
Energy, Digital and Social Transformation in Central Europe - Approaching challenges, vulnerabilities and potentials

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Theme: Green energy transition, Digital & industrial transition, Deglobalization & trade

Main questions/focus:

- Twin Transition (Digital and Green Energy)
 - How are European regions prepared for the „twin transition“?
 - What is the geographical and socio-economic distribution of the vulnerabilities?
 - What is the link between the two transitions?
 - Are there common threads among the regions and/or vulnerabilities?
- Digital Transition - Fall '22 conclusions from GARI
 - Despite the net-gain of jobs, the majority of the labour force would have to be reskilled to suit the transition and the labour market that would characterize it.
 - Labor market and reskilling policies are key to supporting workers in transition, reducing the decarbonisation impact on jobs in emission-intensive industries and regions: but particularly challenging precisely in those regions that are most in need
 - Collectively sharing of burden amongst EU nations and regions to decrease the weight of transitioning – politically unattractive, especially in the recent multiple crisis scenarios
 - „Digitalization requires education/training requires digitalization“
- Green Energy Transition - Fall '22 conclusions from GARI
 - Even without the current global food and energy situation, the industrial and agricultural sectors would be the most difficult to decarbonize
 - Energy and transport are the two sectors where investment pipelines are the most well-structured and identified: lessons to share?
 - Supporting early adoption technologies - necessity
 - Reducing emissions in accordance to the sectors with the most advanced technologies to offset other sectors: power generation first, transport, construction, industries and finally agriculture
 - Investing in the advanced technology now will likely result in lower costs in the long run, but the more vulnerable are less likely to invest
 - Around half of needed investments require intervention for investors to be reassured that risks will be alleviated and long term net-gains are eminent
- Deglobalisation
 - Geopolitical deglobalisation versus socio-economic deglobalisation
 - Supply chains: mapping, understanding, identifying vulnerabilities and dependencies - geopolitical context and vulnerability
 - Innovation in the region, global context

AGENDA - Monday 30. January

9:00 - 9:10	Intro: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tomislav Delinic & Claudia Crawford 2. Michal Koran & Odessa Primus
9:10 - 9:40	Introductory remarks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jernej Vrtovec, Minister for Infrastructure (until 2022), Slovenia 2. Jan Farský, Vice Chairman of STAN; Director of iSTAR
9:40 - 9:55	Socioeconomic headwinds and how to sail forward - GARI/Michal
9:55 - 10:00	Jeffrey Saunders: Framing in terms of process/questions
10:00 - 10:30	Green Energy Transition <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro by GARI - Michal Koran 2. Perspectives & commentary Kevin Oswald, KAS Berlin
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:30	Digital and Industrial Transition <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro by GARI - Michal Koran 2. Perspectives & commentary Eva Lacinova, Mastercard, Social Impact Manager, Czech Republic and Poland
11:30 - 12:00	Deglobalisation and Trade <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro by GARI - Michal Koran 2. Perspectives & commentary <i>TBC</i>
12:00 - 12:45	Discussion - how does it all work together?
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 13:45	Introduction to Policy Design Workshop by Jeffrey Saunders
13:45 - 15:00	Policy Design Workshop Activity 1: Understanding future direction of policy area
15:00 - 15:30	Break
15:30 - 17:00	Policy Design Workshop Activity 2: Framing the challenges in the policy areas

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner

Afternoon discussions:

Discussions reflecting the morning agenda will be led by Jeffrey Saunders of Nordic Foresight in a workshop fashion with 3 groups (each on one of the topics: *Digital and Industrial Transition*, *Green Energy Transition*, *Deglobalisation and Trade*). Groups will be led by Anežka Fuchsová, Jan Farský and Michal Kořan with facilitation overseen by Jeffrey Saunders and Odessa Primus.

All participants (including morning presenters) will be invited to write down their thoughts, questions, and identified challenges and opportunities during the morning sessions and asked to bring them forward in the afternoon, where they will be workshopped and turned into potential policy approaches and formulations. The results of the day will be presented by each group the following morning (Tuesday) followed by a group discussion around them.

Tuesday 31. January 9-14:00

9:00 - 10:00	<p>Policy Design Workshop Activity 3: Drafting policy “pitches”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review - questions upon question • Last minute presentation finalisations
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Results presentations (5-10 min per presentation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Group 1 presentation: Digital and Industrial Transition → Group 2 presentation: Green Energy Transition → Group 3 presentation: Deglobalisation and Trade <p>Discussion of all results - what were the greatest challenges in generating results and how were they overcome?</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 12:30	Discussion: Next steps and building momentum
12:30 - 14:00	<p>Celebratory end of work toast</p> <p>Lunch</p>