

## PES Mutual Learning Webinar 'PES support to the greening of labour markets'

### Agenda

**Date:** 16 September 2021

**Time:** from 10:00 to 11:30 CET

SESSION	MAIN CONTENT	SPEAKER	TIMING
Opening of the webinar	Opening, greetings Webinar 'rules of engagement' - good conduct Chat and polls; invitation to engage with fellow participants	Ed Thorpe Moderator	10.00-10.05
Introduction	Overview of the structure and content of the webinar and presentations Intro to speakers	Ed Thorpe Moderator	10.05-10.10
Scene-setting presentation	Presenting the findings of the study "Greening of the labour market – impacts for the Public Employment Services", aimed at providing PES with good practices and policy recommendations on how to support the green transition.	Dr Nicola Duell, author of the study	10.10-10.20
Discussion Q&A	Audience responses, discussion and questions on presentation		10.20-10.30
Presentation from the Slovenian PES	The presentation will focus on the newly introduced employment incentive called "Green jobs", aiming at encouraging employers to permanently employ unemployed people in green jobs.	Mr Sandi Meke and Ms Vanja Hribernik, ESS	10.30-11.00
Presentation from the French PES	The presentation will focus on the professional and ecological transitions via the upcoming Bicycle Plan, promoting cycling professions and jobs integration. The intervention will also focus on partnerships and initiatives in the electricity and gas sectors to support employment and green skills.	Mr Vincent McCoy and Ms Delphine Drevet, Pôle emploi	
Presentation from European Commission	The presentation will focus on highlighting relevant EU initiatives and possible synergies with national initiatives to support skills for the green transition.	Mr Tim Schreiber, European Commission, DG EMPL	
Discussion Q&A	Audience responses, discussion and questions on presentations		11.00-11.25
Sum up and close of the webinar Thanks	Wrap up key issues Outcomes of the webinar Finding more information Invitation to keep in touch with peers	Ed Thorpe, moderator Dr Nicola Duell, author of the study	11.25-11.30

## Context

The launch of the European Green Deal in 2019, followed by implementing measures as presented in the "Fit for 55" proposal, has led to heightened attention towards the greening of the economy by both the European Union and its Member States. The issue remained high on the European political agenda during the pandemic, as the green transition is seen as having great potential for job creation, sustainability and innovation for our economies and our societies. Therefore, supporting the green transition of the economy has been an element of the recovery plans to cope with the COVID-19 crisis in a number of EU Member States. In view of this ambitious target and in the framework of the recovery, Public Employment Services (PES) will be key actors for mitigating the negative labour market effects and for smoothening the transition towards a greener economy.

Whilst the overall employment effects of the transition to a greener economy are likely to be slightly positive, or roughly neutral, the shifts across sectors and occupations will be sizeable – impacting certain sectors, regions and workers more than others, particularly in the short to medium term. This will call for a shift in the focus of PES activities towards skills profiling, identifying transferable skills, vocational guidance, upskilling and retraining measures at all skill levels. Many PES will need to improve their labour market information systems and provide additional training for staff. However, PES will not be able to fully meet the evolving skills needs of employers and workers by themselves, but must do so in close cooperation with other labour market actors, including employers, sector associations and training institutions.

The objective of the webinar is to disseminate and share the main findings of a report prepared by the PES Network on the impact of greening the economy for PES activities. The report highlights examples of PES activities to identify green jobs, to support the creation of green jobs while implementing ALMPs, to follow workers who lost their job due to related industrial restructuring, to support training on the skills needed in green jobs. The aim is to stimulate a discussion on how PES can support a smooth transition to a greening of the labour market.

## Additional information

The webinar will take place via the Zoom webinar platform and will be recorded. Recordings will be made available on the internet in order to accumulate knowledge and to disseminate it also to those who could not attend the webinar.

During the webinar, participants will be invited to take part in short polls, asking for feedback or comments that will then feed into the discussion. Participants are advised to download the Zoom Client app to access all webinar functionalities. The app can be downloaded [here](#).