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GreenPaths

EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE HUB ON
JUST TRANSITION PATHWAYS

Welcome to GreenPaths

Welcome to the first GreenPaths newsletter! The newsletter will give you updates twice a year about developments within the project. Please do share this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested in the project.

What is GreenPaths? GreenPaths is a knowledge project that addresses the complex nature of green and just transitions. Drawing on an in-depth review of the most relevant research, the project aims to enable more coherent and effective policy-making, furthering environmental sustainability and social well-being in Europe and beyond. GreenPaths is a three-year initiative funded by the European Commission (Horizon Europe) and is being executed by a consortium of 13 partners in 10 countries.

[Read more about the project and the consortium](#)



The Knowledge Hub

On July 1, we launched the GreenPaths Hub - a knowledge platform for all those involved or interested in the green just transition. It provides a variety of materials tailored for and by policymakers, researchers, academics, and members of civil society organisations.

The Hub includes materials produced by the project as well as other resources produced by the project partners. It offers a 360° view of all your knowledge needs on the green and just transition.

[Check out the Hub](#)



The Impact of the EU Parliamentary Elections on the Prospects for a Just Transition in Europe

The 2024 European Parliament election took place in the 2nd week of June and the results are in! On July 1, we organised a webinar to explore the impact of the European parliament elections on the just transition. Questions covered included: What can we expect in terms of slowing down or reversing the European agenda in the areas of climate change and the energy transition? How can progress made so far on the European Green Deal implementation be safeguarded and maintained? Given that European policies have impacts beyond the region, what are the expected changes in the EU's environmental, trade and development cooperation agenda in other parts of the world, in particular in the Global South?

Speakers at the webinar were Philippe Pochet from the Catholic University of Louvain, Tom Kucharz who is an independent researcher and activist, and Teivo Teivainen from University of Helsinki. The event was hosted by the GreenPaths project team Judith Clifton and Marina Camacho, and moderated by Shaun Matsheza from TNI.

Additionally, the event served as the launchpad for the project's Knowledge Hub which will serve as a dynamic platform for accessing resources, fostering collaboration, and staying updated on the latest developments in the field of the just transition.

[Watch the webinar here](#)



Green Transition Policy Interventions, Environmental Sustainability and Social Wellbeing

We held the first GreenPaths event earlier this spring in Brussels: a seminar called Links Between Green Transition Policy Interventions, Environmental Sustainability and Social Wellbeing in Europe.

Engaging Discussions and Insightful Revelations

Project Insights with Judith Clifton, Universidad de Cantabria: The GreenPaths Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the project against the backdrop of Europe's polycrises. Judith's introduction not only highlighted the relevance of the project, but also laid the foundations for effective collaboration. She rallied our diverse consortium - spanning academia, NGOs and policy - to unite in identifying and analysing key literature in key policy areas, including energy, transport, agriculture, finance and social welfare.

Discussion Paper & Infographics: Led by Daniel Díaz-Fuentes, Universidad de Cantabria, this session unveiled the intricate web linking green transition policies with environmental sustainability and social well-being. This collaborative effort serves as a first step towards a holistic understanding of the multiple impacts of the green transition.

Preliminary Assessment: Daniel Chavez, Transnational Institute, provided a critical preliminary assessment of current methodologies for forecasting and evaluating green transition policies in Europe. Key findings shed light on the prevailing siloed thinking and underlined the crucial intersections between economic and social impacts in the green transition, highlighting the challenges of energy poverty and global inequalities.

Key insights:

1. The seminar highlighted the urgent need to hashtag#integrate economic and social considerations into the green transition discourse.
2. Urgent issues such as energy poverty, the impact of global supply chains and the exacerbating effects of climate change on inequalities were brought to the fore.
3. Our path to a sustainable and inclusive future requires a systemic overhaul that goes beyond traditional sectoral approaches.

[Read more about the seminar here](#)



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