

# Political Economy of Energy Transitions in Central and Eastern Europe

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## Abstract

The region of Central and Eastern Europe is understood here broadly as including eleven 'new' EU members (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia) together with the Balkan and ex-Soviet countries. The CEE region has been the subject of much debate in the context of low-carbon energy transitions. Although commonly considered as laggards when it comes to the decarbonization of the energy sector, the CEE countries are undergoing significant changes marked by competing claims and narratives on the future energy mix and ownership structure in the energy sector.

We invite Papers which explore recent developments across different dimensions of energy transitions in CEE countries focusing on the interplay between political and economic institutions and actors at local, regional, national, supranational and global level. We particularly encourage papers which adopt a comparative perspective on energy transitions including one or more CEE countries.

The possible themes of Papers include but are not confined to:

1. The role of party politics in energy transitions in CEE countries.
2. The impact of the 'illiberal turn' in some CEE countries on energy transition efforts.
3. The influence of foreign actors (e.g. EU, Russia, China) and global political and economic trends in shaping energy transitions strategies in CEE countries.
4. The strategies of energy companies in CEE countries in seeking to adapt to the growing global pressures for decarbonization.
5. The prospects and challenges of grassroots energy transition initiatives in CEE countries.

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