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Workshop proposal:
The Role of Constructing Social Change in Achieving Sustainable Energy Justice Transition in Europe and the Mediterranean

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On November 2018 the European Commission issued an ambitious call for a climate-neutral Europe by 2050. The frame of the call is 'strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate-neutral economy by 2050'². The Commission's vision for a climate-neutral future covers nearly all EU policies and is in line with the Paris Agreement objectives to keep the global temperature increase to well below 2°C and pursue efforts to keep it to 1.5°C.

The detailed plan shows 'how Europe can lead the way to climate neutrality by investing into realistic technological solutions, **empowering citizens**, and aligning action in key areas such as industrial policy, finance, or research – while ensuring **social fairness for a just transition**'³. As the document indicated the Climate-Neutral Europe strategy, which targeting the economy, could increase social and regional disparities in the EU.

The proposed workshop, to be held two years after the launching the 2050 Climate Plan, will focus on ways aimed to ensuring social fairness for just energy transition.

The goal is to present case studies of field models, geographical plans and research analysis for achieving the low carbon economy while ensuring a fair and socially acceptable transition. The emphasis will be noted to social construction as by itself challenges economy in transition, including cross-continent migration and will address cases and paradigms relating to social and economic mobility, green jobs, consumer behavior, and other aspects related for climate neutral transition⁴.

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² https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2050_en

³ Ibid.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/docs/pages/vision_3_social.pdf