



## POLITICAL PARTIES, TRADE UNIONS AND ACTIVISTS FOR SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Creating conditions for fair economic and social policies oriented towards participation and sustainability

### STUDY OVERVIEW

<b>Study Title</b>	<b>ENGAGING POLITICAL PARTIES, TRADE UNIONS AND ACTIVISTS IN SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF WESTERN BALKAN</b>
<b>Study Objective</b>	Energy transition is a complex, time consuming yet also pressing issue of our time. It can be even more difficult if the main actors of it are unfamiliar with all the process entails. The study objective is to transfer knowledge, skills, and methodology often used for making energy transition and climate change policies, all while forging new networks of people sharing the socio-democratic values. Namely, younger and female members of political parties, members of energy-intensive industries trade unions, and grass-roots activists. In the end, these participants should be more prepared to argue for socially just energy transition and actively participate in the policymaking process.
<b>Study Description</b>	Through series of brief online lectures, interactive workshops, trainings, and debates, the study describes how polices are made, what are the rationales behind them as well as how different actors and factors shape them.
<b>Study Outcomes</b>	The study will help you to understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different angles of energy transition in the EU and WB region</li> <li>▪ The role of climate change scenarios in the policy-making</li> <li>▪ Types of energy transition/climate change lobbies</li> <li>▪ Elements of energy transition and climate change diplomacy</li> <li>▪ Reframing of the issues and power of narratives</li> <li>▪ How to use the Transformative Change Method and more.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Study Structure</b></p>	<p>This study is delivered once a month over 8 months, from October 2020 to May 2021 when conditions permitting, participants will be invited to an onsite week-long camp for an extensive energy transition and climate change training and networking.</p> <p>The study structure outlined below is indicative as some parts may be amended to ensure the best outcomes for participants. Half-way through, green grass-root activists will join the study. Participants, excluding green grass-root activists, should commit to at least 5 online sessions to qualify for camp participation. They will also be encouraged to contribute with their own experiences and examples. The 60 minutes long online seminars will be a mixture of short lectures international guest speakers, a presentation of the latest findings, interactive games, and other tools designed to achieve the objectives of the study. The activity should be associated with each topic and the guest speaker.</p> <p>Each online session will open with a short introduction to the topic of the month. It will be followed by a guest speaker input and where appropriate an interactive tool.</p> <p>The working language will be English and an online platform Zoom.</p>
<p><b>Profile of participants</b></p>	<p>The study is for invitation-only participants identified in the Western Balkans region within the young and female members of socio-democratic political parties, members of the energy-intensive industries' trade unions, and green grassroots activists.</p>
<p><b>Additional Info</b></p>	<p>For more information on FES SOE work on socio-environmental transformation, please visit: <a href="https://www.fes-soe.org/about-us/topics/socio-ecological-transformation-in-see/">https://www.fes-soe.org/about-us/topics/socio-ecological-transformation-in-see/</a></p> <p>For questions specific to the study, please contact Selma Sehovic, Project Manager for Energy transition and Climate change Policies in Southeast Europe: <a href="mailto:Selma.sehovic@fes-soe.org">Selma.sehovic@fes-soe.org</a></p> <p>For communication matters, please contact Ema Dzejna Smolo, Communication Officer: <a href="mailto:ema.smolo@fes-soe.org">ema.smolo@fes-soe.org</a></p>