



## **Bridging the gap between climate policy and social justice**

**ETUI webinar**

**3 March 2025, 16h - 17h30 CET, Zoom**

Climate change and the environmental hazards that it brings have disproportionate negative effects on those in our societies who are already on a lower income and subject to structural injustice. Climate policies, while urgently necessary to address climate change, often have disproportionate effects on those groups as well. The phase-out of carbon-intensive industries has and will continue to affect profoundly certain regions, vulnerable workers and their communities. Climate policies that rely on price signals to reduce emissions often put pressure on households that already have less disposable income, particularly in the context of the cost-of-living and energy crises of the last years. At the same time, a lack of resources often means that people are not able to invest in sustainable solutions such as energy-efficient housing or electric cars, even where these are subsidised.

These social impacts – and the lack of adequate measures to address them – often mean that working people are faced with what seems like a choice between their jobs and incomes on the one hand, and environmental and climate measures on the other hand. This seminar will discuss how we can address this dilemma, in particular by empowering workers, their organisations and their communities to participate in and benefit from the transition to net-zero. It will also discuss how trade unions and collective bargaining contribute to a just transition for workers, and the conditions necessary to ensure that social justice and environmental protection go hand-in-hand.

The webinar is part of the ETUI Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on '[Skills for labour and environmental justice](#)' and attendance is open to all, participants and non-participants of the MOOC.

Speakers:

**Emma River-Roberts**, Founder and Director, Working Class Climate Alliance and PhD Candidate, Goldsmiths University

**Dimitris Stevis**, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University

Moderators:

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