologne (Institute of the German Economy), Prof. Siebo Janssen, Europe expert, Moderation: Jochen Leyhe

### **Background**

In Europe, one crisis seems to follow the next: After the whole world suffered from Corona for years, the war in Ukraine added an unprecedented energy crisis in Europe. Gas was not only threatening to run out over the winter. Both posed extreme challenges to economies across Europe.

### **EU response**

The EU and its member states responded massively to these challenges. With the EU's reconstruction fund, not only billions, but more than a trillion EURO were put in hand. This is a novelty, among other things, because it is the first time that the EU has taken on debt together on a large scale, for which all EU member states have to pay proportionately. The Next Generation EU construction plan ties the use of these funds to strict criteria that are intended to "transform the economy and society" and create a "Europe for all".

### **Outlook**

What has happened so far and where do we go from here? Will the EU economy recover with the measures and emerge stronger from the crises or will it merely fall from one shock to the next? Can the ever new debts be paid off again or will the EU develop into a "debt union"? How do pandemics and wars change the economy and especially the societies of the 27 EU countries and can the EU still hold its own in the future in comparison to the large economic areas such as China and the USA?

### **Who speaks?**

Our experts Jürgen Matthes from the Institute of the German Economy (IW Köln) and Prof. Siebo Janssen look forward to your questions and expressions of opinion. The format of the event is designed to provide the opportunity to participate at any time with questions and contributions to the floor. The event will be moderated by Jochen Leyhe.

### **Registration**

For better planning, we would appreciate your registration at [europa-direct\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:europa-direct(at)bocholt(dot)de). Alternatively, you can simply dial in with the following access data:

### **Zoom access data:**

Topic: Where does the economy currently stand in Europe? - Next Generation EU

Time: 27 June 2023 19:00 Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna

<https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/62454658408?pwd=ZXRtYW9iQnJDL1g3a2dheHlrR0tJZz09> 

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## Event Details

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### Date:

 27. June 2023

### Time:

 19:00 - 20:30 clock | Onlineveranstaltung

### Organizer:

 EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt