



1st BOLSTER regional policy dialogue

Challenges and lessons learned for leaving no one behind in green transitions

Perspectives from Croatia, Austria and The Netherlands



26 September 2023 - 10:00 - 12:30 CEST



Online

ABOUT THE EVENT

The [BOLSTER project](#) (Bridging Organizations and marginalized 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, [European Citizen Action Service \(ECAS\)](#) 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.

The aim of this first regional dialogue, focusing primarily on Croatia, is to stimulate cross-regional policy learning among regions affected by Just Transition and green transition processes. Regional and local policy-makers, NGO representatives, local industries, and academics will discuss challenges and lessons learned in these processes.



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Programme of the event

Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	Welcoming of participants and icebreaker questions
10:05 – 10:10	Introduction on the BOLSTER project <i>Speaker:</i> Prof. Sabina Hodžić , University of Rijeka (Croatia), Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management (FTHM)
10:10 – 10:20	Introduction on Just Transition principles and policies <i>Speaker:</i> Mags Bird , Senior Policy Officer Climate & Energy - Just Transition at WWF European Policy Officer
10:20 – 11:30	Perspectives on green transitions in Croatia, Austria and The Netherlands
10:20 – 10:55	The Just Transition process in Croatia <i>Speakers:</i> - Anamaria Škopac Pamić , Assistant Director of Regional Coordinator of the County of Istria for European Programs and Funds - Tatjana Puškarić , Head of Regional Development and Strategic Planning Department at Regional Coordinator of Sisak-Moslavina County
10:55 – 11:30	Case studies from Carinthia (Austria) and Eindhoven (The Netherlands) <i>Speakers:</i> - Eva-Maria Wutte-Kirchgatterer , Carinthian Economic Promotion Fund (Austria) - Anastasiya Ansteeg , Researcher from Tilburg University (The Netherlands)
11:30 – 12:30	Discussion on challenges, lessons learned and best practices for an inclusive green transition
11.30 – 12.15	<i>Panellists:</i> - Julija Škoro , Head of Sustainability at Holcim (Croatia) - Milostawa Stępień , Just Transition Coordinator at CEE Bankwatch Network - Lovro Novoselac , Head of the sector for Programming, Coordination and Strategic Monitoring of ESI Funds at the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds (Croatia) - Anja Ademi , Head of Urban Planning and Development at City of Pula (Croatia) - Jasna Vekić , Director of Red Cross Pula (Croatia) <i>Moderator:</i> Anita Marullo , Project Coordinator at European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
12:15 – 12:30	Questions and observations from the attendees, and conclusion