

## **EU Balkans Youth Forum**

### **One continent, one environment: Pre-reading list**

Our goal for the EU Western Balkans Youth Forum is to come up with a conclusion text addressed to Governments, EU leadership but also envisage practical steps that civil society and participants themselves can act upon. The conclusion text should be 1-2 pages, aiming for density and not length. In the interest of making that text impactful, we must move beyond the usual statements and build our content on a good understanding of the current debate.

In order to take stock of the existing debate and understand where we are in terms of the EU and local discussions, please invest some time to **get an understanding of the 20 terms below**. Doing so will allow us to be on the same page and will make our discussions more productive.

European Green Deal

Carbon Neutrality

EU Climate Law

National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)

Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans

Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

Sofia Declaration

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS)

EU Just Transition Mechanism (JTM) and Just Transition Fund (JTF)

Western Balkans Just Transition Mechanism

Coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

European Climate Pact

Renovation Wave

Energy Community

Fit for 55

Prosumers, self-generation and energy communities

Coal phaseout

Sendai framework

Renewable energy incentives (e.g. Feed-in-Tariff, Feed-in-Premium)

Once you have gained a familiarity with the terms above, please read the following **mandatory materials**:

European Commission, Guidelines for the Implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020SCO223&from=EN>

SOFIA DECLARATION ON THE GREEN AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS , 2020, <https://berlinprocess.info/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Leaders-Declaration-on-the-Green-Agenda-for-the-WB.pdf>

Energy Community, WB Energy Transition Tracker  
<https://www.energy-community.org/regionalinitiatives/WB6/Tracker.html>

In case you're feeling inspired, these additional readings are **recommended**:

Clingendael, Energising EU enlargement? The prospects of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans.  
[https://www.clingendael.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/Policy\\_brief\\_Green\\_Agenda\\_Western\\_Balkans\\_Energising\\_enlargement\\_May\\_2021.pdf](https://www.clingendael.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/Policy_brief_Green_Agenda_Western_Balkans_Energising_enlargement_May_2021.pdf)

CEE Bankwatch, Western Balkans hydropower: who pays, who profits? <https://bankwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/who-pays-who-profits.pdf>

CEE Bankwatch, Two-speed energy transition in the Western Balkans.  
[https://bankwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-06-04\\_Two-speed\\_energy\\_transition\\_Western\\_Balkans\\_final.pdf](https://bankwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-06-04_Two-speed_energy_transition_Western_Balkans_final.pdf)

CAN Europe, Chronic coal pollution  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uYGVkZeAVBYhWfKxcOjuIxFU5RdM--M9/view>

