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SOCIAL IMPACTS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY TRANSITION

Evidence and policies for a Social Green Deal

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The European Green Deal (EGD) - one of the flagship initiatives of the 2019-2024 EU mandate - has provided ambitious legislation to move Europe towards a carbon neutral society. However, climate solutions – and, more broadly, sustainability transitions – need to be embedded within social justice to ensure no one is left behind during this transition.

The focus on the social dimension of the just transition has been insufficient in the last EU mandate. This is leading to a backlash from groups unable to shoulder the cost of the EGD or concerned about its impact on their standard of living, following a cost-of-living crisis fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

At the same time, discussions around the next EU strategic agenda for 2024-2029 increasingly focus on competitiveness, productivity, industrial policies, enlargement and defence. There is a significant risk that the EGD – and even more so its social dimension – will be put on the back burner.

In this political context, research is crucial to provide evidence and support good policymaking.

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