

Possible role of „non-environmental” civil society on the topic of environment:

- Possible type of the activities
- WB and EU environmental CSOs
- Non environmental aspect of green transition: it will be just or there will be no transition?
- Case studies of possible actions

Possible type of the activities

- **advocacy** (solidarity with environmental initiatives or CSOs)
- **education and inspiration** (in theory CSOs do not treat information as a commodity)
- **“bundling” and assistance in the development of community projects**
(substitution for a lack of self-organization capacity)
- **connecting the EU and local level**
- **assistance to local communities** currently dependent on carbon intensive or heavy pollution jobs

- **WB and EU environmental CSOs**
- EU GREEN 10
- WB „NGO Forum”

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REGIONAL NGO FORUM ON THE GREEN AGENDA FOR WESTERN BALKANS

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The Regional Cooperation Council, in partnership with the EU4Green Project organizes the first Regional NGO Forum on the **Green Agenda for Western Balkans (GAWB)** as a platform for enhancing the dialogue among interested parties on the latest developments within the framework of the GAWB on 30 March 2023 in Belgrade in hybrid mode.

The NGO Forum serves as a platform for enhancing the dialogue among interested parties on the latest developments within the framework of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans (GAWB). The event will provide an opportunity for civil society organizations to engage in discussions on the progress of the Green Agenda Action Plan implementation and perspectives for the future. The NGO Forum on the Green Agenda also aims to discuss ways to enhance the role of civil society in implementing the Green Agenda at the regional level.

Civil society organizations are invited to participate in the NGO Forum on the Green Agenda for Western Balkans.

For participation of civil society organisations register [HERE](#).

NGO Forum on the Green Agenda for Western Balkans is also open for others engaged in civil society development, such as bilateral/multilateral donors and international organizations.

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Deadline for registration was **16 March 2023**.

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Non environmental aspect of green transition:

„it will be just, or there will be no transition”?

- „just transition”
- „leave no one behind”

WHAT ABOUT IT IS?

- COAL MINERS NEW JOB, OR
- LAND AND RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS, OR
- FAIR ACCESS TO GRID OR CAPITAL?

RENEWABLES GRABBING

Land and Resource Appropriations in the Global Energy Transition

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Introduction

A global transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies is urgently needed to mitigate climate change and to reduce the conflictive and contaminating extraction and consumption of coal, oil, and gas resources globally (IPCC, 2018). However, the onset of this transition has come along with the emergence of new geographical and technological frontiers of energy carrier production that are associated with new injustices experienced by local and customary groups (Sovacool, 2021). Vast amounts of land and other resources are required to develop renewable energy infrastructures, which has provoked new processes of land and resource acquisitions globally (Scheidel & Sorman, 2012). Well-known examples are land grabs associated with agro-industrial plantations producing crops for a growing global biofuels market (Borras et al., 2015, 2010), or land dispossessions for hydropower dams flooding vast areas and changing the river ecology on which customary livelihoods depend (McCully, 2001; Del Bene, Scheidel, & Temper, 2018). Justice concerns are also emerging over wind power plants (Avila, 2018; Franquesa, 2018) and the rapid expansion of large-scale solar power (Stock & Birkenholtz, 2019; Yenneti et al., 2016), where conflicts have sparked over the dispossession of local users from land and other environmental resources, lack of procedural justice in the decision-making processes, and questions over who will benefit from these green development projects and in which ways.

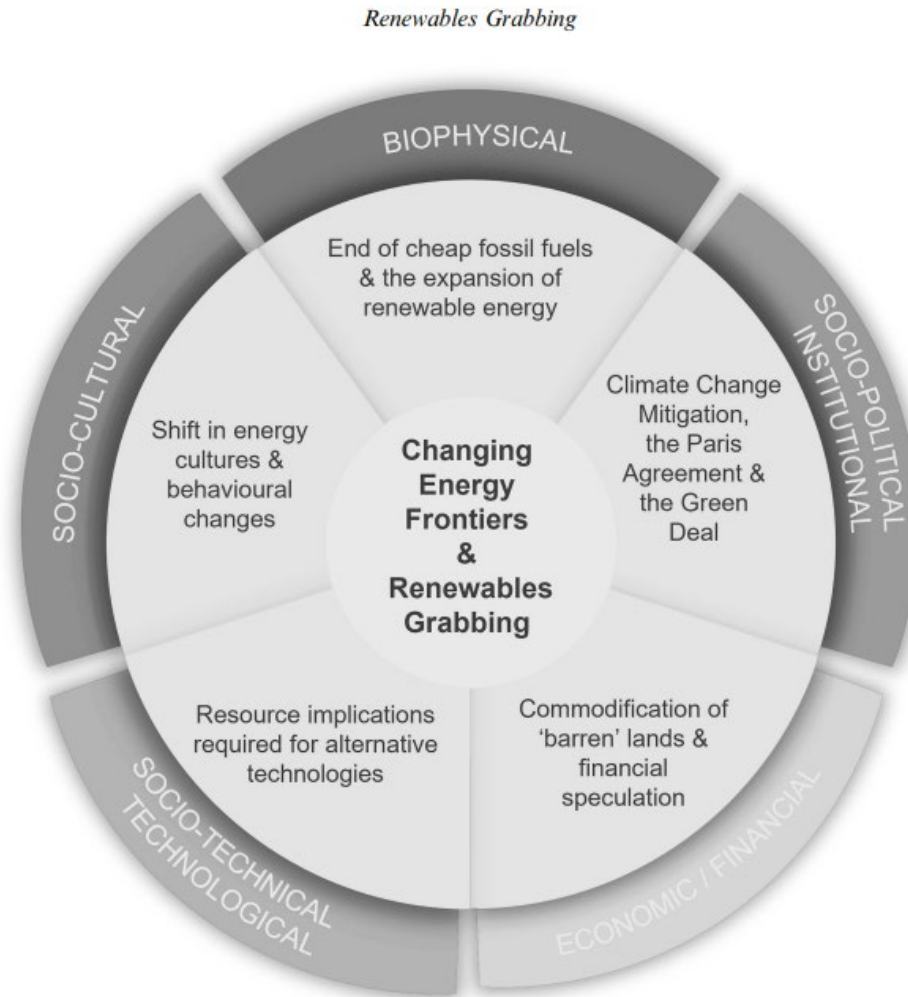
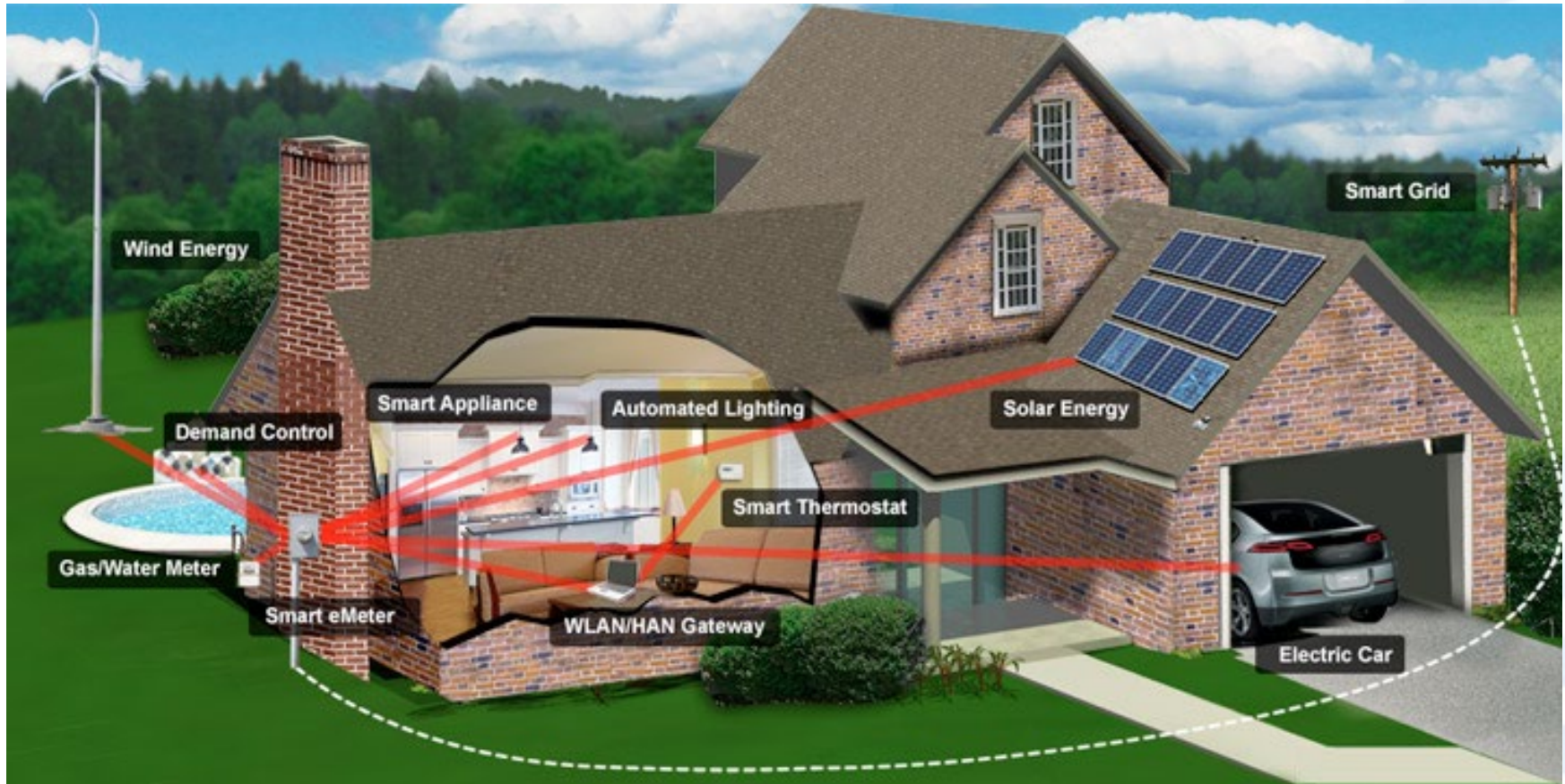


Figure 13.1 Underlying drivers of changing energy frontiers.

Source: The authors.

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Case studies of possible actions

- Educational actions, practical workshops
- Youth volunteer camps
- Citizens science development, independent monitoring
- Clean up actions
- Assistance in applications for support measures for households

- Educational actions, practical workshops



- Youth volunteer camps



- Citizens science development, independent monitoring



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Best Practices in Citizen Science for Environmental Monitoring

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Commission proposes comprehensive monitoring to improve resilience of European forests

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The Commission is proposing a **Forest Monitoring Law** that will **plug existing gaps in the information on European forests and create a comprehensive forest knowledge base**, to allow Member States, forest owners and forest managers to improve their response to growing pressures on forests and strengthen forest resilience.

Forests are an **essential ally in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss**, and crucial for flourishing rural areas and bioeconomy. Unfortunately, Europe's forests suffer from many different pressures, including climate change and unsustainable human activity.

Better monitoring will enable action to make forests more resistant to the **cross-border threats of pests, droughts and wildfires** that are **exacerbated by climate change, enable new business models such as carbon farming, and support compliance with agreed EU legislation**. Ultimately, it will help strengthen the capacity of forests to **fulfil their multiple environmental and socio-economic functions**,



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Useful links:

[Opportunities](#) 

- Clean up actions



- Assistance in applications for support measures for households

Links to major sources:

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