Implementing the Green Deal in the Western Balkans

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

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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
Financial sector climate governance

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
Decarbonising the energy sector

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

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

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