Meeting notes

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Date: 25th of October 2024

Agenda

* 1. Korpi and climate / just transition angle & interests
* 2. ⁠ Hypotheses formulations
* 3. ⁠Operationalisation

JTF --> Petit truc, plus petit dénominateur commun. Fonction globale que ça sert? Si c’est marginal pas intéressant.... MAIS, intéressant en poussant le filon power politics and climate politics. --> un thème: transition climatique / mitigation à proprement parlé, et question compensatoire. Bigger picture.

--> Comment compenser les perdant?

--> Méchanismes

--> Deux angles : 1) Attitudes vis à vis de compensations pour les personnes qui perdront leurs positions dominantes, 2) mécanismes de mobilisation (acheter / grignoter) --> Deux angles d’entrée potentielle ////

**Mechanisms of realignment (outcomes)**

**Hypothesis: economic interests,**

Environnement infrastructurel et social --- réseau: realignment

* Nouveau tissu industriel --> Pro climate

Decisions

Next steps

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**Minutes – July 2024 Meeting**

**Preparation**

1. Presentation
   1. Robin : various reports on CP evaluations / governance for DG REGIO, JRC, and recently expert group on future of cohesion policy; Phd at EUI and will start a post-doc at La Statale in Milan, who has a strong EU just transition division.
   2. Rens : also EUI PhD, expertise in climate policy evaluation, collect of micro-data in several ongoing projects (can mention them)
2. Objectives in brief
   1. Both interested in just transition initiatives and EU action in this area and **joining departments with established expertise** in this area
   2. Read **first quali evaluations on the TJTPs**, and briefly scanned through the JTF knowledge repository
   3. But little so far on **how programmes contribute to longer-term change in terms of social cohesion, mitigating risks of polarization,** etc.
   4. Intuition is that possible results could be expected and keen to use some micro-data to assess that.
   5. Our needs:

**1) better understand implementation stage in different programmes;**

2) gain your support in the **selection of specific projects** based on a) relevance; b) interest from project leads; and

**3) identify how we could get involved concretely**

* 1. But also your own needs in terms of evaluation, (studies you may envision to commission), and possible synergies …

1. Suggest concrete plans if asked for
   1. Rens on experimental designs or diff in diff; Robin on governance, interviews and focus groups / workshops

**Take-aways**

* Context: Look further into JTMechanism, also including investEU and Public loan facility
* Projects:
  + 70 TJTPs for 96 territories
  + 13,3% on Skills job search assistance, education
  + More infos from Just transition platform
* Interesting dynamics at the programming stage: a) some programmes rejected; b) some programmes modified / better aligned with de-browning objectives (e.g. phasing out lignite in Bulgaria and Hungary); c) incentives to speed up for some; d) programmes set up that would not have been otherwise. E.g., PL plan was missing decarbonisation for some..
* Good practice: “Job after Coal” in Poland: ex-miners installing power plants
* Problem: no enforcement mechanism. Some arrangements with other units, such as state aid reviews, etc. to capture issues.
* Interest on governance arrangements (national or regional authorities in charge of management, admin capacity, inclusiveness)
* Keep an eye on: 15-16 october JTP conference, JTP groundwork
* Potential knowledge resources:
  + National and regional managing authorities
  + experts on the ground for technical assistance

Next steps:

1. Seek wider context on the JT mechanism, JTF, and TJTPs
2. Explore regional distribution of projects (against functional mapping?)
3. Prepare for meeting with FR national and regional authorities
4. Consider interview plan, incl. on projects in PL, BU, etc.
5. Meeting on 23/07 at 3pm

Literature review

* EU just transition fund (CES conference):
  + Just transition as a fuzzy concept allowing for a policy / instituional expansion logic?
  + Vs “Side payment logic” : compensate countries and not losers of the transition