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The Role of Financial Markets in the Transition to a Clean Energy Economy

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Nowadays, one of the most urgent challenges of our society is to achieve a diversified and sustainable energy supply for future generations. Although renewable energies are considered the best option for supplying future energy demand, the projects associated with these energies often require high levels of financing. In this context, the role of stock markets is decisive because they can bring investors concerned about environmental and social issues into contact with these companies. In addition, it is essential that academia contributes to this field by providing empirical studies documenting the environmental, social and economic benefits of clean energy and, in particular, the role that financial markets can play. Potential topics include, but are not limited to: Clean energy investing in public capital markets; The performance of clean energy investment strategies; Mutual funds in the renewable energy sector; Crude oil prices and clean energy stock indices; Investor sentiment and renewable energy listed firms; Dynamic dependence of fossil energy and clean energy stock markets; Optimal portfolio allocation in the energy sector.

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