



6th BOLSTER regional policy dialogue

The Just Transition Mechanism as a way to tackle energy poverty: Perspectives from Romania and beyond



23 September 2024 - 9:30 - 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 will delve into the project's findings in Romania, with a special focus on the Prahova region. It will also explore the similarities and differences in the Just Transition process across Europe. With a primary goal of highlighting the experiences, challenges, opportunities and institutional arrangements within the Just Transition for communities affected by energy poverty, the dialogue will also investigate the potential contributions of these communities in the Just Transition and strategies to enhance their participation despite limited access to resources. By drawing insights from diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, community leaders, international networks, sustainable business representatives, and researchers, the dialogue aims to identify innovative approaches to empower marginalised communities throughout the energy transition process.



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Programme of the event

Agenda

9:30 – 9:35

Welcoming of participants

9:35 – 10:15

Presentations on Regional Perspectives on Energy Poverty in Romania

Speakers:

- **Alexandra Lulache**, Housing Coordinator, MKBT (Romania)
- **Dr. Andreea Vornicu**, Researcher, Centre for the Study of Democracy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca; Romanian Energy Poverty Observatory (Romania)
- **Alexandru Kelemen**, Executive Director, Association for Integrated Territorial Development of the Jiu Valley (Romania)

10:15 – 11:45

Panel discussion – Just Transition and Energy Poverty: marginalised communities, access barriers, and the role of international networks and energy-efficient initiatives

10:15 – 10:35: Tour de table and introduction of the panel discussants

10:35 -11:45: Slido questionnaire and discussion with the panelists

Speakers:

- **Anca Sinea**, Coordinator of the Romanian Energy Poverty Observatory (ORSE), Member alternate of the European Economic and Social Committee and a lead expert in energy poverty
- **Ana Maria Elian**, Managing Partner and Programme Director, MKBT (Romania)
- **Zuzanna Sasiak**, Campaign Coordinator, Polish Green Network, CEE Bankwatch Network (Poland)
- **Anna Bajomi**, Policy Officer, FEANTSA – European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (Europe)
- **Gall Podlaszewski**, Managing Director and Architect at PHLOX Architekt und Ingenieur GmbH (Germany)
- **Dr. Nadya Parpulova**, Department Economics of Transport and Energy, University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria)

Moderator: **Savannah Schuurbiers**, European Democracy Coordinator at European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)

11:45 – 12:00

Final comments from speakers and attendees