



DOCTORAL RESEARCH TOPIC:

Research on the impact of changes in the European Union's energy policy towards welfare society

RESEARCH FIELD:

Economics (S 004)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH TOPIC:

Changes in energy sector policy are widely recognised as making an influence on developments of economy, climate change, the geopolitical status of art etc. Therefore, the EU is actively promoting Europe's transition to a low-carbon society and is updating its rules to facilitate the necessary private and public investment in the clean energy transition. This is tried to be directed in the manner ensuring not only being good for the planet but also good for the economy and good for society at large as well. This is the way to reach desirable dynamics and scale. On the other hand, society does not always approve and react to the changes in the way it was considered or dynamics and scale are not satisfactory. That is why it is very important to study society's perception of top-down prepared changes towards welfare society taking into account all the complexity and multidimensional understanding of the welfare itself. Insights made relying on behavioural economics could facilitate to a better understanding and preparation of the direction, scale and dynamics of the impact of energy policy changes, taking into account and explaining how individuals individually and society as a whole evaluate different policy change initiatives, how they make decisions and why they change or do not change their behaviour.

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