



9th BOLSTER regional policy dialogue

Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Just Transition in Mobility and Energy Policies



15 May 2025 - 10:00 - 12:30 CEST



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 will explore how to develop innovative, inclusive and transdisciplinary methodologies that not only drive efficient climate action but also ensure a fair distribution of benefits and burdens in the context of the mobility and energy sectors. By discussing the results of other EU-funded projects on inclusiveness in Just Transition policies, such as the [TANDEM](#) and [JUSTEM](#) projects, the policy dialogue aims at identifying set of strategic recommendations and practical guidelines that can be directly applied by local and regional policy makers. The dialogue's objectives are two-fold. First, it aims to identify the strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities within current Just Transition project calls and stakeholder engagement efforts. Second, it aims to highlight best practices from various "sister" projects, offering actionable strategies for local authorities, NGOs, trade unions, and citizens to support marginalised communities and grassroots initiatives throughout the Just Transition process.



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Programme of the event

Agenda	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcoming of participants
10:10 – 10:25	Presentation from Dr. Samyajit Basu , Senior researcher in Urban Mobility at the House of Sustainable Transitions, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, (Belgium) 5 minutes quick Q&A
10:25 – 10:40	Presentation from Dr. Michael Klingler & Fiona de Fontana , University assistant & doctoral student at the Institute of Sustainable Economic Development, Working Group Environmental and Agricultural Sociology, BOKU Vienna (Austria) 5 minutes quick Q&A
10:40 – 10:55	Presentation from Dr. Maria Luisa Lode , Senior researcher in Local Energy Systems at the House of Sustainable Transitions, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, (Belgium) 5 minutes quick Q&A
10:55– 11:10	Presentation from Dr. Seona Candy , Senior researcher, focusing on ecological and transitional justice, at Demos Helsinki (Finland) 5 minutes quick Q&A
11:10 – 11:50	Panellists’ Tour de table: The panellists will briefly introduce themselves/their research and react to the speakers’ presentations <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Diana Süsser, Coordinator of JUSTEM and Senior Expert Energy Policies and Transition Aspects, Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy (The Netherlands)- Dr. Tanja Fatur Šikić, Assistant professor, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management (Croatia)- Dr. Marcin Baron, Associate professor, Department of Strategic and Regional Studies, University of Economics in Katowice (Poland)- Nadya Parpulova, PhD student, University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria)
11:50 – 12:25	Panel discussion on energy and climate change transitions in multi-level governance settings in Europe
12:25– 12:30	Wrap up and conclusions