

How does the Italian law on the social use of confiscated mafia assets enable citizen participation?

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Solution journalism | Political Science | Civil society | Fighting organised crime

COLLABORATION BETWEEN

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OBJECTIVES

- Gather information on the social reuse of confiscated assets
- Produce a journalistic article and a research paper
- Introduce the Italian law and its measures to a French and European audience



FIELDWORK

15 interviews and 3 focus groups in 2 weeks on fieldwork, with citizens and experts involved in the use of confiscated properties.

First fieldwork: **South of Italy, Campania, province of Caserte** | July 2021



Second fieldwork: **North of Italy, Liguria, Genova** | November 2021



STORYTELLING THE COMMON RESEARCH

Mathilde Dorcadie's **series of articles for CaféBabel**

Three episodes reachable through this >



Fabrice Rizzoli's **scientific paper** (coming out soon) relates on the citizens/institutions relationship and the gains for the Social Economy.

Hypotheses blog (in french) >

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CHALLENGES

- **Fieldwork access** : far from the journalist and researcher's homes so they faced logistical issues - transport/travel/interviews organisation - **due to COVID restrictions** in 2021.
- **Combining the researcher and journalist needs** for collecting information
- **Linguistic challenge** because Mathilde did not speak Italian so Fabrice had to interpret during the interviews.
- **Representativeness of the interviewees.** They reached experts involved in the social reuse of