



## **Just Transition Governance: The challenges of Justice, Place-based strategies and monitoring mechanisms**

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### **Abstract**

This special session, titled "**Just Transition Governance: The challenges of Justice, Place-Based strategies and monitoring mechanisms**", attempts to determine whether just transition governance approaches manage to successfully incorporate elements of spatial justice, place-based strategies and monitoring mechanisms.

Regions under just energy transition face complex challenges regarding effective governance modes, substantial local community engagement and participation and the creation of green investment strategies. Ensuring a wide range of diverse perspectives and knowledge to promote the development of more effective and fair strategies requires a holistic governance approach of the transition towards sustainable energy systems.

Through a comprehensive investigation and critical analysis of the interconnections between justice and place-based governance frameworks, this special session will thoroughly explore the significant role that local monitoring and assessment mechanisms play in facilitating a fair and equitable energy transition. By providing actionable policy recommendations, local monitoring mechanisms can enhance the effectiveness of national and local strategies aiming to achieve long-term sustainability.

More specifically, findings of the JT-OBSERVATORY project will be presented delving into the justice principals and the effectiveness of governance approaches during just transitions across three European coal-dependent regions: Western Macedonia (Greece), Stara Zagora (Bulgaria), and Silesia (Poland).

This special session seeks to investigate the degree to which the modes of governance employed during the transition processes, in regions undergoing energy transition, are not only effective in achieving their goals but also just in their implementation.