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TITLE:

The role of social partners in a just transition to a green economy

DATE AND TIME: 4 DECEMBER 2023, 11.00-12.30 CET IN ZOOM

SUMMARY:

The green transition seeks a carbon-neutral, sustainable society, moving from environmental harm to preservation.

Achieving this transition necessitates substantial economic adjustments, redirecting our approaches to energy generation, infrastructure development, and food production. At the same time, environmental and social sustainability are coupled in the EU Pillar of Social Rights. Social rights must be prioritized throughout the process to create a transition that is just for all, ensuring that the costs and benefits are equitably shared among all members of society.

Hence the planning and realization of a green and just transition depends on the active involvement of various stakeholders from the onset, including social partners and the broader civil society. It is through this collaborative effort that the measures can be effectively promoted, and the inevitable compromises required can be balanced and negotiated through meaningful social dialogue.

Eurofound, the European Agency for the improvement of living and working conditions, has researched how social partners were involved in shaping the green and just transition in EU Member States (see report here). Stavroula Demetriades of Eurofound will present main findings of the report that are of relevance to partner countries of ETF.

There cannot be a green and just transition without developing people's green skills, a priority topic in the work of the ETF on human capital development. In a second part of the webinar, examples will be given from the ETF work in the field of green skills for a just transition.

This GLAD* event will provide stimulating input and discussion for shaping a green and just transition – shedding specific light on social dialogue and green skills.

The event will be in English with Ukrainian interpretation.

^{*} The ETF Governance Learning Action Dialogues (GLAD) network - inspires the governance of vocational education and training, skills development and lifelong learning in ETF partner countries. The network participants represent mainly the government structures, VET providers, teachers, social partners/trade unions and CSOs from our partner countries and beyond. This type of knowledge sharing is very valuable for the countries who will introduce a similar approach to their countries.

| Time | Agenda Item |
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| 11:00 - 11:05 | Welcome words by ETF |
| 11:05 - 11:45 | Eurofound report: Supporting regions in the just transition: Role of social partners Presentation by Stavroula Demetriades, Eurofound Senior Research Manager Employment |
| | Followed by an interactive discussion moderated by ETF |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Green skills for a just transition Presentation on skills ecosystems for a just transition by Susanne Nielsen, ETF Human Capital Development Expert - Green Skills Expert - Country Liaison for Ukraine |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Just transition in Ukraine Presentation by Mr Mykola Mykolayovych Yatsina, deputy director for educational and methodological work, innovative development and digitalization of the Centre of Vocational Excellence (Higher Vocational School No. 7 of Kremenchuk, Ukraine) |
| 12:15- 12:30 | Interactive discussion and conclusion Moderated by Matthias Themel, ETF Human Capital Development Expert |