



8th BOLSTER regional policy dialogue

Energy Transitions Across Multi-Scalar Governance Levels in Europe



21 March 2025 - 15:30 - 17:30 CET



Online

ABOUT THE EVENT

The [BOLSTER project](#) (Bridging Organizations and marginalised communities for Local Sustainability Transitions in EuRope) aims to understand how marginalised communities are affected by European Green Deal (EGD)-related policies and to assess whether involving them in decision-making processes increases the support for transition plans.

In this framework, ECAS and the BOLSTER consortium partners are organising a series of 10 regional policy dialogues focused on the [project's target regions](#) and 3 EU policy dialogues.

This policy dialogue explores how energy transition policies cascade through different governance levels in Europe. By examining the interplay between EU Commission directives, national strategies, regional coordination, and local implementation, the policy dialogue will probe policy effectiveness and its real-world impact. Special attention will be given to community-level outcomes and who benefits from EU policies within the urban context. Overall, the energy transition across multi-scalar governance levels in Europe embodies a critical intersection of environmental, economic, and social dimensions, underscoring the need for collaborative strategies to overcome the multifaceted challenges and achieve a sustainable energy future for the continent.



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Programme of the event

| Agenda | |
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| 15:30 – 15:35 | Welcoming of participants |
| 15:35 – 15:50 | Presentation from Dr. Michiel Stapper, Assistant Professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands |
| 15:50 – 16:05 | Presentation from Ana Maria Elian, Managing Partner and Program Director, MKBT: Make Better Association, Romania |
| 16:05 – 16:20 | Presentation from Nevelina Pachova, Research & Innovation Advisor - Research Fellow, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology - Europe, Spain |
| 16:20 – 16:30 | Concluding remarks and introduction to panel discussion by Dr. Michiel Stapper |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | <p>Panellists' Tour de table: The panellists will briefly introduce themselves and react to the speakers' presentations</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof. David Evers, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency & Urban Governance Research Network (UGoveRN), The Netherlands- Andre Legarza, University of Amsterdam & UGoveRN, The Netherlands- Prof. Tobias Arnoldussen, Tilburg University & UGoveRN, The Netherlands |
| 17:00 – 17:25 | Panel discussion on energy and climate change transitions in multi-level governance settings in Europe |
| 17:25 – 17:30 | Wrap up and conclusions |