JUST TRANSITION CLUSTER

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Who we are

The Just Transition Cluster (JTC) materialises the link between the 3 projects that responded to the Horizon Europe call: HORIZON-CL5-2021-D2-01-12: Fostering a just transition in Europe. This Cluster aims to promote joint activities such as annual meetings, joint communication and dissemination activities, thematic workshops and others. Read more

AdJUST

Advancing the understanding of challenges, policy options and measures to achieve a JUST EU energy transition

Project overview

To step change in societal understanding of the distributive repercussions of the transition to climate neutrality, and to identify effective and actively-supported policy interventions to accompany climate action so that no-one is left behind.

Manifesto

- Increase societal support for climate transition strategies
- Quantify the distributional and competitiveness impacts of climate mitigation policies and transitional assistance measures
- Understand the gaps in the capacity and motivation of public bodies to implement a Just Transition and identify actions to overcome them
- Promote inclusive procedural and transitional assistance measures supporting the achievement of a carbon-neutral society in the EU

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Bridging Organizations and marginalised communities for Local Sustainability Transitions in EuRope

Project motto

No European citizen should be put at a disadvantage because of the European Green Deal (EGD).

Main goal

The overall aim of BOLSTER is to understand how marginalised communities are affected by EGD-related policies and to see whether involving them in decision-making processes increases the support for transition plans.

Target regions

Hainaut, BE
Halle Saale, DE
Upper Silesia, PL
Prahova, RO
Stara Zagora, BG
Istria, HR
León, ES

Study regions

Z O Brabant, NL
Cluj, RO
Bilbau, ES

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Transdisciplinary ANd Deliberative equity appraisal of transition policies in Energy and Mobility

Objective

To create and implement just transition pathways by involving those potentially affected in the policymaking process, develop a transdisciplinary approach to identify and analyse emerging inequalities of low-carbon transition policies, and co-design equitable, just and effective alternative transition pathways with stakeholders.

5 Case Studies

- Thermic ban in Brussels, Belgium
- Energy and heating transition in Innsbruck, Austria
- Peat production phase-out in Ostrobothnia, Finland
- Solidarity in renewable energy production in Catalonia, Spain
- Coal phase-out in households in Krzywcza, Poland

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JUST TRANSITION CLUSTER IN BRUSSELS

On the 24th of January 2023, BOLSTER, AdJUST and TANDEM attended the "H2020 - Horizon Europe Contractors' Workshop on SSH in the energy transition" in Brussels at the European Climate Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA). This was a clustering event promoted by the European Commission that invited all Horizon Just Transition projects to meet with related projects, identify synergies among each other and possible collaborations, and present the projects to relevant policymakers.

This meeting was the first time that the sister projects met in person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

16-19 OCT

A TANDEM workshop (16-19 October) on the intersectionality and complementarity of arts-based deliberative visioning, participatory systems mapping and multi-actor multi-criteria analysis - stakeholder-based impact scoring (MAMCA-SIS) will be held in Lahti (Finland), organised by VUB.

24-26 OCT

VUB (TANDEM partner) will **present a full paper and a panel discussion** at this year's **Earth System Governance (ESG) conference** which will be held in Nijmegen, the Netherlands from the 24th to the 26th of October. VUB will present previous research conducted on energy justice in the full paper presentation presenting case studies from South America. The panel discussion will be conducted in collaboration with researchers from Utrecht Copernicus Institute and will elaborate on the connection between energy justice and resource availability.

JAN 2024

The **BOLSTER project Mid-term Conference** will take place on 23, 24 and 25 January 2024 in Oporto, Portugal. The conference is titled “Ensuring justice in climate transition - Leaving no one behind in the EU?” and is open to researchers, civic organisations, policy makers and local, regional and national public agencies interested in promoting green and just transition in the EU regions. Please submit your expression of interest to receive first-hand information about the Mid-term Conference:

APR 2024

In April, **TANDEM** will be presenting a **paper on mobility and energy justice in Transport Research Arena 2024** (TRA 2024) in Dublin (15-18 April 2024).

JUST TRANSITION CLUSTER PROJECTS' HIGHLIGHTS

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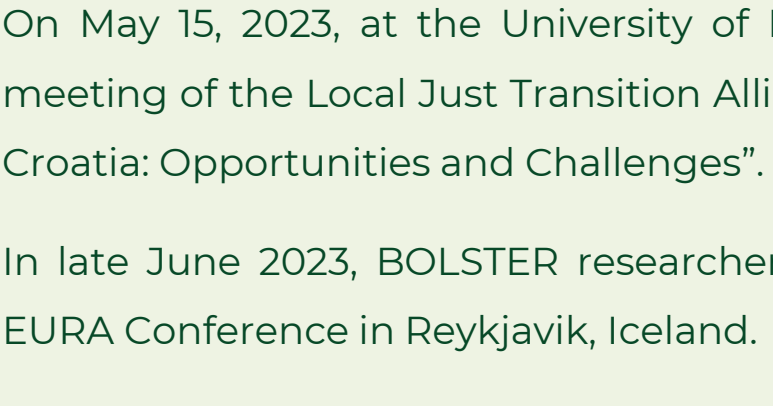
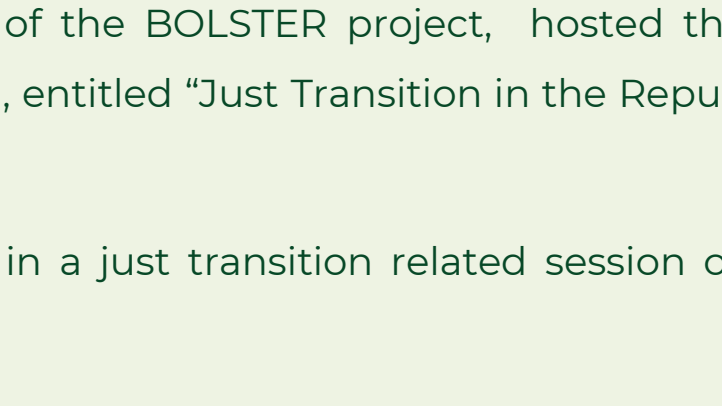
- AdJUST organised a webinar (available on YouTube) on May 23rd 2023 about the impact of green policies on local economic performance: evidence from the EU ETS. Read more



- On June 13th 2023, the project organised the first stakeholder workshop in Madrid, bringing together 25 experts from various policy fields to address the topic of Just Energy Transition. Read more



- On June 29th 2023, AdJUST presented a policy session event organised within the EAERE Conference, held in Cyprus. The session name was "Policies to Enable Just Transitions: Building a Bridge between Research and Practice". Read more

- From September 11th to 13th, Deva hosted crucial stakeholder meetings on Just Transition, an essential event for a region significantly impacted by the ongoing energy transition. Read more

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- The BOLSTER team was present at the 7th edition of the Just Transition Platform Conference which took place in Brussels from the 25th to the 27th of April. Read more

- On May 15, 2023, at the University of Rijeka, as part of the BOLSTER project, hosted the first meeting of the Local Just Transition Alliances was held, entitled "Just Transition in the Republic of Croatia: Opportunities and Challenges". Read more

- In late June 2023, BOLSTER researchers participated in a just transition related session of the EURA Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland. Read more

- The first activity of the Capacity Building Program was the Training Course, which was held in EJBW "European Youth Meeting and Education Centre" Weimar, Germany, in July 2023. Read more

- On June 14-17, the BOLSTER team hosted a special session at the 2023 RSA conference. Three papers were presented in the event. Read more

TANDEM

- TANDEM has been actively involved in the exploration of Just Transition. Notable developments include participation in the "Analysis of energy justice considerations for participatory methods" conference, where TANDEM significantly contributed to discussions on energy justice. Additionally, TANDEM organised a panel discussion at the Conference on International Sustainability Transitions 2023 in Utrecht, focusing on the themes of responsibility and reflexivity in transition research. At the IST conference, TANDEM delivered a speed talk titled "Vulnerability in Transition," shedding light on vulnerability within sustainability transitions. In parallel, TANDEM has continued to advance its art-based methodology, as demonstrated by a joint session on arts-based methods and deliberative visioning at the 2023 Transformations Conference in Prague.

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MCC Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change

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