

‘An ecological and just transition towards sustainable development’

A priority in the ENVI filière



Request for an opinion from the EESC (June 2023)

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

A European advisory council composed of employers, trade unionists and representatives of social, occupational, economic and cultural organizations

“We would appreciate an opinion on the steps the EU should take to establish a comprehensive just transition policy framework. This framework should be capable of fostering a carbon-neutral, environmentally sustainable, non-toxic, and fully circular society and economy by 2050, without further jeopardising the socio-economic opportunities of vulnerable regions and people.”

EESC Opinion (14 December 2023)

‘Advancing the EU's just transition policy framework: what measures are necessary?’

- A holistic, coordinated and integrated policy approach is **at the heart of the JTPF** --> insuring institutional anchoring
- The JTPF enables a sustainable economy that provides well-being **for all within planetary boundaries** --> Green Deal 2.0, and investments for transition
- The European Social Model and Member States' welfare systems are **the backbone of the JTPF** --> linking with matters at EPSCO
- Social dialogue, civic dialogue and the participation of local and regional authorities are **the cornerstone to realise the JTPF** --> multi-dialogues & territorial approach
- Strong and resilient sustainable businesses are a prerequisite for **the functioning of the JTPF** --> legal certainty of transition, and support of SMEs
- Adequate investment in a just transition is fundamental to **the realisation of the JTPF** --> follow the money: policy coherence for transition

Programme during 2024 (first semester)

- Round table at the EU Informal Council for the Environment (15-16 January 2024)
Timeslot 'Just Transition': presentation of EESC Opinion; ministerial 'Tour de table';
- European Conference for a Just Transition (4-5 March 2024)
Venue: Palais d'Egmont; Programme: incl. JTPF – Governance (cf. EESC Opinion)
- AOB Point at the EU Council for the Environment (25 March 2024)
Debriefing on the European Conference for a Just Transition
- Council conclusions at EU Council for the Environment (17 June 2024)
Cf. linking with the other BE priorities
- Objective: reference in the 'Joint Statement' of HoS/in the EC Strategic Agenda
(Informal Summit op 13-14 Juni 2024; European Council op 27-28 Juni 2024)

Debriefing on the latest contacts/interactions

Contact with European partners

- EESC, OSE, EAJT, EEA, EEB, ETUC, Business Europe, SME United, EAPN, EU PR to Belgium ...
- Interaction with EC DGs: ENVI; CLIM; REGIO; EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION
- International Labour Organisation (Geneva and Brussels) (ILO)
- Spanish Presidency : Just Transition Institute & Cabinet of Minister Ribera
 - ES Conference Just Transition, Ponferrada;
 - Think2030 Dialogue (Institute for European Environmental Policy), Madrid;
- WP Agenda 2030

European partners to be contacted

- 26 Member States (cf. bilaterals of min. Zakia Khattabi and min. Alain Maron);
- Other DGs and other Councils;
- ...

European Conference on Just Transition (4-5 March 2024)



Programme European Conference on Just Transition

Monday, 4 March 2024

High Level Opening Session

- Welcome and Opening statements
- Key-notes (Moustapha Kamal Gueye – ILO; Leena Ylä-Mononen - EEA)
- Just Transition Framework – Governance (introducing EESC opinion)

Lunch and networking

Afternoon Session

- Break-out 1 - Just Transition – focus on eradication of poverty
- Break-out 2 - Just Transition – focus on reconversion of industrial sectors

Cocktail and networking

Evening Session (only EU Member States)

- Just Transition – EC Council Conclusions & EC Strategic Agenda

Programme European Conference on Just Transition

Tuesday, 5 March 2024

Morning Session

- Welcome
- Keynote (TBD)
- Wrap-up of Day 1
- Just Transition - European Green Deal 2.0 – results of the study

Lunch and networking

Afternoon Session

- Just Transition - European Green Deal 2.0 – discussion
- Just Transition – EC Council Conclusions & EC Strategic Agenda - interaction

Closing session

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