

Side Event | November 13 | Ukrainian Pavilion

Rebuilding Fair Futures: Just Transition Pathways for a Resilient Recovery

Hosts	IKEM E+ Energy Transition Institute (Brazil) IFZO EOPE
When	13 November, 17.00–18.30
Format	One-hour moderated panel discussion, 30 min Q&A

About

As the world moves away from fossil fuels, this transition must be fair and inclusive, ensuring that workers, vulnerable communities, and carbon-dependent regions are not left behind. In June 2025, Parties advanced the UNFCCC Just Transition Work Programme. At COP30, a decision is expected on the Belém Action Mechanism for Just Transition, a framework to help governments and the private sector put people at the centre of climate transitions by integrating stakeholder dialogue, job creation, skills, and diversification strategies into climate and investment planning.

Against this backdrop, this high-level discussion will explore how **Ukraine’s recovery and NDC 3.0 process** can demonstrate a people-centred approach to **resilience, decarbonisation, and social justice**. Drawing from experiences in **Brazil, the EU, and the Global South**, speakers will discuss how just transition can evolve from a social safeguard to a **strategic governance and financing framework** that unites recovery, energy security, and climate ambition.

Speakers will reflect on how **equity, participation, and prosperity** can be embedded in national and local transition plans — from post-conflict rebuilding in Ukraine to green reindustrialization in emerging economies. The session will also consider how international cooperation (e.g. Article 6.2 frameworks, multilateral funds, and philanthropy) can support transformative recovery finance and new partnerships between regions and sectors.

Key Themes:

- Integrating equity, participation, and prosperity into national recovery plans
- Applying international cooperation tools (e.g., Article 6.2, multilateral funding, philanthropy)
- Ensuring “just recovery” for workers, communities, and future generations
- Lessons learned from EU, Brazil, South Africa and Ukraine for new models of inclusive decarbonization
- Rebuilding the Workforce: Veterans, Women, and Energy Transition Skills in Ukraine.
- In Ukraine, rebuilding energy systems, cities, and industries offers the chance to leap directly into a low-carbon future.
- In the Global South, energy transitions can unlock long-delayed industrialization, based on clean power and local value creation.

Guiding Questions:

- How do just transition frameworks boost both climate ambition and social resilience?
- What best practices from EU, Brazil and Ukraine can inform other equitable decarbonization efforts?
- Which governance and funding mechanisms foster accountability and inclusiveness?
- How can NDCs and Article 6 tools support fair and sustainable recovery?
- What does authentic community leadership in green transitions look like?
- How might Ukraine's example support broader North–South collaboration?
- In what ways does just transition unite recovery, resilience, and decarbonization?

Speakers

- **Prof. Dr. Michael Rodi**, Executive and Scientific Director, IKEM (Germany)
- **Maria João Pereira Rolim**, Visiting Scholar at Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University Law School (USA)/PhD University of Dundee, Energy Partner (Brazil)
- **Dr. Ievgeniia Kopytsia**, MSCA4Ukraine/Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine)/University of Genoa (Italy)/IKEM (Germany)
- **Erika Tserkasina**, Stockholm Environmental Institute (Sweden) – online
- **Sofia Sadogurska**, Senior Specialist of Climate Department at NGO EcoAction (Ukraine)
- **TBC**, Energy Community Secretariat (Austria)

Moderator

- **Edlayan Passos**, Energy Specialist, E+ Institute (Brazil)

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