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Project's final conference – Concept note and Agenda

Advancing just transition: Tackling distributive impacts and building societal support

Insights from AdJUST Horizon Europe

12 May 2026 at 9:30-16:00 CET

European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels
Room: VMA22

About the event:

Amid the challenges for the implementation of the Fit for 55 package, enabling the EU to reach the intermediary climate targets by 2030, the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) and its partners are organising the final conference of the Horizon Europe project AdJUST (“Achieving a just energy transition”). Within AdJUST, partners have analysed the distributive impacts of the transition to climate neutrality and identified effective policy interventions to accompany climate action that leaves no one behind.

The event will provide in-depth insights into the distributional effects of climate mitigation policies, alongside assistance measures that are necessary for households, workers, and businesses to sustain their transition. By fostering active stakeholder engagement, the project aims to increase societal support for ambitious climate action.

The final conference offers a prime opportunity to present AdJUST’s Just Transition Vision and showcase key study findings on labour market impacts, as well as broader justice dimensions beyond labour. It will also feature interactive discussions on just transition, climate, and energy poverty, with insights from experts, including EU, national and local policymakers, trade unions, think tanks and representatives of civil society.



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Draft agenda:

Time	Session	Speaker
09:30-10:00	Registration and welcome coffee	
10:00-10:10	Welcome remarks & brief introduction of the AdJUST project	Elena Verdolini - Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC) Chiara Antonelli - Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
10:10-10:30	Keynote	Jana Toom , Member of the European Parliament (MEP) (Renew) - Rapporteur for the Just Transition Directive in the world of work
10:30-10:40	Broadcasting of the Just Transition Vision	Karin Küblböck/Ines Omann - Austrian Foundation for Development Research (ÖFSE)
10:40-11:20	Presentation of the project's results around 4 key messages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work and trade unions- Firms- Institutional capacity- Beyond work	AdJUST partners
11:20-12:00	Reaction from 4 high-level speakers, moderated by Chiara Antonelli - IEEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dirk Bergrath - Member of the European Economic Committee - Group representing workers● Raluca Painter - Head of Unit on Social Climate Fund, European



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		<p>globalisation adjustment fund, social innovation at DG EMPL (European Commission)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sari Rautio - Member of the Committee of the Regions, Committee for territorial cohesion ● DG ENER, European Commission's (tbc)
12:00-12:30	Q&A - opening the floor to all participants	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:15	Scene-setting for the interactive section with guiding questions	<p>Irene Chiocchetti - IEEP</p> <p>Marion Dumas - London School of Economics</p>
14:15-15:40	<p>Interactive discussion with first inputs from experts – moderated by ÖFSE</p> <p><i>AdJUSTing</i> to a changing world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bela Galgoczi - Senior researcher and member of the advisory board, ETUI ● Ioli Christopoulou - Director at The Green Tank (Think Sustainable Europe's member) ● Frank Siebern-Thomas - Head of unit on Fair Green and Digital Transitions, Research at DG EMPL (European Commission) ● Adelina Dabu, Head of Public Affairs at the Employers' Confederation Concordia
15:40-15:50	Summary and main takeaways	Elena Verdolini - CMCC
15:50-16:00	Concluding remarks	Dirk Bergrath , Member of the European Economic Committee



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		(EESC) - Group representing workers
16:00	End of the conference	

Key links and documents

- [AdJUST - Towards a just energy transition](#)
- [A “living document” on the general vision for the EU Just Transition and accompanying narrative](#)
- [Case study and empirical research of distributional effects of climate and compensation policies at a national level and effects on citizen support](#)
- [Evidence of labour unions’ understanding of, perceived impacts of, and responses to the EU Just Transition towards climate neutrality for Germany, Romania, Spain, and the UK](#)

For more information about the event, please contact adesai@ieep.eu



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