

Implementing the **Green Deal** in the Western Balkans






What are the policy priorities?



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What are the **green policy** priorities for the Western Balkans?

Priorities	Match Green Deal priorities?
Just transition	
Decarbonising the energy sector	
Financial sector climate governance	
Green Cities	
Circular economy	

Support for a “Just Transition” in the Western Balkans region given the significant fossil fuel assets and energy intensive industry.

- Just Transition Diagnostics to understand key issues and required actions – delivered in coordination with other actors (WB, EIB, etc)
- Menu of response options:
 - Support to SMEs
 - inclusion and re-skilling
 - Redeployment/repurposing of high-carbon assets
 - Infrastructure upgrades



- Green finance to banks with the support of policy work:
- to mainstream the assessment, management and disclosure **into financial supervision** of:
 - physical **climate risks and**
 - **carbon-intensive assets**
 - Reflecting:
 - EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan and
 - NGFS recommendations

Investments in decarbonised energy sector supported by, for example:

- energy sector decarbonisation strategy for the region
- NREAPs
- renewable alternatives alongside grid strengthening, balancing and energy storage options
- Heating and cooling policies

Sustainable urban infrastructure investments guided and supported by:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Green City Action Plans
- Follow-on policy activities guided by GCAP priorities, for example:
 - Tariff reform
 - Urban mobility plans
 - Waste management reform
 - Buildings renovation strategies



Circular economy



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Investments in circular economy, supported by policy action on, for example:

- development of extended producer responsibility schemes at regional or national level for waste streams which are not properly recycled
- strengthening the regulatory framework for mainstreaming secondary raw material use.

Questions for discussion



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1. Are these appropriate areas of support?
2. Would you prioritise any of these for early action?
3. What have we missed?