

Bridging Organizations and marginalized communities for Local Sustainability Transitions in EuRope

**BOLSTER** is a Horizon Europe project funded by the European Commission granting authority CINEA. BOLSTER aims to understand how marginalized communities are affected by European Green Deal (EGD)-related policies and to see whether involving them in decision-making processes increases the support for transition plans.

The project will deliver new scientific evidence on decarbonization transition strategies and how they intersect with various dimensions of inequality, such as gender, race, age and class. It will conceptualize the principle of leaving no one behind by developing participatory governance models and transition guidelines based on climate justice and gender equality.

Study region **O** Target region

## **BOLSTER will launch action** research in ten European regions.

Seven of those (target) regions are at high risk of being affected by the EGD, as they have a high concentration of carbon-intensive industries. Coimbra The other three (study) regions have already undergone an economic transition and will be studied in order to learn from the past.





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## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

## *No European should be put at a disadvantage because of the European green deal* (EGD)

- Develop empirically supported premises that disclose how marginalized communities are affected by EGD-related policies.
- Scrutinize and enhance the procedural justice aspect of just transition plans.
- Increase the social acceptance of transition plans.
- Conceptualize the principle of leaving no one behind.
- Foster the replication and transferability of the project's findings, products and experience.

## **EXPECTED IMPACTS**

- A better understanding of the societal implications of the climate transition, including its distributional repercussions.
- More effective policy interventions, co-created with target constituencies and building on high-quality policy advice.
- Greater societal support for transition policies and programs, based on greater and more consequential involvement of those most affected.





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