



# TIPPING+ Final Conference

*Enabling Positive Tipping Points towards clean-energy transitions in Coal and Carbon Intensive Regions*

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

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*Attendance will be both in person and virtually*

**VENUE:** Mundo-b, Rue d'Edinbourg 26; 1050 Brussels

## Introduction

Moving towards clean energy transitions in coal and carbon-intensive regions (CCIRs) is a priority for the EU's climate and sustainable development policies and to secure the creation of long-term quality jobs. The EU-funded [TIPPING+](http://www.tipping-plus.eu) project has explored the critical concept of **tipping points to improve our scientific understanding and policy implications of deliberate rapid decarbonisation processes in CCIRs**. Using the insights of over 20 case studies in Europe and elsewhere, it has identified the types of enabling conditions, narratives and dynamics leading to just regional transitions and systemic transformations across different domains and scales.

Tipping points refer to the thresholds that **occur when, at one point, a small additional change, deliberate intervention or event provokes a self-propelling process of profound qualitative change** in a system of reference. However, tipping points never occur from a single action but may emerge from the combination of many previous trends, actions and changing conditions whose cumulative effects eventually lead to a new structural configuration. Such qualitative changes may **occur at different scales and in different systems**, so the identification and characterisation of tipping points also **depends on researchers' or practitioners' positionality** in defining their systems of reference, the choice of methods for analysis or the normative criteria to be used to assess them.

An overall insight of the project is that **the main challenges of enacting rapid just energy transitions in CCIRs are not only about energy transitioning**. Understanding how to deal with full-societal transformations that **include multiple socio-economic and cultural dimensions and profound changes in governance mechanisms, individual capacities, economic arrangements and collective visions** about the kind of just societies we want to live in (e.g., more socially, open and climate resilience-oriented or not) is fundamental. In this Final Conference we address these tensions, between narratives and policies focusing on sectoral tipping points and full-system transformations and engage participants in conversations focused on: ***How far regional, national or EU policy makers do want to go towards enacting full-systems transformations (transformative tipping points)? Or else, implement sectorial, partial approaches to energy transitions (sectoral tipping points)? Can both approaches be combined?***

# Programme

09:00-09:45	<b>Registration, welcome coffee and poster gallery walk (I)</b>
09:45-10:15	<b>Opening talk</b>
9.45 -10:15	Welcome and introduction to TIPPING+ project Overview of TIPPING+ Final Conference Programme and Participants <i>J. David Tàbara, Tipping+ Coordinator (Global Climate Forum, Germany)</i>
10:15-11:30	<b>Session I: How to accelerate just sustainable structural change in Coal and Carbon Intensive Regions in times of global uncertainties?</b>
<b>Session chair:</b>	<i>Alexandros Flamos (University of Piraeus Research Centre)</i>
10:15-10:30	<i>Gerd Schönwälder, EC Energy Transitions Policy Expert</i>
10:30-11:10	Round table - <i>Discussants:</i> <b>Olha Lukash</b> (in person) and <b>Vasyl Namoniuk</b> (online), Univ. of Kyiv, Ukraine & IBS, Poland <b>Bohumil Frantal</b> Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic <b>Franziska Mey</b> , Research Institute for Sustainability, Germany <b>Serafeim Michas</b> , University of Piraeus Research Centre, Greece
11:10-11:30	Q&A session (open discussion) <i>Facilitator: Jakub Sokołowski IBS, Poland</i>
11:30-11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:45-13:00	<b>Session II: What is the role of civil society and non-state actors in accelerating just decarbonisation in CCIRs?</b>
<b>Session chair(s):</b>	<i>Francesc Cots, Senior researcher, (EcoUnion, Spain)</i>
11:45-12:00	<i>Mags Bird, Senior Policy Officer - Climate &amp; Energy - Just Transition   WWF European Policy Office</i>
12:00-12:40	Round table - <i>Discussants:</i> <b>Amanda Martínez Reyes</b> , TU, Delft, The Netherlands <b>Cynthia Ismail</b> – <i>su-re.co Sustainability and Resilience, Indonesia</i> <b>Milosława Stepień</b> , Just Transition Coordinator, CEE Bankwatch Network (on-line) <b>Andrei Tanaru and Arpad Todor</b> , National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA), Romania)
12:40-13:00	Q&A session (open discussion) <i>Facilitator: Mauro Sarrica, Sapienza University of Rome</i>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00-14:15	<b>Poster gallery walk (II)</b>
14:15-15:30	<b>Session III: Research-for-policy needs for sustainable regional decarbonisation</b>
<b>Session chair(s):</b>	<i>Anne Merrild Hansen, Aalborg University &amp; Ilisimatusarfik - University of Greenland</i>
14:15-14:30	<i>Branka Knežević, Head of Primary Energy and Policy, Dept. Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
14:30-15:10	Round table - <i>Discussants:</i> <b>Bright Dale</b> , Nordland Research Institute, Norway <b>Joanna Mazurkiewicz</b> , Institute for Structural Research (IBS), Poland <b>Ricardo García Mira</b> , University of A Coruna, Spain. Coordinator of ENTRANCES project <b>Lucia Brisudova</b> , Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic <b>Antoine Mandel</b> , Ecole d'economie De Paris (EEP PSE), France
15:10-15:30	Q&A session (open discussion) <i>Facilitator: Johan Lilliestam (Research Institute for Sustainability, Germany)</i>
15:30-16:00	<b>Final open debate and future research directions</b>
	<i>Facilitator: Takeshi Takama, CEO, su-re.co Sustainability and Resilience, Indonesia with the online participation of Chen HongJuan, Mark Stoddart, Coleen Vogel, and Sander Van der Leeuw of the International Advisory Board</i>