

JUST TRANSITION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Thursday 16 November 2023

"Fan S. Noli" University

Venue: Faculty of Economy, Meeting Room, 3rd Floor

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The "Just Transition and Sustainable Development" workshop, hosted by the University of Fan S. Noli, and organized in collaboration with the University of Western Macedonia and its Institute of Energy Development and Transition to Post-Lignite Era, aims to serve as a platform for cross border multidisciplinary discussions and collaborative learning. This workshop addresses pressing global challenges by exploring the concept of a just transition, its implications for climate change mitigation, energy efficiency, and the role of digital transformation in smart city development. By engaging academics, researchers, policymakers, and industry professionals, the event aims to foster cross border innovative solutions and empower stakeholders to contribute to a sustainable and equitable future.

Just Transition Air Quality and Climate Change

- Linkages Between Just Transition and Climate Action
- Climate Science and Impacts on Transition Planning
- Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies
- Interactive Climate Simulation Exercise

Just Transition and Energy Efficiency

- Energy Efficiency as a Key Component of Transition
- Best Practices in Promoting Energy Efficiency
- Role of Technology and Innovation
- Case Studies and Panel Discussion

Just Transition, Digital Transformation & Smart Cities

- The Intersection of Digitalization and Just Transition
- Smart City Initiatives for Sustainable Urban Development
- Data-driven Decision Making and Planning
- Workshop Conclusions and Next Steps

WORKSHOP AGENDA

9:30 – 9:40	Welcome & Opening Remarks Rector of University "Fan S. Noli", Prof. Dr. Dhimitri Bello
9:40 – 10:00	The profiles of the two Universities Prof. Dr. Benita Stavre , <i>Deputy/Rector in charge of Research and Projects, "Fan S. Noli" University</i> Prof. Dr. Eleni Griva , <i>Vice Rector for International Relations, Global engagement and Lifelong Learning, UOWM</i>
10:00 – 10:15	The profile of the Institute of Energy Development & Transition to Post-Lignite Era Associate Prof. Dr. Lefteris Topaloglou , <i>Director of the Institute, UOWM</i>
10:15-10:30	Q&A Session - Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	The Challenge of the Just Transition in Europe and the Western Balkans Senior Researcher, Dr. Dionisis Giannakopoulos , <i>Member of the Institute, CERTH</i> Aurel Grabocka , <i>Project and Research Sector, "Fan S. Noli" University</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Just Transition, Air Quality and Climate Change Assistant Prof., Dr. Rafaela Sotiropoulou , <i>Member of the Institute, UOWM</i> Nikolin Karapanxhi , <i>The Agriculture Sector, Municipality of Korçë</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Just Transition and Energy Efficiency Assistant Prof. Dr. George Panaras , <i>Member of the Institute, UOWM</i> Dr. Ilir Aliaj , <i>Executive Director, Center for the Institutional Development and Democracy</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Just Transition, Digital Transformation & Smart Cities Associate Prof. Dr. Nikos Ploskas , <i>Member of the Institute, UOWM</i> Associate Prof. Dr. Mamica Nene , <i>Faculty of Economy, "Fan S. Noli" University</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A Session - Discussion
12:45 – 13:00	Closing Remarks and Networking Coffee for the participants