



## 4<sup>th</sup> BOLSTER regional policy dialogue

Green transition and citizen participation:  
how to foster inclusive engagement



15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 10:00 - 12:00 CEST



Online

### ABOUT THE EVENT

The [BOLSTER project](#) (Bridging Organizations and marginalised 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, 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..

This policy dialogue, focusing primarily on the region of Hainaut (Wallonia, Belgium), will also incorporate perspectives from other regions and international perspectives on the just transition. Speakers will share their insights on engaging citizens, particularly marginalised communities, in local green transition efforts, and addressing the challenges of inclusion in the broader climate debate. The dialogue will also seek to identify best practices for involving marginalised citizens in the green transformation process and success factors for participatory methods in environmental decision-making.



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# Programme of the event

## Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	<b>Welcoming of participants</b>
10:05 – 10:40	<b>Presentations on BOLSTER's methods for engaging marginalised communities in Just Transition regions</b>  <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Jessica Clement</b>, Researcher at University of Liège (Belgium)</li><li>- <b>Ammalia Podlaszewska</b>, Chairwoman at Culture Goes Europe Erfurt e.V. (Germany)</li></ul>
10:40 – 11:50	<b>Panel discussion: challenges and best practices for inclusive citizen engagement in the green transition</b>  10:40 – 11:05: Tour de table and introduction of the panel discussants 11:05 -11:50: Slido questionnaire and discussion with the panelists  <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Jessica Clement</b>, Researcher at HEC Liège (University of Liège, Belgium)</li><li>- <b>Valérie Xhonneux</b>, Climate Advisor for the Walloon Ministry for Climate, Energy, Mobility, and Infrastructure (Belgium)</li><li>- <b>Marine Sonet</b>, Head of the Participation and Climate project at Forum des Jeunes (Belgium)</li><li>- <b>Elisa Lironi</b>, Programme Director – European Democracy at European Citizen Action Service (Belgium)</li></ul> <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Anita Marullo</b> , Project Coordinator at European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
11:50 – 12:00	<b>Final comments from speakers and attendees</b>