

Shifting the energy debate forward: *innovations in the Social Sciences and Humanities for Green Deal delivery*

DATE 19 January 2021, 10-13 CET

LOCATION Virtual (Zoom)



Agenda

10:00-10:15

Welcome and keynote speech – **Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General, DG RTD**

10:15-11:15

Panel 1 – The urgency of integrating social dimensions into the European Green Deal

We discuss the value of, and urgent need for, integrating human and social dimensions into energy policymaking. Building on key lessons from Energy-SHIFTS, fundamental questions in this panel include: why does Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) evidence matter for energy policymaking? What are the consequences when social insights are not adequately considered? How do the latest SSH innovations align (or not) with the policy priorities of the European Green Deal?

Chair: **Manon Dufour**, Head of Brussels Office, E3G

Key lessons from Energy-SHIFTS

- **Rosie Robison** and **Chris Foulds**, co-leads of the Energy-SHIFTS project, Global Sustainability Institute, Anglia Ruskin University (10 min)

Stakeholder perspectives

- **Vincent Berrutto**, Head of Unit 'Innovation, clean technologies and competitiveness', DG Energy
- **Lina Gálvez Muñoz**, Member of European Parliament, S&D, Spain, Vice-Chair ITRE Committee
- **Walburga Hemetsberger**, Chief Executive Officer, SolarPowerEurope

Panel discussion (30 minutes)

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30

Panel 2 – Lessons for EU Research and Innovation: Where do we go from here?

During 2020, Energy-SHIFTS worked closely with 100+ SSH experts to develop 400 priority research questions to support Horizon Europe across renewables, smart, energy efficiency and transport. Building on these priorities and the experiences in developing them, an expert panel will reflect on questions such as: What SSH themes need to be urgently funded, and why? How should transdisciplinary uptake of SSH be pursued? What can EU Horizon Europe do to cater for such considerations?

Chairs: **Chris Foulds** and **Rosie Robison**, Global Sustainability Institute, Anglia Ruskin University

Energy-SSH research agendas for the 2020s

- **Timo von Wirth**, Assistant Professor, Dutch Research Institute for Transitions; and **Marianne Ryghaug**, Professor Science and Technology Studies, Norwegian University (10 min)

Responses from the panel

- **Isabelle Buscke**, Head of Brussels Office, Federation of German Consumer Organisations
- **Hélène Chraye**, Head of Unit 'Clean Energy Transition', DG Research and Innovation
- **Niall Dunphy**, Director, Cleaner Production Promotion Unit at Environmental Research Institute University College Cork

Panel discussion (30 minutes) with questions from members of leading energy-SSH H2020 projects including **PROSEU/SMARTTEES/ECHOES/ENCHANT**.

12:30-12:45 Closing remarks

- Final reflections from **Hélène Chraye**, Head of Unit 'Clean Energy Transition', DG Research and Innovation including how Energy-SHIFTS' findings can inform their work and next steps for Horizon Europe