

Financing the green transition: the role of regions

6 May | Timing: 10:00-12:00

Significant investments from both the public and the private sectors will be necessary within the European Union for it to become the first climate-neutral continent in the world by 2050. With over 50% of public investments done at the subnational level (OECD, 2016), the role of regions in financing the green transition will be crucial.

The programme of the event is based on the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan and features a briefing on different initiatives aiming at mobilising public investment and help to unlock private funds through EU financial instruments. It will focus on the InvestEU and support from the European Investment Bank, the Just Transition Mechanism and the Innovation Fund. How can these initiatives speed up decarbonisation at regional level, contribute to strengthening regional innovation ecosystems, foster inter-regional collaboration, and work in synergy also with other policies and funding programmes?

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| 10.00 – 10.10 | Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pirita Lindholm, Director of ERRIN • Moderator of the event |
| 10.10 – 11.40 | Presentations on the financial instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Transition Mechanism Kyriacos Charalambous, Johannes Hahn’s Cabinet Expert, European Commission • Innovation Fund Roman Doubrava, Deputy Head of Unit, DG CLIMA • European Investment Bank and InvestEU Ralf Goldman, Head of Division of Small Projects, European Investment Bank (TBC) |
| 11.40 – 12.00 | Q&A from the audience |
| 12.00 | End of meeting |